



Reminders: After School Clubs begin next week—please pay for your child’s club before it begins

20th April 2018

## Letters: Year 6 SAT’s Breakfast/ Year 2 Scooter Training

### What’s on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Shining Star Assembly 9am  Scooter Training Elm Class		Year 1 & 2 Lichfield Library coming in to see the children	Year 3 Swimming	

## Message from Mrs Grainger

Welcome back.

We’ve been very lucky this week with some visitors. A big thank you to Mrs Chisholm (our chair of governors and parent) who came to year 5 to talk about allotments, ready to start a new theme. And also to Mr Cooper, again a parent, but also our very own resident rock star! He amazed us with his electric guitar skills.

Some sad news to share, Mrs Tina Scarr, who worked at Chadsmead for 15 years as a teaching assistant, sadly passed away during the Easter holiday. Our thoughts go to the family. As she was a very valued member of staff we will be sending a representative to attend the funeral.

*Gemma Grainger*  
**Headteacher**

### PTFA NEWS

#### Chadsmead Chick Treasure Hunt

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather and participated in the Chadsmead Chicks Easter Treasure Hunt! Winners will be announced next week.

#### Summer Fair - Help Needed!

The next PTFA meeting will be Tuesday, 24th April, 7:30 pm, the Hedgehog.

*Save the Date!* The Chadsmead Summer "Carnival" is Saturday, 9th June. We need a lot of help to make this event a success. Specifically, we need parent volunteers to help with any of the following: securing prizes for the Summer Fair raffle, assist with organising a stall, donating an hour of time beforehand to assist with a project, and/or volunteer on the day of the event. Could this be you? Unable to attend the meeting, but willing to help? Email us at [ChadsmeadPTFA@gmail.com](mailto:ChadsmeadPTFA@gmail.com) and let us know how you can help.

#### Where does PTFA money go?

PTFA plans events and fund raises to enhance the educational experiences of the children at Chadsmead Primary School. Where does the money go? Due to your generosity over the last couple years, your PTFA support has purchased the following:

*NEW!* 16 Apple iPads (a set for each Key Stage), protective cases and portable trolleys. Total cost was £5634. Training and Tech Support will be paid for by the school.

*NEW!* 10 Chess Sets to support a new Chess Club to begin Summer Term (approximately £10/set).

"The B Word, an Anti-Bullying Production" presented to students on 14th February at the cost of £588.

Three sets of Christmas presents from teachers to students at the cost of £235.94

Monthly Sponsor-a-Child with Plan International at £19.50/month.

To date, that is more £6,577.440 that has gone back to the school! Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Year 3/4 were lucky enough to have a visit from one of our parents, Mr Cooper on Monday afternoon! He brought in his electric guitar to show the children and talked all about how to play it. He explained how to use the different equipment and what effect it had on the guitar sound and pitch. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit so we'd like to say a huge thank you to Mr Cooper for coming in!



# Year Group Updates

## Nursery & Reception

Early Years have been reading the story 'Little Red Riding Hood' and have been completing lots of exciting activities such as writing wanted posters for the wolf, painting pictures of the characters from the story and writing questions for our visitor. The children were very excited to see the wolf from the story on Wednesday and had the opportunity to ask him lots of questions.

## Year 1 & 2

This week, years 1 and 2 have started their new theme entitled "The Scented Garden." On Monday, we went on a nature trail around the school. Later that morning, we collected natural objects to create art sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. In the afternoon, the children created pomanders to encourage discussion around the senses. It has been a fantastic start!

### A polite request from the Key Stage one staff:

For health and safety reasons, please ensure that your child remains with you on the lower playground (and not on the upper playground or play equipment) before and after school.

Thank you for your support.

## Year 3 & 4

It was lovely to see the children's faces back in school after a long break.

We launched our new topic Playlists with a visit from a very talented guitarist - Steve Cooper - Ruby's dad.

It was great seeing how the children were engrossed in the music played, the actual electric guitar and all of the special effects pedals brought in to demonstrate.

The questions they asked Steve were testimony to this. Many thanks for your time Steve.

We now look forward to learning all about sound, different genres of music and music's history.

With the exception of guide dogs, we do not allow dogs on the school grounds, whether they are on a lead or being carried. Thank you.



## Year 5

This week Year 5 have started their new theme – Allotment. We would like to thank Mrs Chisolm for visiting Year 5 on Monday to give a very informative and interesting talk about allotments. Thank you for the homework projects that have been returned to school. Please note the deadline was today and therefore if it hasn't been returned to school could you please bring it in on Monday.

Finally, after all the cold weather, Year 5 were able to get outside for their PE lesson on Thursday and enjoy the sunshine as they learnt.

Now that swimming lessons have finished, can we please remind you that P.E kits need to be in school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Year 6

A warm welcome back after Easter and a well done to all pupils who completed their homework.

As you know this is an important half term with SATs fast approaching. We will be working extremely hard to ensure all pupils are able to fulfil their potential during this week and would like to stress that all children are different and all we expect is for everyone to try their best.

Alongside our revision activities we will continue with our Darwin's Delight theme work.

Please be aware of the following:

Some of our Year 6s have pleasingly taken advantage of our Early Bird sessions before school, however the last session for Y6 will be 10th May. Year 6 have also used our IXL maths resource throughout the year, on 17th May we will be blocking their logins so that other children further down the school can be registered to use it instead. Finally, please make sure that you read the note in homework books regarding our new class text, Skellig.

### App of the week



#### WORD MANIA

Make as many words as you can  
before the time runs out !!!

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.