



Newsletter Friday 18th March 2022



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 7th March 2022

	418		395
	429		390

Message from Mrs Grainger

It's been a busy week in school for buildings and maintenance. The Reception classroom has been emptied and is undergoing a decoration and the repair work to green wing and library has, at last, begun after the flood. Please bear with us during this time. KS2 children have limited access to the library and so book changes may be delayed during the works. All staff and children have to walk around the outside of the school as the areas of work have been sectioned off completely – please make sure your child wears a coat, ideally with a hood. However, it will look wonderful when it's completed.

I hope you have been looking at the photos on the website of the fabulous time Year 6 are having at Whitemoor Lakes, despite the torrential rain on Wednesday! I visited yesterday and all the children were bursting to tell me of the activities they had taken part in and how proud of themselves they were, at taking on their personal challenges. It was so heartening to see them, and it reinforces both the understanding of the difficult time we have had during the pandemic and what a valuable experience this week brings. It really does release the potential for all and develops physical and mental capacities.



Message from the Chair of the SSC

On Friday 4th March, the Governors had the pleasure of visiting the school as part of their annual (apart from Covid) Governor's day.

It was fantastic to speak with the staff and children, to watch lessons and join in the assembly, to understand the children's achievement not only in but also out of the school. These visits to view all the school's hard work in action is what makes being a Governor worthwhile. On behalf of the SSC, I would like to thank all the children and staff who took time out of their day to meet with us all.

I would also like to use this opportunity to say thank you to two departing Governors, Neil Kirkwood and Jo Owens, whose contribution to Governance at Chadsmead is appreciated.

This of course means that there are vacancies on the SSC, which will be advertised soon. If you are interested in becoming a Governor or would like to know more, please contact myself and/or the school office.

Scooters & Bikes

We encourage children to ride bikes and scooters to school. When children arrive at the school gates they must dismount and walk their bike or scooter along through the pedestrian gate to the cycle racks. Children are not allowed to scoot or ride around the grounds at the beginning or end of the day.



Years 1 & 2

We have been sorting and classifying mini-beasts in science and revisiting the life processes to identify why something is alive, dead or has never been alive. We used the acronym 'MRS GREN' to help us decide if things are alive or not.

Ask your child to explain the terms BC/AD and the alternative BCE/CE...

Year 5 this week have experienced an extended arts week focusing on the artist, illustrator and writer Peter Thorpe. They have learnt about his style of art work and learnt how to merge and mix chalk pastels to create three-dimensional effects on spheres as well as experimenting with different paint techniques to create backgrounds, middle grounds and foregrounds in their art work. Children have enjoyed making their own artistic choices and will be putting together a virtual gallery for everyone to see.

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their week at Whitemoor Lakes. We have tackled many activities enabling the children to display teamwork, resilience, bravery, collective support, ambition etc. everyone has tried their hardest and have pushed themselves as far as they can. All children are both eating and sleeping well. They have organised themselves pleasingly and have received many compliments for their behaviour, manners, and attitude to learning from Whitemoor Lakes staff. We are very proud of them.



Please keep an eye out for our designs and gardens and let us know what you think!



Dates for the Spring & Summer Terms 2022

Thursday 7 th April 2022	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Easter holidays – back to school Monday 25 th April 2022
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
3 rd – 13 th May 2022	KS1 SATS
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Polling Day – School closed
9 th – 12 th May 2022	KS2 SATS
Tuesday 17 th May 2022	KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am
Friday 27 th May 2022	Platinum Jubilee Day
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022	Halt Term Break
w.c. Monday 6 th June 2022	Year 1 Phonics Screening
w.c. Monday 6 th June 2022	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 16 th June 2022	Chadsmead's Got Talent 6.30pm
Friday 24 th June 2022	School Closed – Inset Day
Tuesday 28 th & Wednesday 29 th June 2022	Year 6 High School Transition Days
w.c. 27 th June 2022	Creative Arts Week
w.c. Monday 4 th July 2022	Sports Week
Friday 8 th July 2022	School Reports sent home to parents/carers
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Meet the New Teacher 5-6pm
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last Day of Term