



## Newsletter Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022



### House Point Totals

Week Commencing: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

	<b>248</b>		<b>170</b>
	<b>161</b>		<b>148</b>

### Message from Mrs Grainger

The month of May is always really busy in school, mainly due to the statutory national tests that take place. This week is SATs week for our Year 6 pupils. During the month of May, our Year 2 pupils will also be undertaking a range of assessments planned and delivered by their teachers. These will contribute towards their final Key Stage 1 assessments. Parents and carers, please help your children not to worry about the tests; as long as they do their best, that is all we can ask. Also please do everything that you can to make sure your children attend school and are punctual each day.

We have finalised our plans for the Jubilee celebration. You should have received a letter during the week, it's also available on our website:

[https://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk/web/letters\\_home\\_2021\\_-\\_2022/569961](https://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk/web/letters_home_2021_-_2022/569961). Do please keep this date free: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022, for a wonderful Jubilee outside performance (weather dependent).

### A Message for Year 6 Children

I would like to say a huge well done to the children who have applied themselves to doing their very best. We know how hard you have worked.

These tests do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. They will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything. There are many ways of being smart. You are smart! There is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

### Uniform Donations

We are in need of pre-loved uniform if you have any spare at home – we especially need:

24", 26", 28" 32" cardigans and 26", 34" jumpers.

Thank you.

### Chadsmead Quiz Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

PTFA are hosting another fantastic quiz – will you be the new Chadsmead Quiz Champions? £10 per team, team names to the school office by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### Chadsmead's Got Talent

The closing date for Chadsmead's Got Talent entries is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – we cannot accept entries after this date as auditions will be taking place.

### School Meals

Please note there is a 5p increase in school meals from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 – the new cost will be £2.30 Please could you log on to your ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding dinner money debts. Thank you.

### INSET DAY

School is closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

# Curriculum

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

## Years 1 & 2

Years 1 and 2 have been busy this week and last, planting different types of seeds and in different conditions to predict and find out which seeds will grow best. Year 1 have been learning about counting in 1s and 10s to 100. In writing, both Year 1 and Year 2 have been writing explanation texts to tell others the stages of a sunflower. Year 2 have been completing their KS1 SATs assessments in Reading, Grammar and Maths. The children have worked extremely hard. All children have been able to have a go at all the assessments.

A few reminders have been sent out by MyEd this week, to remind parents about PE days and sending in reading books, spelling homework books and purple homework books. Please make sure your child is prepared for school as they sometimes get quite distressed when they are not prepared with the correct resources.

**TAMWORTH CASTLE TRIP** - a letter was sent home regarding the trip to Tamworth castle in July, which allows plenty of time for payment. We haven't been able to go on school trips for so long, so this will be a very exciting time for us. Please make payments via ParentPay.

## Years 3 & 4

We have enjoyed our new PE unit this week in Years 3 & 4. The children have been learning Orienteering and shown real enthusiasm in this subject.

As we have just started this, we have learned firstly that using a map, communicating clearly and thinking carefully about decisions we make affect how we complete a task. Teamwork is obviously so important and this is a focus for the children over the summer term as we make the tasks more complicated and use the school grounds more fully.

In writing, reading and science we have begun Blue Abyss which has begun positively with the children being keen to learn about the Great Barrier Reef.

We shall learn to write persuasively and also write a narrative about dilemmas.

It has also been lovely to get the children swimming again after a 2 week break!

## Years 5 & 6

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Year 6 children on completing their SATs, we are extremely proud of them, the majority of them have shown an excellent attitude towards their learning and have tried their very, very best, which is all anyone can ever ask of them.

Secondly, Year 5 have had a disrupted week due to the Year 6 SATs and they too have applied themselves pleasingly and so a well done to them too.

All children have continued to read and developed their understanding of our class text Friend or Foe. Year 5 have been writing informal letters from the point of view of an evacuee and converting measures in maths. In theme we have also looked at evacuees and used a range of sources to find out about Pearl Harbour, the knowledge our classes now have of WW2 is really pleasing.

We are looking forward to next Wednesday when we will be experiencing our WW2 workshop. Please can children have a waterproof coat that day, whatever the weather as there is potential for them to get slightly wet! We've been asked a few times if the children are dressing up - no, normal school uniform is required.

## Water Bottles

We all know the importance of keeping ourselves well hydrated throughout the day – it keeps us healthy and allows our brains to function well. We would like all children to bring in a water bottle from home each day filled with water. To keep children's teeth healthy, our school policy is for children to drink water only from their bottles during lesson times.

## Year 5 Entrance to Grammar School Tests

Registration is now open for parents/carers of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Year 7 in September 2023.

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below. The closing date for registering is 4pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The test will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

<https://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org/apply-onlineapp.php>

## September 2022 Paperwork

Collection arrangement and data collection forms have been sent home with children this week. Please can you return these forms to school once you have completed them. Thank you.

**Dates for the Summer Term 2022**

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Platinum Jubilee Day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half Term Break
w.c. Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 1 Phonics Screening
w.c. Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Chadsmead's Got Talent 6.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2022	New to Reception Parent's Meeting 5pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Closed – Inset Day
w.c. 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Creative Arts Week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	New to Year 1 Parent's Meeting 5pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	New to Year 3 Parent's Meeting 5pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Year 6 High School Transition Days
w.c. Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Sports Week
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	School Reports sent home to parents/carers
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Meet the New Teacher 5-6pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last Day of Term