



Newsletter Friday 29th April 2022



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 4th April 2022

	165		152
	156		167

Message from Mrs Grainger

Hello and a warm welcome back to school for the Summer Term. I hope that you had an enjoyable break and were able to enjoy some family time and some exciting days out.

Mr Budge's class came back to the welcome surprise of very nearly finished classrooms. The walls have been painted, the floors have been laid and the furniture delivered. They have promptly moved back to Sycamore this week, and the excitement was stratospheric. A special mention goes to Mr Budge who has organised his stock cupboard for the first time in 26 years! The reception classroom is also nearly ready for the children to use – just waiting on some furniture delivery.

The Summer Term is always busy, and we are scheduling a range of events as we return to normality. However, this does have to be balanced with our most important job, which is teaching and learning and making sure that our children make good progress. When visiting all our classes I saw a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school. Children were working hard and enjoying seeing their friends again.

Finally, today we say goodbye to Miss Lemm. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to school. I am sure she will enjoy spending more time with her young family.

TikTok

We have been made aware of a TikTok account using the school name and logo. This account does not belong to school. Please check your child's TikTok account and ensure they unfollow the account and do not let the account follow them.



Parking in and around school

Parking is **not permitted** within the school car parks. We do allow parents who are Blue Disability Badge holders for either themselves or their child to park for a short period at the beginning and end of the day to collect their children. Please inform the office if you require this space.

School Meals

Please note there is a 5p increase in school meals from 1st June 2022 – the new cost will be £2.30
Please could you log on to your ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding dinner money debts. Thank you.

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

School is closed on Monday 2nd May and also for an INSET day on Thursday 5th May.

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

In KS1 we have started our new theme 'The Scented Garden'. We have already been out on a plant hunt, looking for common plants around our school grounds. We have also started an investigation to identify what plants need to grow healthy. We will observe our investigation over the half term.

In our English writing, we have started to learn about explanation texts. We will be writing our own explanations over the next few weeks.

In our maths work, Year 1 have started learning about fractions. They have been learning about halves of shapes and identifying equal and unequal parts. Year 2 have begun adding and subtracting to and from 2-digit numbers.

Thank you to everyone who have sent in some creative homework to share. If you have been planting at home, please take photographs and send them into school via MyEd for us to share in class.

PE REMINDER - PE is on Mondays and Thursdays. Now the weather is improving we will spend more time outside, so please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear. Please do not allow your child to wear earrings on PE days, or cover them with plasters if they cannot be taken out.

PLEASE LEAVE ALL TOYS AT THE ENTRANCE AND NOT IN SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

Years 3 & 4

It has been nice to see the children return to school this week after their Easter break. They have been keen to get on with their learning and have shown a great attitude. We have enjoyed learning all about Queen Boudicca this week and what exactly happened as she led a rebellion against the Romans. Firstly, we took notes as we learned and then we wrote an information report. Maths has been interesting this week with the children in Year 3 working on fractions and the children in Year 4 working on decimals. Both topics are obviously linked and can prove quite challenging. To end the week we have designed, made and evaluated a Roman Mosaic. This has seen some really creative work with some excellent end results.

Finally, Year 4 have moved back to Sycamore classroom after the Great Flood of October 2021! The children have loved returning to their classroom and are excited to be in such a smart, new room!

Years 5 & 6

Welcome back to Years 5 & 6, we are pleased to say that the majority of pupils have come back well motivated and obviously enthused to learn more about WW2. We have already received some excellent homework.

This week we have begun our new class text titled 'Friend or Foe', written by Michael Morpurgo. In maths, Year 6 have looked at their homework and tried to solve any difficulties encountered, in preparation for their upcoming SATs. Year 5 have focused on time and converting between seconds, minutes, hours etc, as well as solving time related word problems.

In Year 6 writing, we have revised objectives from within our VGPS curriculum. In Year 5 writing, we have looked at features used in some war poems and then performed these poems as a group.

Our theme has started with us looking at the causes of WW2, significant figures involved and a timeline of significant events. We have then looked at rationing and tried to devise a weekly food plan taking account of availability and cost.

Iguana Art Club

The next four-week Art club is now available to book:

<https://www.iguanaart.co.uk/product-page/term-2-after-school-art-club-chadsmead-primary>

Over the next 4 weeks' art classes we will be completing the fun Dean Russo inspired dogs using carbon paper and handmade paper techniques and creating some stencil patterns over the top.

We will also try out some new material when we try clay and make some interesting tiles inspired by "Hilke Macintyre". We will look at Pia Rüssel art and try creating some fun designs using oil pastels.

Suncream/Hats

As the weather (hopefully) starts to get better, we need to make sure that children are staying safe in the sun. Please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before they come to school. Your child may also bring sun cream (with their name on) to school to apply it themselves at lunchtime. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat (with their name on too).

Water Bottles

We all know the importance of keeping ourselves well hydrated throughout the day – it keeps us healthy and allows our brains to function well. We would like all children to bring in a water bottle from home each day filled with water. To keep children's teeth healthy, our school policy is for children to drink water only from their bottles during lesson times.

Dates for the Summer Term 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	Half 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