



Newsletter Friday 26th March 2021



Message from Mrs Grainger

It seems hard to believe that we are into the final week of a very long and difficult term for everybody. The extremely challenging times in early January have certainly moved forward, and we're starting to enjoy some Spring weather which lifts everyone's spirit.

The children in school continue to take things in their stride and I think that you can all be very proud of your children for adapting and responding so well. Thank you to all those parents and carers who continue to wear a mask when coming on to the school grounds. This is to protect yourselves and to protect others. Thank you.

Finally, I want to remind you that the school has a responsibility to continue to track and trace any cases of COVID-19 over the Easter break. Please be aware that any test results should be reported through the MyEd app or office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk e-mail address. Please refer to the table overleaf that explains what to do.

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 1st June 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.

Children entitled to Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals (Reception, Years 1 and 2 children) will not be affected by this change.

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply at:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/> of come into the Office and we can do this for you.



Zoe Ball's Good Day Sunshine

Thank you to Mrs Chisholm for contacting Radio 2 and for the mention of Chadsmead Primary and our community during the Good Day Sunshine slot ☺

Social Media

Please can parents and carers monitor their child's use of social media. It has been brought to our attention that occasionally 'not nice' messages have been sent. We would also like to remind everyone that there are minimum ages suggested for use of such sites.



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

Reception in Need

Reception would really appreciate it if you could have a look to see if you have any spare nuts and bolts, metal tap washers, pots and pans, baking trays, different size spoons or scoops. Any donations would be very much appreciated.



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

Years 1 & 2

This week it was Elm's turn in the computer room! This is the first time we have used the computer room this year and Miss Hathaway was really impressed with how quickly the children learnt to log on and shut down the computers. We became digital writers, learning how to type and use tools such as bold, italic and underline. Cherry class have been developing their art skills, using acrylic paint and rollers to create prints on animal outlines. Apple class have been exploring habitats and how animals and plants depend on each other.

In English, we have been exploring reports and we are now at our invention stage! During this week we use all that we have learnt about features of reports such as titles, subtitles, questions and interesting facts to then write our own animal reports.

Years 3 & 4

The children have worked extremely hard this week in all subjects. We have been learning how to write a non-chronological report which has allowed us to write about the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning.

It has been lovely seeing the children's attitude to learning as they have discovered more and more about this famous person's life. The last time children learned about Mary Anning was in Year 1 and 2 but as part of our curriculum we expand and explore this knowledge further. Their reports show us a lot more detail about how Mary Anning contributed to the world of Palaeontology. The children are getting really good at using key vocabulary to explain their theme work. This is something we give emphasis to right across the curriculum.

In science this week, we looked at the function of muscles. You might want to ask the children if they know what the largest muscle in your body is called...

Years 5 & 6

We have continued with our theme 'Hola Mexico' this week by focusing on History. We have compared the Mayan Civilisation with the Anglo-Saxons and looked at such things as: Where they were; when they existed; how their societies were run; gods they believed in; houses; food; architecture and their dissolution.

We are getting close to finishing our class text 'Holes' and the children are keen to see how it ends.

In writing, we have looked at instructions and have written instructions for making 'Papel Picado' (Colourful paper decorations used during 'The Day of the Dead').

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 |
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| 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 4 th 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. | | | | |

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| 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. |

Easter Wild Science Talks

Tickets for the Easter Wild Science talks with the Welsh Mountain Zoo are available from Eventbrite, the sessions are 30 minutes in duration and are aimed at children aged 6 to GCSE Science, a small donation can be made.



Action for Children

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Down to earth parenting advice you can trust. Browse our articles or talk one-to-one with a qualified parenting coach about anything worrying you. It's all free and no topic is too big, small or embarrassing.



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.