



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Assembly Theme: Year 5 Sikhism / Doing you best / Ramadam / Fathers' Day

23rd June 2017

Reminders: Payment due for Reception Visit to Ashend Farm

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Swimming Gala— selected pupils Year 5/6	Beech Class Scooter Training KS2 Summer Music Concert—9.30am Year 6 Induction Day— Netherstowe	Year 6 Induction Day— Netherstowe	Year 3 Swimming Elm Class Scooter Training	Star Assembly 2.40pm

Message from Mr Budge

Summer Fayre

Many thanks to our PTFA who organised and ran such a great Summer Fayre. The weather was certainly everything we could wish for – even if it was rather hot!

The afternoon had a lovely atmosphere and the mix of activities was brilliant, including Fire engines spraying water, a band, loads of stalls and of course the customary soak the teacher (which I escaped for the first time in 17 years!) Also thanks to the many volunteers for running stalls including staff.

The amount we raised will be confirmed next week.

Mrs Grainger

Thanks to all who have said 'Hi' to Mrs Grainger on her recent visits to school.

It has been great to have so many parents welcoming her on the gate, at the summer fayre and around school.

Mrs Grainger has also been in working closely with myself in order to bring her up to speed with the school's current position. This really positive transition is so important for our school moving forward in September so we can all 'hit the ground running'.

Sports

Good luck to our Rugby and Cross Country teams today as they compete at Keele University with the best schools in the county. We will let you know how they get on as soon as we can!

Sun cream, hats and water

As we all enjoy the warm weather please remember to send children with a hat, a full water bottle and with sun cream already applied.

Home Learning

Please check out your child's Topic Plans on the website as this will enable a further 'boost' through home learning using library books, internet research etc.

Thanks for your support
Mr Budge



**Summer
Fayre
Fun!**

Chadsmead Sports' Day!

Monday 17th July 9.30am

Year 3—Year 6

Tuesday 18th July 9.30am

Year 1 & Year 2

Wednesday 19th July 9.30am

Nursery & Reception



Summer Term—Diary Dates

27th June—K2M Music Concert 9.30am

10th July— Year 6 Leavers' Prom

14th July—Open afternoon / new classrooms

25th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face

'the last day of term is a waste of time, all they do is play games!'

We can't win! Schools are sometimes accused of 'too much testing, too much homework, and too little fun'! In reality the children really look forward to the last day of term and bringing in their favourite game or toy to share with their friends for a couple of hours, some of whom they won't see for 6 weeks. We also spend the last few days in assemblies saying goodbye to children leaving, thanking departing teachers and enjoying our end of term parties.

Like the final chapter of a good story, the end of term is an important event which allows the school community to socialise, say goodbye to the term and the people who were an important part of it.

Mr May (Director of Education)

Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed recently?

Have you recently checked if you are eligible for Free School meals?

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at our school.

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps our school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives

You can claim free school meals for your children if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit **but not** Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (from 30th April 2005)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- Universal credit

Apply online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication.

You'll need to have your date of birth and national insurance number or national asylum support service number, along with your address and the children's details with you when you apply.

You can apply for several children at a time on one application even if they are all at different schools. The local authority will check your information and give you an immediate answer and the chance to print a confirmation to provide to school to start taking meals as soon as possible.

All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals, **EVEN IF YOU DON'T** receive one of the qualifying benefits or tax credits and so don't have a valid claim registered with us. Every child with a registered FSM claim 'wins' school additional funding.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Cadman
SENCo

Year Group Updates

Nursery

Nursery have begun a topic on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We made symmetrical paintings using folded paper, cut out caterpillar paper chains, made loose part butterflies, written the letters from our names in caterpillar segments and more. We have of course shared the story and made a story map, the children then used puppets and picture prompts to retell the story together using lots of lovely language.

Reception

This week we have been reading the book 'Dear Zoo'. We have learnt to retell the story using actions! In the classroom we have been building enclosures for zoo animals, programming bee bots on a map, creating a safari train track, weighing zoo animals and creating different animals using handprints!

Year 1

Year 1 have been completing their final assessments of the year and it's a pleasure to see the progress they have made in English and Maths. During English, we have been writing instructions and are ready to write our own instructions for making a sock puppet. We plan to make these soon, so would really appreciate donations of unwanted/odd socks! The children have also sculpted amazing fossils using clay. A great (and hot!) week. Well done children.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been learning about maps in Geography. We have created a key with symbols and then drawn our own treasure island map! We also learnt how to draw a compass rose to add to our map. In Science we have been learning about what humans need to survive and healthy eating. We designed our own healthy lunchbox for other children to enjoy and also built some homes for mice and minibeasts!

WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

During the summer term it is especially important that children have a named water bottle in school. Please can you ensure your child/ren have one in school every day.



Year 3

This week we have been completing a variety of quizzes. The children really enjoy these (strange as it may seem) and they have tried their hardest all week. We are very proud of the way Year 3 have been able to follow instructions and try their best. We are looking forward to seeing the children's Greek outfits next Tuesday. Can children please bring them in in a named carrier bag and will then be able to keep these in school for an exciting Greek activity (but shhh it's a secret)!

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been working incredibly hard to finish all of their assessments. We are very proud of how well they have done.

As our topic is Road Trip to USA, we had a treat after working so hard on our tests and watched Alvin and the Chipmunks' Road Chip which visited loads of states in America.

Year 5

Well done to all Year 5 children for completing a number of English and Maths assessments this week. Despite the very warm temperatures, the children stayed focused throughout. We would also like to congratulate the children on their exemplary behaviour during their visit to Netherstowe High School on Wednesday. They enjoyed an afternoon of PE, History and Art taster sessions, impressing the teachers with their enthusiasm and knowledge. We have also managed to squeeze in some writing this week. The children considered the reasons why Anne Boleyn was beheaded and wrote a letter to King Henry VIII. Surprisingly, most of them chose to write supporting King Henry's decision!

Year 6

Year 6 pupils who will be leaving us to go to the Friary or King Edwards have visited their new schools this week. They have returned with great enthusiasm and are now obviously looking forward to their move. Those pupils going to Netherstowe have been visited by two teachers and will have their own visit to the school next week, we hope they will return as enthused as their peers. Although we are approaching the end of our Y6 pupils' time at Chadsmead we still have a lot to fit in before we break up and will continue to work hard whilst endeavouring to enjoy ourselves too.

Thanks to everyone who threw sponges at the Summer Fair!!!!!!

