



Reminders: Book Parents' Evening slots

2nd March 2018

Letters: After School Sports Clubs for the Summer Term

| What's on next week ... | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Year 6 Parents Evening | Parents Evening | Parents Evening (not Year 6) | Year 5 Swimming | After School Club letters due in |

Message from Mrs Grainger

Welcome back.

Hope you had a restful half term. This half term is a short one, being only 5 weeks, but we have lots of learning to cram in. Despite the weather we enjoyed World Book Day. Thank you for the effort that you put into the costumes – we enjoyed a parade in the morning and some pictures are included in the newsletter.

First Day Contact - There have been a number of high profile cases in the media recently where parents/carers sadly died in various circumstances, whilst being the only parent/carer present with the child/children. This resulted in the children being left in a home with their dead parent. In one instance a small child is believed, sadly, to have slowly starved to death. Although they are somewhat extreme cases – these events do happen. A change in the law is now being proposed to tighten up on emergency contact numbers. It does emphasise the need to have at least 3 emergency contact numbers provided to school, which are current and working. Parents on occasions can become very upset and agitated when we point out numbers given are out of order or are not working, Some parents can perceive that we are being “nosey” or “intruding” when what we are doing is safeguarding children. Please make sure that phone numbers are provided to school, which are working. It allows us to keep your children safe. We rely entirely on the contact information you give us being current and if it is not up to date this can lead to difficult circumstances in an emergency.

Thank you.

Gemma Grainger
Headteacher

School Closures

If we are going to close school for any reason, we will text parents/carers and put the information on the website.

Please do not telephone in to school.

If your child is going to be absent, please report this using the text message number of **07756 921747** thank you.

New Milk and Fruit/Snack Arrangements

Early Years

Early Years children, in classes Acorn and Willow, are all entitled to free milk each day; there is no form to complete.

Every day your child will also have free fruit from the School Fruit Scheme and Reception age children are entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal.

Key Stage 1

Parents/Carers of Key Stage 1 children, in classes Cherry, Apple and Elm can pay to have milk each day. The cost is £1 per week. To book this for your child a form must be collected from the Office and once it is returned complete, milk will be available for your child from the following Monday. The charge will be on Parentpay once the form is returned. Milk will not be available unless it is booked and paid for.

Every day your child will have free fruit from the School Fruit Scheme and is entitled to a Universal Infant Free

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

This week we started our new theme, 'Why do ladybirds have spots?' We shared our current knowledge of minibeasts and began to think about things we would like to find out such as 'how do caterpillars turn into butterflies?'

Our new story is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we have explored activities related to this such as playdough caterpillars, painted symmetrical butterflies, patterned caterpillars and loose parts caterpillars. We have used magnifying glasses to explore the minibeasts closely and looked at photographs of them in non-fiction books.

Year 1 & 2



In Year 1 and 2 we were joined by the Animal Man as part of our WOW starter for our new Topic Wiggle and Crawl. The children really enjoyed seeing the different animals with all the children handling the animals. Year 1 and 2 were as always a credit to Chadsmead with their fantastic behaviour. We have also been amazed by the wonderful homework which is now on display in our classrooms and would like to say a big thank you! In English the children have been working on writing and performing their own poetry inspired by The Bug Chant by Tony Mitton. In Maths the children have focused in Year 1 on measurement and halving numbers. In Year 2 the children have been working on missing numbers in addition and subtraction. The children have also created observational drawings of animals and have created their own mini beasts using pebbles or finger paints.

PLEASE CAN ALL KS1 CHILDREN COMPLETE ANY GIVEN HOMEWORK BY TUESDAY SO THAT IT CAN BE MARKED.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 loved returning to school this week to launch our exciting new topic - Potions.

We had a wow start with all the children (and staff!) dressed as mad scientists. The first day back was spent making potions, writing instructions and carrying out an experiment.

Everyone seemed to have fun and learn lots!

We have also been doing some challenging maths work as well as dressing up again as a Book character for World Book Day.

Next week we shall send a letter home regarding a sponsored read (whole school) and a Book Fair.

Year 5

Our writing and theme lessons this week have all been based on our new theme – Pharaohs! The children have been learning about Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses and about the process of mummification. There were some pretty gruesome facts and figures but the children have been interested in learning about the process and have written some excellent instructional texts for mummification based on what they learned.

In maths lessons children this week the children have been learning more about measuring capacity and time this week.

Once again the children have blown us away with their Ancient Egypt project homework. Mrs Bishop and Mrs Turner would like to thank you for your support with these projects and would like to praise the children for such excellent, imaginative work. We look forward to you seeing this work displayed at next week's parents' evenings.

Year 6

Year 6 have returned to school full of enthusiasm and have already begun their new theme of Darwin's Delight by doing some work about Charles Darwin.

Many of their costumes were amazing for World Book Day, thank you for all of your efforts, we had a very hard working but enjoyable day.

We would like to commend the children on their attitude to learning, especially during this snowy period, as it would have been very easy to allow themselves to be distracted by the blizzards outside!

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All the children at
Chadsmead had a great
day celebrating World
Book Day with some
fabulous costumes!



