



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Reminders: R-Y5 Return Immunisation Letter, 25th & 26th October INSET Days

5th October 2018

Letters: Parents Evening, Year 5 Library Visit

What's on next week ...				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Woodwind Lessons Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm Science Club 3.20-4.20pm Y3/4 Football club 3.20-4.20pm	Choir 8.20am—8.50am Year 5 Trip to Lichfield Library Singing Lessons Guitar Lessons Y1/2 Invasion Games 3.20-4.20pm	Year 5 Trip to Lichfield Library Keyboard Lessons Violin Lessons	Year 6 Bikeability Reception to St Chads Church Drum Lessons Year 4 Swimming Y1/2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament Chase Terrace 3.30—5.15pm	Year 6 Bikeability KS2 Netball 3.20-4.20pm

Message from Mrs Grainger

Thank you so much for supporting 'Winner Winner Turkey Dinner' day. 70% of the school took part, with a wonderful 84% of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. The event was a great success, and PCSO Elaine Ford, who spent lunchtime in the dinner hall with the children, was captivated by the enthusiasm the children showed. Thank you to the children for making her feel very welcome.

Our house system has been operating for four weeks. Year 6 children were given the opportunity to be a house captain, delightfully, many children put themselves forward for the role. They prepared speeches to convince the rest of the house that they are the best person for the job. At the end of the speeches all children voted for the person they wanted as their captain. I am pleased to announce the following:



Garrick House Captains: Hector & Isabella
 Johnson House Captains: Phoenix & Sophie
 St Chad House Captains: Calum & Molly
 Darwin House Captains: Zephan & Elle

I look forward to seeing how our house captains grow into the new role of responsibility in school.

Gemma Grainger
 Headteacher

House point totals			
Week Commencing: 24 th September 2018			
 Darwin	901	 Johnson	1047
 Garrick	813	 St Chad	925

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

Early Years have had another fantastic week.

We have been learning all about Autumn and the changes we will see, the children have even made their own Autumn Tree! We have been completing lots of exciting activities such as making a shape scarecrow, mark making in custard, cutting jelly, making split pin scarecrows, designing and labelling a scarecrow, conker counting and making patterns using Autumn objects.

Years 1 & 2

The children in key stage 1 have been learning all about reports this week. We have learned about the moon landing and the astronauts that landed on the moon. In maths we have been adding and subtracting using 1 and 2-digit numbers. In theme we have learned the names and order of the planets in our solar system.

Years 3 & 4

Year 3/4 have had a creative time this week in theme lessons. We have enjoyed making an embossed design of the Iron Man's head!

We shall display our work for you to see at parents' evening in a couple of weeks.

Iron Man is the main character from the book we are reading in our guided reading lessons and the children seem to be thoroughly enjoying this classic literature. We regularly practise answering literal and inference style questions from the text. Any time you hear your child read it would be really helpful to ask them a question on the text where they have to 'put 2 and 2 together' to get their answer.

We have attached a note to the children's blue times tables books explaining about learning a times table per week. Thanks for your help with this.

Years 5 & 6

Year 5/6 have worked hard this week and have enjoyed exploring similarities and differences between themselves and their parents whilst learning about inheritance.

Homework was given out last week and we were really pleased that almost everyone completed it to a good standard, thank you for your support with this. Please could we ask parents to sign their child's book to ensure they have seen what is required.

Please also ensure that all children have the correct equipment in school each day. Most children now have their pen licenses so need blue handwriting pens in their pencil cases (available at the office), no ballpoint pens please.

We look forward to Bikeability with all Year 6 next Thursday/Friday. Please ensure all bikes are checked and in good working order ready for then.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Week Commencing: 24th September 2018

Whole School: 96%

Year Group:	Percentage Attendance:
Reception	97%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	98%



Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 are due to start Secondary School in September 2019. The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2018.

Please ensure that your secondary applications are processed in good time. Do not leave it until the deadline day at the end of October to process your application.



IMMUNISATIONS

Reception—Year 5

Please return any paperwork, the immunisations are currently booked in for WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money. Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. **The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives for PUPIL PREMIUM.** For more information, please visit: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-Online.aspx>

App of the week



Sandbox app
Colouring by numbers

Please note that although we check the suitability of applications, they can be changed without notice.

Parents should therefore check the Application

BEFORE children go on to them.

My child already gets free school meals as they are in Key stage 1, so I don't need to apply to see if I need them!

This is a common misunderstanding. All children in key stage 1 are currently able to have free school meals. However, school can't obtain additional funding unless you register your details on the Staffordshire website. If you meet the criteria below and register, school can obtain further funding to support your child.

If you are unsure or haven't done so, especially if you child is in Key stage 1, then please log into the website and complete your details so see if you qualify. <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

Did you know that school may be eligible to obtain funding if we know that your child is adopted from care?

If your child was looked after by an English or Welsh local authority immediately before being adopted, or if they left the local authority care on a special guardianship order or child care arrangement order (previously known as a residence order), then school may be able to obtain additional funding from the Government.

If this applies to your child, please contact the office, who will of course maintain confidentiality and with your permission add these details to our electronic database so that additional funding can be obtained.

If your child is currently fostered by you and is a Looked After Child, then the school already received additional funding through their Virtual School Headteacher as part of the child's personal education plan.

Did you know that school may be eligible to obtain funding if we know that you are a service personnel with the army, air force or navy

If you work for the army, air force or navy and you are not sure if school has this on your child's record, then please contact the school office, who will be able to clarify what is recorded. This may allow school at a later date obtain additional funding to support your child.

Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT) is launching a new way for young people in Staffordshire to get advice and support about health related issues.

Launched on 21 September 2018 ChatHealth is an award-winning messaging service for young people aged 11-19 years, available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm (automatic bounce-backs respond to incoming messages out of hours).

Messages sent to the dedicated number are delivered to a secure website, and responded to by trained professionals from MPFT's Families' Health and Wellbeing Service (0-19), including School Nurses.

Young people messaging the service will be able to receive advice and signposting on a wide array of subjects including bullying, health, drugs, self-esteem, relationships and sexual health.

A secure "app" will also be introduced next year, enabling young people to speak with a healthcare professional by instant messages on smartphones after logging-in with a username and password.

The aim is to further improve access to healthcare for young people and to continue improving the quality and safety of the service.

ChatHealth is also being utilised by the service to offer advice for parents, using a separate number, offering guidance and signposting on issues including weaning, behaviour, developmental concerns and concerns regarding their child's weight or emotional wellbeing.

From 21 September young people can text 07520 615721. For parents the number to text is 07520 615722

Whilst the Year 6 children were at Whitemoor lakes, Year 5 children undertook an theme focused week based on their theme of I.D. The children put on a fashion show for parents and carers, read their poetry from their writing lessons and sang together as a team. They thoroughly enjoyed their week.

