



Newsletter Thursday 1st April 2021



Message from Mrs Grainger

Happy Easter Everyone!

Here we are a year down the line since schools (and the world!) closed for Lockdown 1, and thankfully we are up and running, mostly intact and looking forward to a much brighter future.

This term in particular has definitely been a term with a difference and one which we won't forget! Whilst in some ways it has felt fairly short, due to only having all children back in school for the last four weeks, it has actually been a really long term for everyone.... the Christmas holidays certainly seem like a lifetime ago for all of us I'm sure!

Since returning to school on 8th March, it is clear how much we have all missed the vibrant buzz of our full, happy school community and it is just wonderful to have all our lovely children back with us once again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone – staff and parents - for all the hard work that has gone into supporting the children this term, not just academically but most importantly emotionally. We are so proud of our children, they have settled back into school life, are enjoying their friendships and approaching their learning with increasing resilience. Classrooms are full with smiles, joy, happiness and fun. It has been an amazing team effort, and you have all been incredible.

On behalf of everyone at Chadsmead I wish you all a Happy Easter, and fingers crossed that the lovely warm, sunny weather that we have been having recently continues! Stay safe and we'll see you all again next term.

Schools Meals at Chadsmead

We are proud to be able to offer our children a daily choice of a two course lunch with a drink. Every meal is cooked and served to the Department for Education's School Food Standards.

Since 2018 we have managed to hold the price of our school meals at £2.15, which was only a 15p increase in 8 years. Unfortunately, we cannot continue to offer our meals at this price and therefore from 19th April 2021, our meal price will increase to £2.25. We will still continue to offer an excellent choice of food for your child, cooked fresh on the premises.

INSET Days

As previously stated, we consider our training days to be of highest importance. We plan these days ahead for the whole year and use them for school improvement and training. Therefore, I wish to highlight the remaining INSET days and confirm school will be closed to pupils:

**Thursday 6th May 2021
Friday 18th June 2021**

Message from the PTFA

The PTFA would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. We hope the children enjoyed the school Easter Trail and their chocolate treat for completing it.



Easter Holiday Dates

School breaks up for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1st April at the end of the day and opens again for the Summer term on Monday 19th April 2021.

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

This week we really enjoyed our Easter hunt around school, it was great to see and wave to others around school that we don't usually get to see now we are in our bubbles! In English, we have been writing letters! We read a story about 'Saving Easter' when the Easter bunny wrote some letters to her friends to ask for help, so we wrote our own letters too.

Apple have had a great week in the computer room learning how to be digital writers! They have learnt how to make changes to text in a word document, making the font different colours, bold, italic and underlined. We hope you all enjoy the Easter break!

Years 3 & 4

Well, we have reached the end of another term! It has been so pleasing to see the children finish a term together and with a smile on their faces.

They have loved being outside in the beautiful weather and enjoyed PE even more this week. They have been practising tri-golf on the field which has made for a fun end to the Spring term.

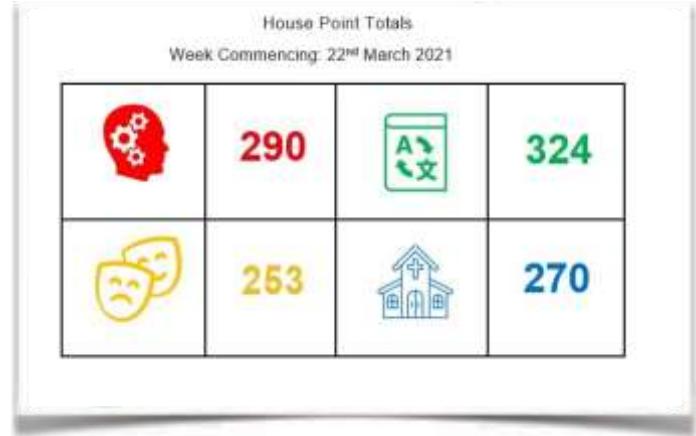
We have also been practising our art work during this week. The children have absolutely loved learning new techniques for shading in a sketch. They have practised applying these ways of shading to their drawings of different birds of prey to fit our last piece of work for the 'Predators' theme.

Maths has also been fun this week with children in Y3 learning all about time and the Year 4s have learnt about area after last week's perimeter.

Have a great holiday and see you after a restful break.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have competed their Hola Mexico theme and all wish we were off on a school trip to Mexico! We have learnt more about Mexican festivals and have made papel picado to decorate our rooms. We have thoroughly enjoyed our class text, 'Holes' and have watched the film so that we can compare it to the book. Our next theme is Darwin's Delights and children have been given their homework to complete over the Easter break. Happy Easter everyone!



Easter Holidays Track & Trace

FRIDAY 2 nd April	SATURDAY 3 rd April	SUNDAY 4 th April	MONDAY 5 th April	TUESDAY 6 th April	WEDNESDAY 7 th April	THURSDAY 8 th April
Continue to report Covid symptoms and testing outcomes to school using the MyEd app. Positive cases in this time frame could still lead to bubbles having to isolate. School will notify families via the MyEd app if children need to isolate.	Report cases to test and trace. Only report positive cases to school using the MyEd app, if the symptoms started before 4th April Positive cases in this time frame could still lead to bubbles having to isolate. School will notify families via the MyEd app if children need to isolate.					

FRIDAY 9 th April – SUNDAY 18 th April
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
Report cases to Test and Trace as it will not affect our bubbles.
Inform school, via the MyEd app, of either a positive case or self-isolation as the period affects the return to school.

#Doing Our Bit

RAPID TESTING SITES
WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

WALK-INS WELCOME

If you're in a support or childcare bubble, get a twice-weekly rapid COVID test so you know you're not going to infect your loved ones.

Even if you've had the COVID-19 vaccine there's still a chance that you could catch the virus and even pass it on to the people around you.

Walk in or book online: <https://staffordshire.zipporah.co.uk/TrackAndTrace/>

Community testing

We now have a network of Community Testing Centres across Staffordshire, making it easier than ever before to book a rapid Covid test and get a result in around 30 minutes. So, book online or just turn up.

These are open to everyone who lives or works in Staffordshire.

Test & Collect

Households, childcare bubbles and support bubbles of children or staff at nursery, school or colleges can now get tested at our Community Testing Centres and pick up kits (box of seven tests) to use at home. Results will need to be registered online.

Your Local Test centres offering Rapid Covid Tests and Test & Collect are:

Locations:

- Burntwood - St Johns Community Church, Chase Terrace Sunday, Monday & Tuesday 10am-4pm **CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS**
- Lichfield - Lichfield Football Club Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am - 4pm **CLOSED BANK HOLIDAYS**