

Letters: Y2-Y5 Instrumental tuition letter

Reminders: Please ensure your child has a clean water bottle in school at all times

What's on next week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6 SATs Scooter Training Year 2 Elm	No Choir this week Year 6 SATs	Year 6 SATs	Year 6 SATs Year 3 Swimming	Royal Wedding Celebrations - Wear red, white and blue!

Message from Mrs Grainger

KS2 SATS - Y6 Tests - Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May inclusive

All year 6 children nationally are required to take these tests in each of the 4 days. The tests take place during set times on each morning. The children are encouraged to come to school earlier and have breakfast with Year 6 staff. Please make sure your child is in school early and ready to do their best next week.

Thursday 17th May - School Census day

Please encourage your child to have a school dinner on this day, especially if in Year 2, Year 1 or Reception, as the Universal Infant Free School Meal Grant to schools is based on uptake on that day. Thank you for supporting us.

Friday 18th May - Royal Wedding Celebration

To mark the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, we shall be having a curriculum day. Children and staff are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. The learning for the day will be focussed on royalty, weddings and British Values, with both whole school and phase activates.

At lunchtime all children will have a British style picnic on the school field (fingers crossed for the weather). We would be grateful if you could send your children to school with picnic blankets or similar to sit on the grass. They will return home with them at the end of the day. School meals will be a picnic box (sandwich, sausage roll, savoury egg, salad sticks and jelly or ice cream).

We recently had a special wedding celebration of our own in school. CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Clark (formerly Ms Williams), our school bursar, who enjoyed her special day during the Easter holiday.

Hope you have had a chance to spot another article in the Lichfield Mercury (page 2).

Gemma Grainger

Headteacher

Request for help! Chadsmead Primary Academy would love to take part in the Bower celebrations again but we need a vehicle to decorate for the float (a small van or lorry where the sides can be tied back) and a driver too! If you or anyone you know could help, please contact the school office on 01543 421850 as soon as possible otherwise we won't be able to join in.

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

This week Early Years have been reading a new story 'Handa's surprise' and have been completing exciting activities such as creating fruits using different media, sequencing the story, counting how many fruits we have altogether and creating castles using shapes.

Year 1 & 2

This week, Year 1 have been writing explanation texts on the life cycle of a butterfly. In maths, the children have been tackling some rather tricky maths problems about telling the time.

In Year 2, the children have been using subordinate conjunctions and questions within their story writing. In maths, Year 2 have been revising their arithmetic skills and using blank number lines to solve addition and subtraction questions.

In topic, both year groups have been conducting experiments on the senses. We had lots of fun investigating!

Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 have had a rather musical week in our theme lessons. We have enjoyed trying to make sounds of a different pitch with a variety of instruments including guitars, drums, glockenspiels, recorders, boomwhackers and scrapers. This made for noisy yet fun classrooms!

We learned HOW different pitch is produced and recorded our observations using words like vibrations, dense, low and high sounds and even columns of air!

It was also fun listening to very high pitch sound and seeing how this differed from volume. Next week we look forward to making instruments please keep sending in material we can use.

Thanks for your help.

Years 2-5 Children ONLY

Letter have gone home this week about instrumental tuition for the next academic year. Please check your child's bag and send the forms back to the office by Friday 18th May.

Year 5

Following last week's explanation writing Year 5 have invented their own machines this week. They have come up with some great ideas to solve numerous problems and have written explanations as to how they work in their English lessons.

In theme lessons this week Year 5 have been using atlases to locate and mark countries on a world map and in ICT they have researched different types of farming in the UK.

Year 6

Year 6 have pleasingly continued to work hard this week. As everyone is aware, Year 6 SATs will take place next week. We have all been working hard to ensure everyone is fully prepared and we would like to reiterate that all we ask is that everyone does their best.

With this in mind, please could we ask parents/ carers to ensure their children are in school and fully prepared next week. This means go to bed early so that children get a good night's sleep, fully resourced with a pen (and a spare one), two sharp pencils and a rubber. We will have spares of these and all other resources required will be provided. Pupils may bring a small lucky item if they wish BUT this item shouldn't distract them or take up too much room. Pupils are to arrive at school early for breakfast at approximately 8:25am, entering through reception.

Please also ensure that all pupils have a water bottle in school daily now that the weather is getting warmer. Thank you for your continued help and co-operation - here's hoping for a good week!

App of the week



Symmetry School

Brain twisting game designed to support mathematical development

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.

Meet your Governors

For those of you that haven't got internet access or haven't looked at the website, here is some information on the Governors of Chadsmead Primary Academy:

Iona Chisholm – Community Governor Chair of the Local Governing Body

Link Governor for Health and Safety

Term of Office: 19.7.2017-18.7.2021 (original appointment 30.11.2014)

lona has had four children attend Chadsmead Primary Academy. Her eldest two are now at high school and her youngest are in Reception and Year 6 at Chadsmead. Iona trained as a litigation lawyer and now works as a writer and as our Chair of Governors. Her area of responsibility is Health and Safety. As Chair, Iona regularly meets with the Headteacher, visits school to address any topical matters and leads LGB meetings.

Jonathon Spears – Community Governor

Vice Chair of the Local Governing Body

Link Governor for Safeguarding which includes Prevent

Jonathon has had two children attend Chadsmead Primary Academy. He is an Assistant Principal and a Governor at a secondary school in Tamworth and has taught English for 13 years. Jonathon is Vice Chair of the Local Governing Body and is the link governor for safeguarding, ensuring the school is compliant in its statutory requirements and its drive to keep all students happy, healthy and safe.



Deborah Sarson – Community Governor

Link Governor for Finance

Term of Office: 19.7.2017-18.7.2021

Since graduating from her PhD Debbie has held a variety of commercial roles within multiple organisations. Debbie is currently a full-time mum to a pre-school son. Debbie's area of Local Governing Body responsibility is finance.



Debbie Bissell - Parent Governor

Link Governor for Sports Premium and Clubs

Term of Office: 19.7.2017-18.7.2021

Debbie has two daughters, one of whom attends Chadsmead Primary Academy and is in year 4, the other is at secondary school in Lichfield. Debbie currently works as a Business Support Manager for a Lichfield based Digital Marketing Agency. Prior to this she has worked extensively in recruitment for academic publishers, leisure businesses and retailers across the Midlands and Cambridge. Her area of responsibility is Sports Premium and Clubs. Debbie can be found in the KS2 playground every morning and afternoon.



Sarah Snashall - Parent Governor

Link Governor for Pupil Premium, Special Educational Needs and Difficulties (SEND) and

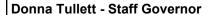
Looked After Children (LAC)

Term of Office: 19.7.2017-18.7.2021

Sarah has a daughter in Year 6 at Chadsmead (and a son who has now moved up to The Friary). Sarah works in publishing, writing teaching resources for Primary Literacy (such as spelling worksheets and reading scheme books). Over the years that her children have been at Chadsmead, Sarah has helped out

listening to children read and running guided reading sessions. Her areas of responsibility are Pupil Premium, SEND

and LAC.



Term of Office: 20.9.2017-19.9.2021

Donna joined Chadsmead Primary Academy in September 2016 as Key Stage 1 Phase Leader and Year 1 teacher. Donna also leads phonics in school. Donna is currently teaching the Year 1/2 mixed class. As staff governor Donna aims to offer her knowledge and expertise as a primary teacher and provide a positive relationship between staff and governors.





SUMMER TERM 2018

MAY

14th Monday **KS2 SATS Tests** 15th **KS2 SATS Tests** Tuesday 16th Wednesday **KS2 SATS Tests** 17th **KS2 SATS Tests** Thursday 28th Monday Half Term Friday (June) Inclusive 1st

JUNE

22nd Friday Inset Day

Tuesday 26th KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am

JULY

9th KS2 Sports Day Monday 10th Tuesday **KS1 Sports Day** 20th Friday Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

20th Friday Last Day of Term