



# CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Assembly Theme: Self Confidence

12th May 2017

Reminders: Year 5 Payment in FULL for Whitemoor Lakes due Friday 14th July

## What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting 2.30pm		Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Tournament, Lichfield Rugby Club	Year 3 Swimming	Star Awards Assembly 2.40pm

## Year 6 SATs Celebrations

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed cakes in the sun after their final SATs paper.

Well done to all!



## Message from Mr Budge

### SATS

A huge well done to all our Year 6 children. They completed their end of Year Assessment Tests yesterday and have worked extremely hard. Their attitude to what is, without doubt, a challenging week has been admirable. They have put in loads of effort over months and tried their very best – no more can be asked of them!

### Staffing

We continue to work on staffing for next year and when we have finalised arrangements we will let everyone know. Unfortunately, we have no more Mrs O'Hara in Year 3 as her mum has been taken seriously ill. Mrs O'Hara has been replaced by Miss Bishop who is working well with Mrs Turner.

### Headship

CAT have re-advertised the Headship of Chadsmead with 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May being set aside for interviews.

Thanks for your support.

Mr Budge

## PTFA Summer Fair

Saturday 17th June

2.00-4.00pm



## Holiday Dates 2016/2017

Holiday: Friday 26 May—Friday 2 June

Monday 5 June—Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July—Monday 4 September

## **Our Teaching Assistants**

Most parents understand that apart from our teachers there is another significant group of professionals who work regularly with our children; our 'teaching assistants' (TAs). Although they may not routinely appear at Parent's Evenings, write school reports or contact parents they are an essential element of our school.

The number of teaching assistants working in mainstream schools has increased dramatically in recent years. With the increased emphasis on children needing to develop sound literacy and numeracy skills early in their school lives, our teaching assistants have a vital role to play in not only supporting individuals and groups within a class, but also working on individualised programmes for those with specific difficulties or those who are more able.

Our most experienced teaching assistants also teach early morning boosters and cover whole classes when teachers have their weekly 'planning and preparation time'. In reality they are so good, familiar with the children and understand the work of the class, that we often prefer them to 'cover' sessions when staff are away.

A number of our teaching assistants have become teaching assistants after starting as volunteers and then undertaken training to gain teaching assistant qualifications. We have been very proud to appoint the very best of these volunteers to TA appointments in our schools.

Our teaching assistants are a proactive and highly professional group within our school. Gone are the days when they simply 'washed paint pots'. Our Teaching Assistants are regularly involved in evaluations of their performance and are observed by senior members of the teaching staff. They always go the extra mile for our pupils and offer extra-curricular opportunities, attend professional development sessions after school and regularly stay behind and support school activity well past their allocated time. We value them highly as a vital part of our team and without their amazing contributions our children would not make the fantastic progress we expect.

**Mr May**

**Director of Education CAT**

Weekly Safety Question ... *Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:*

***'What should you do if you accidentally spill very hot water on your skin?'***

## Year Group Updates

### Nursery

This week we have been thinking about what seeds need to grow and be healthy, we have conducted a little experiment with cress and will find out the results next week.

We have a new garden centre role play area. Next week we will introduce price labels and a till allowing lots of opportunity for counting and number recognition.

### Reception

This week we have been learning about lots of different real life heroes and how they help us. We have been fixing cars, been imaginative with the soldiers and the lifeguards, writing letters, doubling numbers, writing stories, weighing objects and exploring the shop.

### Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have enjoyed learning more about plants and trees in our Topic time and counting in different multiples in maths. We have created new characters for our stories in our English work.

### Year 2

In Year 2 we have continued our topic "The Scented Garden". The children have learnt the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and have written an improved version. We looked at our bean plants in science and written in our bean plant diaries. Our beans have started to grow roots! We also learnt about the life cycle of a sunflower and written all about it.

### Year 3

This week the children have invented their own Super Vegetable stories set in the supermarket. These brave veggies have been fighting evil with their super vegetable powers! In maths we have looked at so much – multiples of 10, multiplying using the grid method and division by chunking. Chunking is a new method for us in Year 3 but the children have worked really hard to learn it.

### Year 4

Year 4's Got Talent! This week, Year 4 have been working together during topic to start organising a Year 4 talent show! We have many different talents ranging from sporting activities to music and dance. We hope to carry out this competition in the last week of this half term. Also during topic, we have been learning about the science behind sound and how it is made and travels.

### Year 5

It's been a shock to the system having to attend school for 5 whole days this week! We continue to tend to our seeds in our planters, whilst hoping for a few rainy days to help them germinate. We have completed some map work, locating which areas in Staffordshire have the most allotments. Our writing continues to improve with our innovation of an explanation about Wallace and Gromit's 'Snoozatron' machine.

### Year 6

A big congratulations to Year 6. Their attitude to learning, enthusiasm to do their best and resilience in coping with a challenging week has been exemplary. We are very proud of them all, as I am sure you parents are too. A thank you to our parents also, for ensuring everyone was in school, well rested and appropriately resourced.

A special well done to Lewis (broken arm), Lilly (chicken pox) and Brandon (sickness bug) for completing their tests in difficult circumstances.

We hope to get some normality back into our classrooms next week and will strive to make our curriculum as creative as possible.

Early Birds for Year 6 is no longer on now that SATs are complete.

## **School Terms and Holiday Dates 2017 / 2018**

### **Autumn Term 2017:**

<b>Staff INSET day:</b>	<b>Monday 4 September</b>	<b>1 day</b>
<b>Pupils in School:</b>	<b>Tuesday 5 September – Friday 20 October</b>	
<b>Holiday:</b>	<b>Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October</b>	<b>5 days</b>
<b>Pupils in School:</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 October – Tuesday 19 December</b>	
<b>Holiday:</b>	<b>Wednesday 20 December – Tuesday 2 January</b>	<b>10 days</b>

### **Spring Term 2018:**

<b>Pupils in School:</b>	<b>Thursday 4 January – Friday 16 February</b>	
<b>Holiday:</b>	<b>Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February</b>	<b>5 days</b>
<b>Pupils in School:</b>	<b>Monday 26 February – Wednesday 28 March</b>	
<b>Holiday:</b>	<b>Friday 30 March – Wednesday 11 April</b>	<b>9 days</b>

### **Summer Term 2018:**

<b>Pupils in School:</b>	<b>Thursday 12 April – Friday 25 May</b>	
<b>Holiday:</b>	<b>Monday 7 May (May Day)</b>	<b>1 day</b>
<b>Holiday:</b>	<b>Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June</b>	<b>5 days</b>
<b>Pupils in School:</b>	<b>Monday 4 June – Friday 20 July</b>	
<b>Staff INSET Day:</b>	<b>Friday 22 June</b>	<b>1 day</b>
<b>Holiday:</b>	<b>Monday 23 July – Friday 31 August</b>	<b>30 days</b>

### **INSET DAYS**

**Monday 4 September 2017**

**Friday 22 June 2018**

**3 INSET Days to be confirmed**

