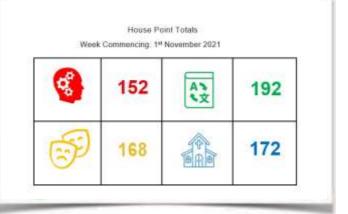


Newsletter Friday 12th November 2021





Message from Mrs Grainger

We are pleased to be able to offer an alternative Christmas Fair on Friday 3rd December for the children this year. Due to the continuing pandemic we won't be able to allow parents and carers into the school for the fair also due to the reduced spacing from the recent flood. However, we will still be offering the children the chance to bring in their money and take part in exciting games and activities throughout the school day, which we will tell you more about soon.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help in school on the day of the fair, if you are able to help please send a message on MyEd.

We will be having two **non-uniform days** in the run up to Christmas:

- Monday 22nd November donations of chocolate/sweets
- Monday 29th November donations of bottles (non-alcoholic!)

We are also in need of small toy donations for lucky dip prizes and to sell on a stall.

The Christmas Raffle is happening again soon – more information about this next week!

Thank you again for your continued support.

September 2022 Reception Intake

The application process for a reception place for September 2022 will open on 1st November 2021. The closing date is 15th January 2022. Please apply via Staffordshire County Council Admissions: <u>www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions</u>

Chadsmead's SEND Parent Support Group

Last week saw our first SEND Parent Support Group's meeting. We shared with parents our updated SEND section of the school website:

https://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk/web/send_detail s/348171

Here you can find our school's SEND local offer, more about SEND support at Chadsmead and links to other charities and support groups including SENDIASS, Aiming High and Staffordshire Connects.

Should any parents of children have any thoughts or feedback regarding SEND or what other information parents would find useful, please drop me a MyEd message at school.

A huge thank you to all those parents that attended, we hope to see more parents at our next meeting. Mrs Cadman

PTFA Christmas Quiz at Chadsmead

3rd December at 8pm £10 per team - 6 people max per team.

Bring your own drinks (alcohol permitted) and snacks and wear something

Christmassy. Payment with Team Name to the school office by 1st December please.





What has your child been learning about in class this week?

Years 1 & 2

It's been another busy week in KS1! Year 2 pupils have completed the phonic screening checks that would normally have been done in Year 1.

In English writing, we have been making changes to The Story of Pirate Tom, by creating and describing new characters and settings. In maths, Year 2 have been measuring length using centimetres with metre sticks and rulers. Year 1 have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

In theme, we have made rafts and looked at the different parts of a Pirate ship. In PE we have started learning Yoga positions, which has been very relaxing!

The children have brought in some fabulous creative homework that is displayed in the classrooms. Thank you for all your hard work.

This week, the children will bring home their spellings as usual and some English work in their homework books. Here are some photos of children taking part in and completing the 'Learning with Parents' maths activities.



Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have worked very hard this week. We have spent time explaining the different functions of the human digestive system. We have learned how to take notes and then from those notes use the key words to formulate our own sentences. We always learn grammar on a Monday so that we can use this when we write later in the week. This week we have studied 'causal conjunctions' as these are used when we write an explanation text. Ask the children to explain what words these could be!

We have also been looking into what constitutes a healthy diet and how we must balance the food groups we eat in a beneficial way.

Next week, we will be designing and cooking pizzas and also building a human digestive system! Please send in as much junk for this as you can - old tubes, pipes, balls, balloons, tights, teeth!!, etc.

Thank you for your help here.

Years 3 & 4 Children

For the art workshop next week, your child will need an apron or old shirt. Thank you.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week really got into our text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe,' we are reading the play script version so there is plenty of opportunity for the children to bring the book to life, for them to read aloud and even develop some drama skills. In writing, the children have been focusing on Narrative Writing working towards stories set in fantasy worlds. Maths has been addition and subtraction in Year 5 and a continuation of fractions in Year 6.

Our theme has seen us do a lot of Geography this week, exploring Alchemy Island and mapping our journey.

Can we say a big thank you to all of our children that completed their theme homework during the last holiday and the support given to them by their parents and carers, it is much appreciated.

Finally, we have started our virtual walk to Lapland this week, by the time that you read this we will probably be in France!

Staffordshire Early Help Strategy Consultation

In Staffordshire, we are committed to ensuring our families have access to the right support at the earliest opportunity. A Task and Finish Group has been established to refresh Staffordshire's "Early Help Strategy", and we want hear from families and young people to understand what is working well but also anything that could be improved.

https://consultation.staffordshire.gov.uk/childrens-andfamilies/early-help-strategy-survey

The survey will close on Friday 26 November 2021. Those who complete the survey can enter a free prize draw to be in with a chance of winning a £50.00 e-Voucher.

Dates for the Autumn Term 2021

Week beginning Monday 15 th November 2021	Arts Theme Week
Tuesday 16 th November 2021	Year 6 Music Share Concert – 7pm Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 30 th November 2021	Years R – 6 Peter Pan Pantomime Lichfield Garrick
Thursday 2 nd December 2021	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Friday 3 rd December 2021	Christmas Fair
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am/2pm
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.30am
Friday 17 th December 2021	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Christmas holiday



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