



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Reminders: School starts at 8.50am, please do not be late.

8th December 2017

Letters: Year 1 & 2 staffing / After School Clubs / Year 5 Friary visit

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Early Years Christmas Nativity 9.30am	Year 5 to the Friary School - Christmas Activities	Christmas Dinner KS1 Christmas Play 9.30am	Year 6 to Red Carpet Cinema to see Wonder  Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Message from the Headteacher

The remaining days of school are very busy with Christmas performances, the children are working hard to fully prepare. I suspect you may have heard a few songs and lines at home already!

The first cold snap of the year is here. Please be aware that at times the ground, playground and surrounding footpaths can be very icy. Please do remind the children to take care coming to and leaving school. If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents (do make sure your contact details are up to date) and the county council website page for school closures will be updated.

Staffordshire County Council: <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx>

Thursday 14th December is Christmas Dinner which is always very popular. For this day we are allowing children to wear a Christmas jumper along with normal school uniform and shoes.

Friday 15th December is Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, all over the country, thousands of people will be wearing their daftest, most wonderful woollies – all for a great cause.

Everyone who joins in and gives a suggested donation of £2 to take part on 15th December will be making the world better with a sweater.

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



Christmas Activities at the Cathedral

Last Wednesday Mrs Taylor took Kayla, Oscar, Samuel, Jacob, Demi and Isla to the Cathedral to decorate our Christmas Tree. Mrs Eggington and Mrs Kulpa also came with us and were excellent, we are very grateful for their help.

The children really enjoyed making the decorations in school and then we had a lovely morning at the Cathedral.

As we were one of the very first groups to arrive, the children were able to choose which tree we had - they made a fabulous choice.

Please take the time to visit the trees in the Cathedral over the Christmas period, they really are a beautiful sight.

All children in school have also decorated a gold star. These will be hung in the Cathedral, take your child and see if they can spot theirs!

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

This week Reception have been getting ready for Christmas. The children have decorated the class Christmas trees, made toys in our Santa's workshop, mixed reindeer food, painted polar bears, made a play dough reindeer, used their cutting skills to make snowflake, designed their own wrapping paper and have written invitations to for our Nativity.

Year 1 & 2

All the children in Year 1 and 2 have all been very busy this week learning their lines and songs for our Christmas Play. We are looking forward to performing it to you on Thursday 14th December. All the costumes should be in School by now.

In English we have been learning to write letters and will finish this series of lessons by writing to Father Christmas, telling him what we would like for Christmas (obviously they have been very good children).

Year 1 children have been doubling numbers in Maths whilst Year 2 have been focusing on telling the time to o'clock, half past and quarter past the hour.

By the time you read this the children will have had an amazing experience watching Peter Pan at Derby Theatre.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 have enjoyed a more normal week after our assessments last week.

We have studied Viking artefacts as well as written our 'overcoming a monster story' and worked on perimeter and area in maths.

We have also enjoyed practising our songs for the Christmas Concert.

In Maths we have been working on shape, covering polygons and symmetry.

Year 4 trip to Wade Street Church

Year 4 had a fantastic morning at Wade Street Church.

They took part in a performance of the Christmas Story and then completed a number of activities on the same subject. The children were exceptionally well behaved, polite and a real credit to our school. Staff at the Church also commented on how well the children listened, and how they engaged in the activities with real enthusiasm.

Thank you to Mrs Elson who accompanied us on our visit, we really appreciate parental support.

Well done Year 4 and Merry Christmas!

Year 5

In Year 5 this week we have been planning and carrying out a science experiment to do with reversible and irreversible changes. The children had great fun observing the changes to the foods.

In T4W we have been continuing our work on the Californian Gold Rush – researching, note taking, planning and writing a non-chronological report.

We have been trying to grab opportunities to practice our song for the Christmas performance too. The children have done really well to learn the words to the song so quickly and it is sounding better every time we practice.

Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed their cycling this week, despite the cold weather! They have also worked extremely hard on their WW2 PPT presentation. We look forward next week to our visit to the cinema to see Wonder, the book we recently read, as well as preparing for our Christmas performance.

Competition Time!

Hidden somewhere in this week's Chronicle is a Christmas Reindeer, can you find it?

If you can, write where it is on a piece of paper with your name and drop it into the Office — you could win a free ticket to the next Disco!



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the
Poppy Appeal — we raised £240.61



Your latest Smart Alert

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) has identified a number of reports where job seekers are being targeted by fraudsters trying to obtain personal and banking details from them, or requesting money to secure accommodation.

Individuals registering with job seeking websites or searching for jobs on The Student Room website are being contacted by bogus recruitment companies/businesses asking them to complete application and interview forms which request personal details and banking details, as well as copies of identity documents.

In some instances the applicant is invited along for interview, either in person or over the phone, to make the process look as legitimate as possible. This is impacting on students and graduates looking for work both in the UK and overseas. Some job seekers, as well as divulging personal details, have paid money to the fraudsters in order to secure a bogus rental property alongside the job offer.

How to protect yourself:

- Check emails and documents from the recruiter for poor spelling and grammar – this is often a sign that fraudsters are at work.
- If visa fees are mentioned, ask the embassy representing the country where you believe you will be working how to obtain a visa and how much it costs. Check that the answers the potential employer or recruiter gave you are the same – if they're not, it may be a sign of fraud.
- Carry out thorough research to confirm that the organisation offering you the job actually exists. If it does exist, contact the organisation directly using contact details obtained through your own research or their website to confirm the job offer is genuine.

If you you're a victim of this fraud, contact your bank **immediately** and report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Stop all contact with the 'agency' but keep a note of their details. Warn the operators of the job website that their site is being used by fraudsters.

If you need to reply regarding this message, click on this email address: nw@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

Regards,

Paula James

*Community Engagement Officer
School Watch*

Goodrow Christmas Show

Alan Rowe (Zephany's dad) and local actor Stuart Goodwin formed Goodrow Productions in 2014 as an inter-generational platform for kids, their parents and their grandparents to act and sing together. This Christmas they have produced a musical and theatre extravaganza to kick-start the festivities. The cast of 16 includes 5 adults and 11 children aged 10 – 17 (of which Zephany is the youngest).

The Goodrow Xmas show is a game of two halves; The first half features original songs from their recent show "Hamelin - The Musical" and also from their upcoming "The Legend of Dinosaur George Muldoon". In the second half they will present a much beloved Goodrow classic "A Christmas Carol" by Dickens.

Again they will be supporting local charity
The Stan Bowley Trust

Sutton Arts Theatre - Thursday 21st December 7pm

Whittington Village Hall - Saturday 23rd December 7pm

Tickets (£10 adults, £8 concessions) available from www.goodrowproductions.co.uk and from Deborah Rowe (Zephany Rowe's mum)

Message from the Governing Body

Since last writing, I have visited most year groups to chat to the children and staff. I have been delighted and impressed by all of the children I have met (you should be proud of them) and the commitment and hard work from the staff. I wanted to let you know that I found an exciting and stimulating atmosphere across the school and will continue to visit. Thank you to everyone who made me feel welcomed and shared their work.

All Governors have attended training and focussed on their areas of responsibility to ensure that they are challenging the school to perform at its very best.

Myself and all Governors are looking forward to attending some of the forthcoming festive productions and we wish everyone a happy and wonderful Christmas.

Best wishes

Iona Chisholm Chair of LGB

App of the week

Pic Collage



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.

Uniform Reminders

Hair

Hair for girls and boys which is longer than shoulder length **MUST** be tied back with a small / discrete hair bobble. Large bows, flowers, and hair bobbles are **NOT** part of our school uniform and if worn to school, children may be asked to remove them. Headbands and slides are allowed to be worn however again they must be discrete.

Trainers

School uniform does not include trainers for girls or boys. Please ensure that your child wears plain, smart school shoes.