



# CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



**Reminders:** Whitemoor Lakes Year 6 Residential 18th—22nd September 2017

8th September 2017

**Letters:** Whitemoor Lakes Medical Letter, Choir, After School Clubs, Year 6 Bikeability, Year 6 Staffing

## What's on next week ... Collection for Sals Shoes, Music Lessons

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whitemoor Lakes Medical Letter Deadline After School Clubs Letter—Deadline				

### Welcome

I am delighted to be able to write my first newsletter as the new Headteacher of Chadsmead Primary Academy. All the staff and children have made me feel very welcome and I feel privileged to be joining your school community. Being a mother of two children, I am very much aware of the responsibility that my staff and I have in ensuring that the highest standard of teaching and learning is evident in all areas.

Since my appointment, I have had the opportunity to visit the school on many occasions and to meet with Mr Budge, pupils and staff. I would like to say thank you to Mr Budge for his support in ensuring the transition to a new Headteacher was as smooth as possible.

I have particularly enjoyed visiting the children in class, I was immensely impressed with their enthusiasm for learning. They all look so smart and have showed such wonderful manners that my first impressions could not be better.

I know how vital working in partnerships with parents really is, in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. I strongly believe achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand to ensure each child's excellent progress. I hope you will support our high expectations in all areas, especially in behaviour and achievement.

I will be holding a number of events over the next term, which will provide an opportunity to meet you and discuss the building of a successful partnership and gain a wider knowledge of the community. These meetings will take place at different times, which I hope will enable most families to attend. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

I would like to thank you personally for your continued commitment and support towards the staff and pupils of this school.

Mrs Gemma Grainger

### Music Lessons

All music lessons will start next week:

Woodwind and Brass - Monday  
Keyboard - Monday  
Singing and Choir - Tuesday  
Guitar and Ukulele - Tuesday  
Violin - Thursday  
Drumming - Thursday



Spaces are still available for KS2 pupils in:

K2M Violin Y3/4  
K2M Guitar Y5/6

There are also places in small group tuition for beginners in violin and guitar.

Please make payment via ParentPay or see the office for an instalment plan.

Letters about choir have gone out this week for pupils in Years 3-6. This will be on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am.

### Reminders...

Please ensure;

- children's items are all clearly labelled
- the school office is notified of any changes to contact details / addresses, pick up arrangements, medical issues
- you text or call on the first morning of a child's absence (CALL 01543 421850 or TEXT 07756 921747)
- all lunches are paid for in advance via ParentPay
- children have a labelled water bottle in school



## Year Group Updates

### Reception

Reception have had a super week settling into school. These next few weeks will be about making relationships with the other children and adults, as well as learning about classroom rules and routines.

### Year 1 & 2

In Year 1 and 2 our theme for the half term is 'muck, mess and mixtures'. We have been getting stuck in and getting very messy! It has been lots of fun this week and a great start to the new year and term.

Years 1 and 2 will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons so can we please have our PE kits in a bag in school ready.

### Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 have begun their 'bottoms, burps and bile' topic. We are learning about the journey our food takes through the body and are finding the process fascinating!

Photo's below show our BBQ we had to kick start our topic!



### Year 5

In Year 5 we are travelling back to 14th Century Britain at the time of the plague! This week we have sketched rats in our art lessons and have imitated a text about the Black Death in Talk for Writing lessons. It's all very gruesome and gory in Year 5 at the moment so only enter if you dare!!

### Year 6

In Year 6, our topic this half term is ID. We will be exploring exactly what this means and will consider our own identity. We are looking forward to our residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes as well as two days of Bikeability in October. Pupils have made an impressive start and we look forward to a really exciting final year at Chadsmead.

### Special Educational Needs Update

Welcome Back!

- We welcome Mrs Orchard to our team of teaching assistants, who will be primarily working within Year 3 and Year 4 and look forward to her working at Chadsmead to support our pupils.
- I will be teaching in Year 4 each morning this year as well as Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, so if you wish to discuss your child please contact the office and we can make an appointment when I am not teaching.

Any children currently registered on the school's Special Educational Needs register will begin their Plan for Support work during next week and begin to meet the TAs who will be supporting them for this cycle of support.

### Summer Reading Challenge ...just 4 days left to finish

I hope all your pupils have been enjoying visiting the library over the summer and taking part in our Summer Reading Challenge. They have until 5pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

September to complete the challenge and receive their certificate and medal. Remember the school that has the most children completing will be awarded the Reading Challenge Trophy for Lichfield schools so please remind your children and parents to come along and complete the challenge. It is close at the moment so this weekend could change everything! To make it fair to all sizes of schools we compare numbers that have completed using a percentage calculated by the number of children who complete divided by the number of children on school roll (as stated on the [staffordshire.gov.uk](http://staffordshire.gov.uk) website) and converted into a percentage.

I am pleased to report that 1050 children have started the challenge in the Lichfield area - the most children ever so a big thank you to all of you for your support and encouragement with the challenge this year.

