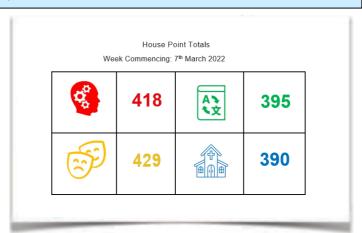
Newsletter Friday 25th March 2022





Message from Mrs Grainger

We are continuing to see challenges with attendance in school. Even without the COVID-related absences, attendance is below 'normal' for this time of year. We are seeing a number of children with regular absences from school, and many parents not communicating the reasons for absence to the office.

For safeguarding reasons, we ask that absences in all year groups are reported to school. If we don't receive a message regarding your child's absence, it will be recorded as Unauthorised. When reporting absences please always leave your child's name, class and brief details of symptoms. Please ensure that you report the reasons for any absence to school via the MyEd app or 01543 421850. It is worth considering these points:

- The Government expects all children to attend school at least 95% of the time.
- A child who has attendance below 90% is considered persistently absent (19 days absent over the year).
- Low attendance can significantly affect a child's progress and ability to reach their academic potential.
- Regular absence from school can also have a significant negative impact on children's social interactions and friendships.

Thank you to those of you who do ensure that your children have good attendance and follow the reporting systems that we have in place.

The need for remote learning packs has significantly reduced since the end of asymptomatic testing and required isolation. We will not be providing remote learning on our website as of 04.4.22. If, however, your child is at home with COVID and despite having symptoms would still like to complete the work you can contact school via MYED and request a pack.

Governor Vacancies

Do you have some spare time? Would you like to support the school in its continued development? If so, why not think about become a governor.

Chadsmead currently has vacancies for 2 governors; parent and community, which we are looking to fill.

If you are interested, please look at the advertisement on the school's website under the Community tab/Vacancies or contact the school who would be happy to arrange a meeting with other Governors for you to find out more.

School Meals

Please note there is a 5p increase in school meals from 1st June 2022 – the new cost will be £2.30

Gardening Club Update

The Gardening Club has created its first "Jubilee" inspired garden by planting red, white and blue primroses in the existing bee garden. Next to appear will be a royal wildflower mix which will bloom once the primroses have gone. It not only looks great but will support the bees throughout the spring and summer.





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

Years 1 & 2

Years 1 & 2 have had another fabulous week this week! The beautiful sunshine has certainly helped. In our theme work we have been able to spend time outside in our school forest area searching for minibeasts in their natural microhabitats.



In our English work we have continued on our writing journey,

retelling the story of 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell'. The children have written some great versions themselves.

In maths, Year 2 children have been working with data, reading and interpreting information using, pictograms, block diagrams and tally charts and table. Year 1 have been starting on their multiplication journey by counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and representing those numbers using different practical equipment.

Years 3 & 4

It has been a busy week as usual in Years 3 & 4.

We have completed our assessments which we have done over the last 2 weeks. In writing this week, we have written in a new genre, playscripts. We have taken our Roman play and continued the theme by writing about the 'Death of the Emperor'. The children decided they wanted to write a playscript about the emperor being assassinated during a feast. Understanding this genre of writing is difficult and everyone has responded really well by including: cast list, scene setting, stage directions, characters with dialogue. We are really looking forward to next Wednesday when you are invited into school to see the original play performed by Years 3 & 4.

Also this week we were visited by CAT leaders to see how we are doing and the children's behaviour was amazing. We are proud of their friendliness, manners and positivity!

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have returned to normality this week following Arts Week and Whitemoor Lakes week.

In reading we have continued to read Jaymie Drakes Equation, whilst in writing we have completed our science fiction story. Theme has been science based, we have looked at the Planets, the Sun, the Moon and we have carried out an investigation related to gravity, mass and crater size.

Year 5 have been practicing for their Easter services using poetry. Computing for all has involved improving the game of Pong in Scratch.

Again, we would like to congratulate Years 5 & 6 about their attitude to learning, which is very pleasing.

Easter Raffle

Ticket are now on sale in each classroom for our Easter Raffle – tickets are £1 each and the grand draw will be in assembly on Thursday 7th April.





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