



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Reminders: Back to school Wednesday 3rd January 2018

15th December 2017

Letters: After School Clubs confirmation and Y5 Swimming

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Christmas Concert Year 5/6—9.15am Year 3/4—2.15pm	Christmas Parties Last Day of Term	School Closed	School Closed	School Closed

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you for your understanding on Monday concerning the closure of the school. A decision to close school is only taken as a last resort and after conversations between myself, the Chair of Governors and the Caretaker. In reaching the decision many factors were considered, such as, insufficient staff able to get in, severe travel restrictions and conditions around the school being so severe that it presented a major danger.

This week saw 2 fabulous performances for Christmas. First was the Early Years play – The Angel Express, and next was Year 1&2 – Christmas with the Aliens. The performances are a great method for children to learn confidence, communication, imagination and team work. The more interpersonal skills and self confidence a child has, then the more likely they are to achieve as they progress through school. But most importantly the children loved them and we loved watching them. We can't wait for the Key Stage 2 performance on Monday.

Thursday was Christmas Dinner Day. A huge thank you to Mrs Wayman-Chiles and the kitchen staff for another scrumptious celebratory meal. Especially working their magic with a snow day, delayed food deliveries and a last minute broken oven! Sounds like a soap opera, but just another day in a primary school.

Finally, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gemma Grainger
Headteacher



Reception Open Event

CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

8th January 18:00-19:00 | 9th January 13:00-14:30



Our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) children are led by four highly qualified practitioners; Miss Morton and Miss Hathaway (specialised EYFS teachers), Mrs Rigby and Mrs Pearson (experienced EYFS practitioners).

Why not come along and see meet our friendly staff. We will give you a tour of the school and our EYFS department. You will then have the opportunity to have a drink and a chat with the staff whilst looking through our special learning journeys.

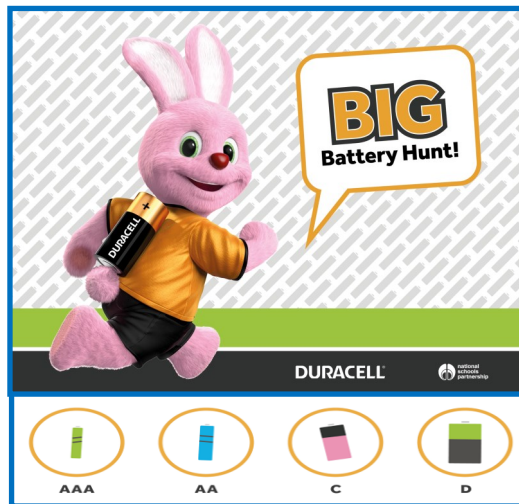
BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY, CALL:

01543 421850 or email

office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk

Chadsmead Primary Academy, Friday Acre, Lichfield, WS13 7HJ

Remember to apply for your child's place in Reception before Monday 15th January 2018



BIG Battery Hunt

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.

Happy hunting!

KS 2 Christmas Concerts

Monday 9.15am

KS2 Christmas Concert for Y5/6 parents and also the parents of pupils performing with Mr Walters guitar and ukulele group as well as Mrs Marsden's singers/choir.

Monday 2.15pm

KS2 Christmas Concert for Y3/4 parents.

Restricted to 2 seats per pupil please

Competition Time!

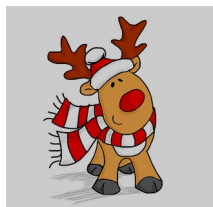
Well done to the only 2 participants in last week's Newsletter competition.

Lauren in Year 6 and Anjali in Year 3 both spotted the little reindeer on page 2 of the Newsletter.

They both win a free ticket to the next Disco.

Look out for the next competition in the New Year!

For those of you who missed him, here he is again!



App of the week

Norad Track Santa



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.



FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND IN STAFFORDSHIRE

SkillShare is a project funded by The Big Lottery and managed by SEND Family Partnership (Information Advice and Support Service) to provide FREE training for parents and carers of children and young people with special needs aged 0-25 years in Staffordshire.

Delivered by Ruth Fidler who presented the extremely popular PDA workshops, Skillshare is delighted to bring you...

Promoting Emotional Wellbeing in Children and Young People on the Autism Spectrum

Overview:

This course will consider the factors which contribute to raised anxiety in children with autism. It will encourage parents to recognise and understand stress in their children and to develop strategies to support them.

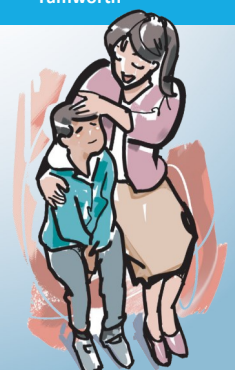
Thursday 18th January 2018
Holiday Inn,
Newcastle under Lyme

Tuesday 13th February 2018
Snowdome,
Tamworth

Session will begin at 9.30am for registration and finish at 1.30pm and will be followed by **FREE** lunch.

BOOKINGS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED AND WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS, ON RECEIPT OF COMPLETED BOOKING FORM.

To request a booking form please contact:
Tracy Munday
SkillShare Co-ordinator:
01785 356930
Or email skillshare@staffordshire.gov.uk



Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

Well done to Reception for a super performance!

The children sang the songs beautifully and we are really proud of how clearly they said their lines.

All the children worked so hard and we hope you enjoyed coming to watch our performance.

Year 1 & 2

The children in KS1 had an amazing visit to Derby Theatre last week and thoroughly enjoyed watching 'Peter Pan'. Their behaviour was excellent and a credit to you and the school.

This week we have continued to rehearse the Christmas Play and are looking forward to performing it to you.

A great big thank you to you for providing the children with their wonderful costumes.

Year 3 & 4

Wow, what a Christmassy week we've had in school!

After a snow day at the start of the week everyone has been feeling really festive. Y3/4 have been lucky enough to see the EYFS Nativity play and the KS1 show prior to parents watching them. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing them both with lots of children feeling proud of siblings/cousins etc.

Yesterday, saw us have our delicious Christmas dinner (thanks to Mandy and the kitchen for this!) and next week we look forward to performing our concert to parents/carers.

Year 5

The snow on Monday has put Year 5 in a very festive mood! We have been rehearsing our Christmas Carol concert and it is sounding great. We look forward to seeing you at the performances on Monday and we are sure that you will enjoy it.

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Turner would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this first term. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 6

Year 6 have really got into the Christmas spirit this week. We have watched and rehearsed performances, learnt more about the life of Anne Frank and, by the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have been to see the film 'Wonder'. Having loved the book, will we love the film?

Next week, there will be performances on Monday morning and afternoon. Tuesday is party day and we have asked children to come to school wearing party clothes (please ensure this includes sensible footwear and warmth for break times). We have suggested that pupils bring a packet of biscuits or sweets that they can share with others on Tuesday.

Pupils do have a small amount of homework for the holidays (see purple book for details). Please also make sure that pupils return to school in January with all the correct equipment in pencil cases.

We wish Year 6 and their families a wonderful and peaceful Christmas.

A Christmas picture for you to colour!

