



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Reminders: Year 1/2 Trip to Derby Theatre 'Peter Pan' —Payment due

10th November 2017

Letters: Year 5 Friary Visit, PTFA Christmas Fair Newsletter, Attendance Colour Coded System

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics—CTTC	Year 5 Visit to the Friary—am	Children in Need—Non Uniform Day Wear something spotty to school!

We have seen our first parents evening of the academic year. 260 out of 320 parents attended. That gives an 81% attendance rate; a great starting point. Thank you to all those that attended and completed the review form. It's nice to read so many positive comments – thank you. Any actions needed will be dealt with in due course.

Yesterday we had two sports teams representing us – Netball and Cross-country. The team spirit was exemplary. Thank you to the children who took part and the parents, carers and friends that supported. Look out for the match report.

We have had a slight change to our assemblies. The main change is the Star of the Week assembly. We have moved this to a Friday, so that we can celebrate the fantastic achievements of our children in the current week, rather than in retrospect. The chosen 'Star' will bring home a certificate, as well as be part of the normal display in school. Continuing the theme of achievement in the Friday assembly we will also celebrate outside achievements and attendance.

Today, you have also received a letter regarding attendance. Our aim is to keep you better informed of your child's attendance in accordance with legislation. We wish to give every child the best chance of achieving their full potential and to do this they need to be in school. We appreciate your support on this important issue.

Gemma Grainger
Headteacher

Friday 17th November 2017

We are joining the BBC Children in Need fundraising.

The Big Spotacular

Add a dash of spots to your outfits or dress as something spotty for the day.

Please bring a donation for the charity.



ROBLOX is a very popular game played by children from 5 to 10 years of age. In a recent survey of schools in Staffordshire, it was estimated that almost half of Year 1 students were playing ROBLOX and at least 70 percent of Year 2 children were playing the game. The worrying aspect of the game is that many of the children disclosed that they had online friends in ROBLOX, that their parents didn't know about. It got worse when many of the children stated they had received many in-game messages from 'strangers' and that they hadn't told their parents. What is also worrying is that ROBLOX does have inappropriate imagery that can be seen which would be unsuitable for children under 11 years of age. Most of the young children surveyed, appear to have been talking to strangers in the game by using a headset to speak. The headset is usually just a normal set of ear pods that you would get bundled with an Apple device as opposed to a specific gaming accessory. We would advise every parent to check their child's ROBLOX account and look to see if they have friends that they do not know. We would also ask parents to check the child's in-game message inbox to check if they have been receiving inappropriate messages.

Reception School Tours

We are pleased to be able to confirm the following School Tour Dates for prospective admissions to Reception in September 2018:

Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at 1.30pm / Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 1.30pm

Please contact the School Office to book a place.

Following my recent message, I am delighted to inform you that the Governor page on the school website has been updated with photographs and information about your new Local Governing Body (LGB).

Why not have a look and then you can come and say hello when you see us around school?!

At the moment, the Governors are all familiarising themselves with their new areas of responsibility which are noted on the website. We shall be working together with a focus on improving standards across the school and ensuring that we communicate with staff, children and parents to listen to their views.

Thank you to all of the parents who have spoken to me recently. Myself and all Governors look forward to meeting more of you and hearing about what you think of your school.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Best wishes
Iona Chisholm
Chair of LGB

Chadsmead Tournament Report

On Wednesday 1st November Chadsmead took part in the regional football tournament at Burntwood Leisure Centre. Chadsmead had already won the previous tournament and were hoping to win this tournament to gain a place at the county finals. We were put in group 2 alongside Little Aston, Ridgeway and St Joseph's & St Theresa's. In the group we won 2 and drew 1 meaning we finished top of our group and were through to the semi-finals. The semi-final was a close encounter with the match finishing 0-0. It went into extra time and looked like it was going to penalties. Unfortunately with the last kick of the game saw St Michael's grab a winner and the game finished 1-0. We then took place in a 3rd and 4th place play-off against Whittington. Once again this was a very close encounter and went all the way to penalties. Once again we were on the wrong end of the result and lost on penalties. A massive well done to the boys that competed in this tournament. I would also like to thank the parents/carers for taking the children to the venue.



Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

This week in Reception our theme has been 'Fireworks'. The children have been describing fireworks, making rockets, making firework paintings, size ordering, exploring firework playdough and have even made their own edible sparklers.

Year 1 & 2

KS1 have been changing parts of the story of Pirate Tom in their English work to create new characters and settings. In theme we have learned all about the UK and the surrounding seas and also the 7 continents of the world.

Year 3 & 4

We've had a great week in Year 3/4 as it was lovely to be able to share the children's work with parents at parents' evening. Thanks to all who attended and if you weren't able to come please contact the office for a different appointment.

The children have loved learning all about Anglo Saxon villages as well as a Viking raid which took place at Lindisfarne in the North East. They wrote this up as a newspaper article complete with picture, caption and witness statement!

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been plotting coordinates on a map of Alchemy Island and describing the route they have followed. They have also learned about human and physical geographical features and applied this knowledge by sorting the features using a key on a map. In T4W they have been using various description techniques to describe a setting and a character.

In Maths lessons this week Year 5 have been learning how to find the perimeter and area of compound shapes.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a really exciting week. Last Friday afternoon, most pupils took part in a concert called 'Friday Afternoons' at Lichfield Cathedral. They performed really well with some incredibly challenging songs and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Parents and staff were very proud of the children and their behaviour. On Monday morning this week, we were visited by Mark McKenzie and Peter Armitage who really brought to life the start of our World War 2 topic 'A Child's War'. Pupils enjoyed learning about the war and being able to handle many exciting artefacts. We are grateful to the Post Office for funding this enlightening 'Wow Starter' to our topic.

App of the week



Monkey Maths
Fundamental maths
skills for children aged
3-6 years



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.

Lichfield
foodbank

Thank You!



Chadsmead School

generously supported the Lichfield foodbank Harvest Appeal 2017
with the equivalent of 586 meals

Your donations make a BIG difference to helping local people in crisis



Lichfield foodbank is run in partnership with local churches
Registered charity number: 1162359 / Registered in England & Wales



Christmas Fair News

Look for the Christmas Fair Newsletter which came home earlier this week! It includes important information about the Christmas Fair, Santa Grotto, and Book Exchange.

Santa Grotto sign up has begun! Bring your form (included in the Christmas Fair Newsletter) and payment to the office. Time slots are given away on a first come, first serve basis.

Non-Uniform Day

Tuesday 21 November

Donations for Christmas Fair
Nursery/Reception/Year 3/4 -
Sweets/Chocolate

Year 1/Year 5 - Bottles,
Year 2- Toiletries (Sealed),
Year 6 -Kids Tombola Gifts.

Thanks!



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CRAFTS
RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
HOT FOOD
REFRESHMENTS
SANTAS GROTTTO
POCKET MONEY GIFTS
PHOTOGRAPHY GIFTS
NEW AND TRADITIONAL GAMES
CHADSMEAD BOOK EXCHANGE
JOIN US 11 - 2PM
SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY
CHRISTMAS FAIR
ALL VERY WELCOME
HO HO HO

For tickets to Santa's Grotto or for info on how to be involved,
please contact us via the Chadsmead PTFA Facebook page.