



Reminders: Animal Man and Sea Life Centre Trips to be paid

19th January 2018

Letters: Walk to School (WOW) and Disco

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 5/6 Netball Tournament	PTFA Meeting at the Hedgehog 7pm	Year 5 Swimming	

Message from Mrs Grainger

I'm sure you read in last week's newsletter that Mr Murcott, our school Caretaker, is retiring at the end of January. You will be pleased to hear that we have appointed Mr Hodgkins. He will be starting with us next week.

It was lovely to hear the children of Total Stars enjoyed their time at the Young Voices event, held at The Genting Arena. This is the largest children's choir concert in the world, with up to 8,000 children performing each night. Well Done!

Since we came back in January (which has been only 13 days) 49 forgotten items have been delivered to the school Office. These items consist of musical instruments, book bags, PE kits and packed lunches which then have to be delivered to the children, causing disruption to their learning. Please can I urge you to ensure your children's items are prepared for school each night and arrive with them in the mornings.

Please look out for a letter next week regarding an E-safety presentation for parents/carers. This event is highly informative, especially in the current climate and following the recent report by the Children's Commissioner regarding social media use among 8 – 12 year olds.

Gemma Grainger
Headteacher

BIG Battery Hunt



Your child will have brought home a collection box as Chadsmead are participating during the Duracell's 'Big Battery Hunt' recycling challenge.

The challenge is to collect as many AAA, AA, C and D sized used batteries as possible. As participants, the children will be entered into a draw and could win some amazing prizes, but more importantly, will be doing something amazing for the planet.

The competition ends in April, 2018. If you need an extra box please collect one from the Office. Happy hunting!

Open Auditions for Cannock Film & Shows 27th & 28th of January 2018

Open Auditions will be taking place at both The Custard Factory & Harlequin Rehearsal Suite for castings for the following shows & films which will be staged/screened during our 2018/2019. Beginners welcome - no experience is necessary. Those who are successful will go on to work with professional directors and crew on either theatre or film projects. Training, direction and rehearsals will be provided by professional acting coaches and directors.

Oliver - Adaptation - Youth cast Blood Bros - Youth Adaptation Walking in a Shadow - Youth Show

Luvvies In the Air- Behind Our Scenes- Short Film (40 mins duration) Youth cast **CANNOCK**

Charlie & The Chocolate Factory - adaptation - Youth cast

Montague & Capulets - Youth Cast

To book your place at an audition or receive further information visit:

<https://classactdrama.wixsite.com/classactdramacentre/audition-application> or email us at classactteam@aol.com

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

This week we have continued our travels around the world by visiting the USA! We have been exploring the flag and creating our own using collage materials. We have measured American landmarks including the Empire State Building and followed instructions to draw the Statue of Liberty.

The children have also been learning some cheerleading dance moves.

Year 1 & 2

This week in KS1 we have learned about Erasmus Darwin and his house. We have also plotted significant places onto a map of Lichfield.

In English we have written our own stories based on 'The Journey'.

Next week we will be thinking about Samuel Johnson. Maybe you could find out and share some facts with your children!

Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 have had depleted numbers this week due to a nasty flu virus which has been going around.

The children have worked really hard in English and Maths where we are learning to persuade people to either visit or not visit the Great Barrier Reef.

In Science, we have learned how to classify different sea creatures and all about respiration.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning about the planets in our solar system and writing mnemonics to remember the order. They came up with some excellent ways of remembering them.

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Turner would like to thank parents/carers for the help and support they have given the Year 5 children with their space project homework. We have been blown away by the effort that has gone into making the models, helmets etc. They are currently on display outside the classrooms and we look forward to you seeing the amazing work the children have produced at parents' evening.

Year 6

Year 6 have this week really enjoyed the experience of dissecting a pig's heart! They were able to identify and cut open both the left and right ventricles and atria; to see the journey that blood takes travelling through the vena cava and aorta as well as comparing the thickness of either side of the heart. We were really pleased with how sensibly they approached this activity.

Please can we remind parents/carers that PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday, therefore a kit is required on both of those days. A letter is required from if pupils are unable to take part in this lesson.

We thank parents/carers for their support in ensuring homework is completed although a few pupils didn't complete it this week!

Finally, can we remind parents/carers that school uniform must be worn at all times.

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KS1 5-6pm, KS2 6:30-8pm

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App of the week

Please note that although we check the suitability of Applications, they can be changed without notice. Parents should therefore check the Application BEFORE children go on to them.

