



Letters: PTFA Easter Chick Hunt/ Usbourne Challenge/ Boys and Girls Football/Y6 Swimming Data/Year 3 Swimming

## Message from Mrs Grainger

Astonishingly, we have reached the end of the Spring Term. It seems to have flown by, but we will storm into the Summer Term and hope the weather catches up!

All the children this week took part in an Easter performance. The older children held a fabulous Easter service including the traditional 'Spring Chicken' song, while the younger children made Easter bonnets for a parade. Both performances were magical. Pictures from the Early Years and Key Stage 1 performance are available on our website.

Big Battery Hunt - Thank you to all those families that have been busy collecting used batteries and bringing them into school as part of the "Big Battery Hunt". This is a nationwide battery recycling challenge. Please return your batteries by Thursday 26th April. Don't forget to include your competition entry form.

Finally, thank you for your continued support over the term and have a restful Easter break.

Gemma Grainger  
Headteacher



## 2018 Nursery Open Events

Friday 20th April 10am

Thursday 10th May 10am

CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) children are led by four highly qualified practitioners; Miss Morton and Miss Hathaway (specialised EYFS teachers), Mrs Rigby and Mrs Pearson (experienced EYFS practitioners).

Why not come along and see meet our friendly staff. We will give you a tour of the school and our EYFS department. You will then have the opportunity to have a chat and a coffee with the staff whilst looking through our special learning journeys.



BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY, CALL:

**01543 421850** or email

[office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk)

Chadsmead Primary Academy, Friday Acre, Lichfield, WS13 7HJ

## School Meals

Just a reminder that the price of a paid school meal will be £2.15 from 16 April 2018. Children entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal or a free School Meal, will not be affected.

This still represents excellent value for money and our meals are cooked to the School Food Standards recommendations. Our School Food Council play an active part in selecting menu items and many of our children enjoy a delicious, nutritional meal every day, why not book one for your child when they return after the holiday?



## Easter Fun!

Key Stage 1 enjoying their Easter Bonnet Parade!



## Year Group Updates

### Nursery & Reception

This week Early Years have been enjoying Easter activities such as designing their own Easter egg, creating patterned eggs, Easter hunts, reading the Easter story, counting the number of chicks in the nests, Easter small world and making homes for the Easter chicks and rabbits.

### Year 1 & 2

This week the children shared their Easter bonnets and performed brilliantly in the Easter Service. I'm sure you will agree that they were very impressive! In Year 1 we have been focusing on adding capital letters and using them correctly in our writing. In Year 2 the children have been writing an invented wishing tale. In Maths, Year 1 have been working on halving and doubling numbers. In Year 2 the children have been learning about 3-D Shapes. The children have also created Easter baskets and are hoping that the Easter Bunny will visit soon.

### Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 have really enjoyed their potions topic. We concluded our work by writing a diary extract as if we were a doctor performing an amputation in the 1800s before the advent of anaesthetics! Argghhh! Next term we begin a new theme called Playlists where we will look at the science of sound and different sorts of music.

Homework over the Easter holiday will be to produce a poster/piece of writing on a famous singer/band with pictures and writing explaining about their songs, history, style of music/clothing etc. We hope to display these on the Theme board by the entrance as usual.

We look forward to this new topic and are sure the children will be enthused too!

Have a lovely Easter holiday!

### Year 5

This week Year 5 have been keeping an eye on their science milk investigation. The children were very good at checking the milk every day and noting the changes. The results were quite disgusting!! On Wednesday afternoon the children wrote a report about their findings in their theme lesson.

In writing lessons, the children have been learning about Howard Carter discovering Tutankhamun's tomb and answering the question – Is it acceptable to disturb the final resting places of ancient civilizations? They have written a balanced argument for this including their own opinions.

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Turner would like to thank you for your continued support during the Spring term and wish you all a very happy Easter.

### Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed another busy four days: their last primary school Easter Service; another session of Police Cadets for some of the pupils and the continuation of their learning about the Galapagos Islands. We have tried to complete our class text 'Kensuke's Kingdom' but, with a short half-term, we have sadly run out of time. Some pupils will have brought home a copy to finish during the holiday. Please ensure these copies are returned when the children come back to school. Holiday homework has been set (see purple homework books for details). We hope that everyone has a lovely Easter break and that the pupils return refreshed and prepared for the busy half-term ahead.

### Mini Tennis Tournament Y5/6

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March Chadsmead took part in their first mini tennis tournament. We entered 2 teams of 4 which were made up of 2 boys and 2 girls in each team. The pupils did extremely well playing brilliantly against their opposition and showcasing their skills. Chadsmead "A" 2 games were against Fulfen "D" and Whittington "A". Against Whittington A they lost 3-1 and against Fulfen "D" they won 3-1. This meant overall they came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group and unfortunately did not go through to the knockout stages.

Chadsmead "B" played against Fulfen "A" and Whittington "B". Against Fulfen "A" they lost 3-1 and against Whittington "B" they drew 2-2. This meant overall they also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group.

Once again a big well done to all the pupils that took part in the tournament. Mr Haynes & Miss Dermody would also like to thank all the parents/carers who arranged for their child to get to and from the venue.







More Easter Pictures





## Message from Local Governing Body

Dear Parents and Carers

Please join me in thanking your Governors for their voluntary work for school improvement. Since last writing, we have:-

- approved various school policies
- supported and challenged Mrs Grainger on school standards to ensure that all possible resources are being used to best effect following consideration of achievement and progress data at LGB meetings
- kept contact with school in our different areas of responsibility
- completed safeguarding training

Also, myself and Mrs Grainger attended the hub meeting of CAT schools in our local area for information and school to school support.

Governors also attended for feedback following the recent Peer Review.

After Easter, the Governors look forward to attending school with a focus on teaching. We all wish you a very happy Easter break.

Best wishes

Iona Chisholm

**Chair of LGB**



### PTFA News Easter Treasure Hunt

Looking for some good, "cheep" fun over the holidays? The Chadsmead Chicks have gone on an Easter shopping adventure around Lichfield! All the children have received the Treasure Hunt clues and map in their book bags this week. Complete them during the school holiday with parents, grandparents, or friends and return them to the school office with £1 to receive a prize and a

chance to win one of the Chadsmead Chicks!

Did you know your Chadsmead PTFA has a Facebook page?! Become a member and be the first to know about upcoming events, uniform sales, etc.



## Junior Footballers wanted

Building on the success of our first season we are looking for new players to support established teams across most age groups U8 - U12

Playing Saturday football in the MJPL, BJFL or TJFL the club look to challenge and develop players.

If your currently playing Sunday football and looking for a higher challenge, or just looking for local friendly club come down and talk to us.

Training weekly at Tamworth FC 4G pitch on Friday evening.  
Home pitches in Lichfield.

Drop us an E-mail to find out more.....

**[merciajuniorsfc@gmail.com](mailto:merciajuniorsfc@gmail.com)**