



# CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



**Assembly Theme: Try something new**

19th May 2017

**Reminders:** Reception Vision Testing Letters

## What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Tri-Golf—Lichfield Cathedral School	Year 3 Birch—Packington Farm Trip	Year 3 Ash—Packington Farm Trip  Year 3 Swimming  Last day of term Girls Football Tournament—Gordon Banks Sports Centre	Inset Day—School Closed to pupils

### Message from Mr Budge

Next week CAT will be re-running the recruitment process for the new Headteacher of Chadsmead.

As soon as there is any news we will let the school community know.

Also, many people have asked me about staffing across school for next year. This is quite a complicated process with lots of variables – as soon as we have established the 'full picture' we will inform parents. Thank you for your patience here.

### Sports

Chadsmead has had an amazing time during the last week. Children in Year 4 had a great time visiting The Hawthorns (West Brom's ground) where they completed a tour of the stadium and played a tournament on the pitch, winning all of their games!

Also, we were due to enter a Tag Rugby tournament which unfortunately was rained off however, the children did play in a cricket tournament at the Hammerwich Cricket club.

The children are really lucky to have such a dedicated PE staff led by Miss Stokes. Many thanks to all for this and well done to everyone for taking part.

### Year 2 Assessments

A huge well done to all our Year 2 children for their efforts in their end of year assessment tests.

We are so proud of them for their hard work and extra focus! They all deserve to feel proud too!

Thanks as always

### **Summer Term—Diary Dates**

8th June—School Closed Polling Day

19th June—Year 6 Leavers' photos

10th July—Leavers' Prom

17th July—KS2 Sports Day (time tbc)

18th July—KS1 Sports Day (time tbc)

25th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly  
9.30am

### **Chadsmead's Got Talent**

#### **Auditions**

Year 3 23rd May

Year 1/2 and Year 4-6 25th May

#### **Competition**

14th June—Chadsmead's Got Talent  
(times tbc)

### **Sun Awareness:**

It is very important that children attend school with a water bottle, a hat and in sunny weather have applied 'all day sun cream' before coming in. Whilst the children are rarely outside for more than an hour during a school day, we take great care to ensure they are not adversely affected by strong sun.



## Our Office Staff

### *Being a member of staff within our academy*

Our office colleagues are yet another group of 'unsung heroes' who work tirelessly for our schools. Although they are not involved in teaching the children, or have a significant day to day involvement with them, without their 'backroom work' our schools would quite simply grind to a halt.

School offices are extremely busy places. Seldom do our office staff have the opportunity to complete a task uninterrupted and on a daily basis they deal with a deluge of visitors, telephone enquiries, absences, letters and the newsletter. Being a member of our office staff requires a very wide range of skills and talents, and we are fortunate to have extremely dedicated people working for us who always give their best and seldom go home on time.

Despite not being in the classroom, our office staff take every opportunity to get involved with the children and life of the school. Not only do many administer first aid and medicines, but they also enjoy visits by the children for registers and all manner of notes from staff. Our office staff also take every opportunity to attend school events and are often seen at assemblies, sports days and other activities.

Work in our offices has changed significantly over the past few years, especially as an academy, and this trend will continue. The introduction of new finance packages, Parent Pay and an online school shop, as well as the need to keep abreast of all manner of school reporting systems, will no doubt keep our office colleagues as busy as ever. I have every confidence that they will meet these challenges with the same professionalism and positivity in the way they always have done.

Mr May

Director of Education CAT

### ***'I never bother reading the newsletter.....'***

What a shame! All sorts of people, including our brilliant children, contribute to it and it's full of information about what we have been doing and events coming up. We also include regular reminders of school policy that everyone knows exactly what to expect. If you don't read the newsletter, you will miss out on really vital pieces of information. PLEASE read it every week and if it does not come home you must return to school to collect one or get one from the web site.

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

**What should you do if someone knocks at your front door and you don't know who they are?**

As was last year, this year the expectations of our children is very high. The 'average child' will now be expected to achieve far more than they used to and meet some very tough challenges.

## Year Group Updates

### Little Chads

During the last 2 weeks at Little Chads, we have been looking at the work of famous artists and recreating their style in our own paintings. We looked at the artist Piet Mondrian and painted squares and rectangles using masking tape to define the straight lines. We have also looked at painting 'still life' pictures in the style of Frida Kahlo. The children looked carefully at the shapes of the fruit as well as mixing the correct colours.

### Nursery

This week we have continued our topic, 'How will it grow?' We have been looking at what happened to our cress seeds. We have also been sorting different seeds using tweezers. It was tricky to pick up the sunflowers seeds with the tweezers, the broad beans were much easier!

Next week our theme is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

### Reception

This week we have been learning all about the Police and Fire service. We have been detectives by looking at clues and trying to solve who destroyed the three little pigs' houses. We then made 'wanted' posters for the villains. Using the small world fire house we created scenarios and also made our own emergency vehicles using cardboard boxes and paint.

### Year 1

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the phonics screening meeting on Monday. Those who were unable to attend please can you check your child's book bag for the information leaflet.

This week has been another busy week for us. We have been identifying evergreen and deciduous trees, finding halves and quarters of shapes and writing stories.

### Year 2

All of the children in Year 2 have worked extremely hard this week to complete their end of KS1 assessments. We are proud of every one of them!

During the afternoons we have been using a variety of materials to create pictures of flowers. We learnt a little about Vincent Van Gogh and painted our own sunflowers before moving on to observational drawings of violas. We learnt that we had to look carefully at what we were drawing so that our drawings were as life-like as possible. We have some talented budding artists!

### Year 3

Year 3 have looked at non-chronological reports about the infamous 'Supertato' this week. There have been some brilliant actions used when retelling! In Maths we have tackled chunking but look out for some extra practice homework coming soon!

### Year 4

This week Year 4 have been looking at poetry! We have been performing different poems during guided reading and have been looking at 'The Sound Collector' by Roger McGough during our writing sessions. As we have completed a sound survey in our topic work, we have created our own poem explaining the sound collectors visit to Chadsmead!

A stranger called at Chadsmead  
Dressed in black and grey  
Put all the sounds into a bag  
And carried them away.

The tapping of the pencil,  
On the classroom desk.  
The clapping of the teacher,  
Be quiet! It's a test! (Molly)

The ticking of the clock,  
The slamming of the door.  
As the children run past,  
The creaking of the floor. (Imogen)

The breeze that is so sweet,  
The little young birds tweet.  
The sweet and peaceful singing,  
The noisy bells ringing. (Christine)

The bang of the drums,  
The chatter of the mums.  
The whistle of the flute,  
All is tuned to mute. (Zephany)

A stranger called at Chadsmead,  
He didn't leave his name.  
Left only silence.  
School will never be the same.

### Year 5

This week we have been looking at different poems about gardens. We compared 'The Glory of the Garden' by Rudyard Kipling to 'Grandad's Garden' by Melanie Waters and shared ideas for our own garden poems. In Topic, we named each part of a flower and explained the role each part plays in fertilisation. We also enjoyed working with a partner to find the country of origin of some exotic fruits and vegetables. Finally, we wrote about 'The Day in the Life of a Farmer'.

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a refreshing week this week. We have spent a lot of time focusing on our writing post SATs but have also spent a lot of time being energetic and dancing. We were grateful to Mrs Griffiths for voluntarily coming in to teach us two separate dance routines on Monday, (one for the boys and one for the girls), which we have then spent some time memorising and practising. We will continue with this and hopefully evaluate, edit and improve them over the course of next week with the intention of performing them some time during the second half of the summer term.



Well done to all the children who took part in this year's

Ready, Steady, Read.

Well done to the following children:

Jack in Year 6 for spending the most minutes reading in KS2

Poppy in Year 3 for raising the most money in KS2

Reuben in Year 2 for spending the most minutes reading in KS1

Jack in Reception class for raising the most money in KS1

Olivia in Nursery for spending the most minutes reading AND raising the most money in Nursery!



### **Chadsmead Primary Academy has a new sports kit!**

These will now need to be signed in and out of school—if your child is assigned a kit they will sign their own kit out.

If this is not returned to school after the event then a charge will apply.

