



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Reminders: Disco—Wednesday 7th February

12th January 2018

Letters: Year 1/2 Animal Man visit Autumn Term Attendance letters

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5/6 Netball Tournament			Year 5 Swimming	

Message from the Headteacher

We have hit the ground running this term. Each year group are well into their new themes and one phase have even taken it upon themselves to decorate a wall! I'm sure you will notice when you next visit.

Early Years have been busy showing perspective parents around the school for the new Reception and Nursery Intake. There is still time, so if you know someone that may like a visit please ask them to get in touch. During the visits around school we have received such positive and valued comments regarding the children learning and the environment. All children represented us impeccably.

This week you will have received a letter regarding your child's attendance. This is in line with government expectations and keeping you best informed. If you wish to discuss this content of your letter please contact the office.

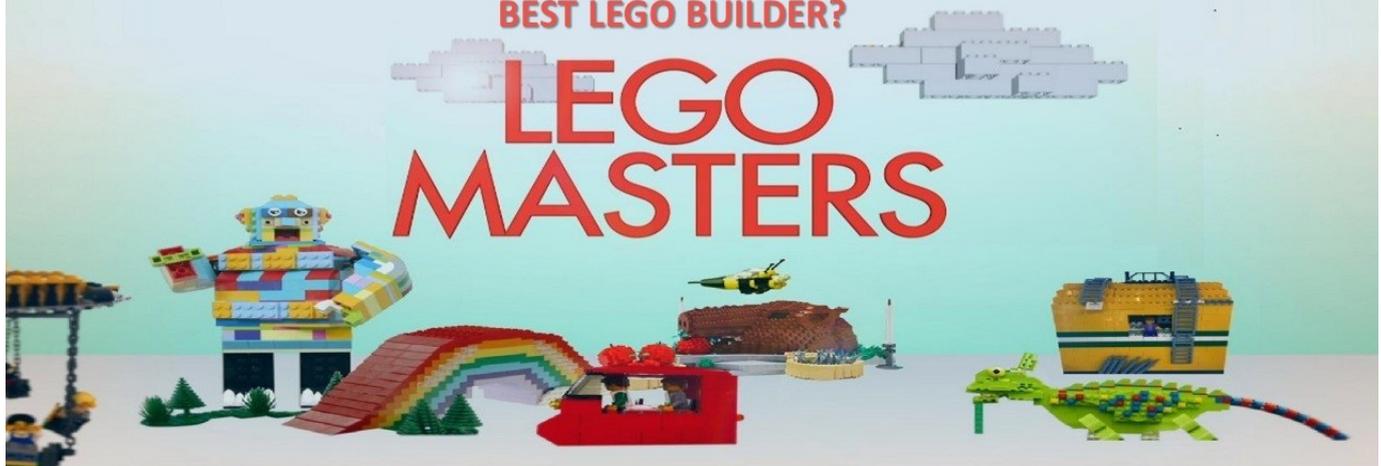
It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of Steve Murcott, our school Caretaker, at the end of the month. Mr Murcott has been valued member of the school for 11 years, and he will be greatly missed by pupils and colleagues alike. We have all benefitted from his commitment to Chadsmead Primary Academy, where he has had to turn his hand to many a job, but always does so with a smile. Over the years the children have fondly called him 'Bob the Builder' and he has always had the children at the heart of all his tasks. He will be sorely missed.

If you wish to make a contribution to his retirement gift, please leave it with the office staff.

Gemma Grainger
Headteacher

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CROWNED BRITAIN'S
BEST LEGO BUILDER?

LEGO MASTERS



Do you love to build awesome creations? We are looking for brick obsessed pairs of all ages to register interest in a second series of 'LEGO MASTERS' on Channel 4 to find Britain's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv to register your interest. If you are under 18 please ask a parent or guardian to email on your behalf. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all the requests individually. Applicants must be 9+.

TUESDAY'S CHILD

Primary School Applications



Was your child born between 1 Sept 2013 and 31 August 2014? If so, they are due to start school in September 2018.

We are fast approaching the deadline when parents/carers must apply for their child's Primary School place.

The deadline for Primary school applications for Reception places is Monday 15th January 2018.

It is essential that this deadline is met or your child may be at risk of losing a place at your preferred school.

You can make an on-line application at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/Apply/apply.aspx>

You can also apply by telephoning 0300 111 8007.

For further information you can email:
admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk.

Coming into school late...

'It doesn't matter if my child is late for school'

Not what the children would say! They absolutely hate being late. They arrive after all their friends are already sat down in school and enter a classroom of 30 faces looking at them.

At the start of the day teachers take registers, explain to the children what they will be doing for the day and all sorts of other important instructions about what will be happening around school.

Persistent lateness will often result in contact from Education Social Workers who inspect our registers and will prosecute for persistent cases.

Please ensure your child arrives on time to school.

Staffordshire
County Council

New course
Sorry no crèche
available

Parenting Programme

'From Pram to Primary School'

(Family Caring Trust)

Struggling with your child's behaviour; mealtimes and bedtimes becoming a challenge?
If your child is aged between 0-8 years, then this programme could be for you.
Learn new skills on how to manage challenging behaviour.
Learn how to support a child's uniqueness.
Identify how choices and consequences can support positive behaviour.

This is a **FREE** Adult and Community Learning funded course which will run for 8 weeks at:
Charnwood Children's Centre, Purcell Avenue Lichfield
Starts: Wednesday 17th January 2018 (not half term week)
Time: 1:00-3:00

If you are interested in attending, please ring Debbie Fogg on:
01283 233400 for more information.

App of the week Pyonkee

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.

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

This week Early Years have been continuing their adventures in Australia.

We have been learning all about the different animals in Australia, created aboriginal art pictures, made Australian flags and created our own boomerangs.

We have also learnt how to play a didgeridoo, explored how to use the Beebots, explored the Australian BBQ and under the sea small world.

Year 1 & 2

In Year 1 and 2 we have been enjoying investigating and learning about our local environment as part of our new theme 'Street Detectives'.

We have been reading and creating maps and keys.

Just a little reminder to make sure the children have PE kits in school.

Year 3 & 4

We've had an interesting week in Year 3/4, trying to either persuade people to visit the Great Barrier Reef or encourage its conservation. Our writing next week will reflect this in a persuasive letter.

Children will now have 2 homework books which will both be purple but one will be for Maths and the other for English. Thank you for your support getting this back to us with completed work.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been writing newspaper reports in their English lessons. We read about the moon landing from 1969 and then wrote our own reports about Felix Baumgartner, the man who skydived from space (24.2 miles above Earth!) The children were fascinated by the video of his jump and learned lots of facts that they included in their writing.

In theme lessons we discussed how we know that Earth is not flat and in Maths lessons we have been learning about number including rounding, negative numbers and place value.

Year 6

Year 6 have been getting well underway with their 'Blood Heart' theme work.

Thanks to some energetic activities at home over the Christmas holidays, pupils are recording their results as a scientific investigation.

Maths work has been calculating area of shape and in English pupils have been discussing organ donation whilst beginning their text 'Pig Heart Boy'.

We are awaiting delivery of some pig hearts and look forward to dissection activities soon!

PTFA News

DISCO

Wednesday 7th February

KS1 5-6pm, KS2 6:30-8pm

Come dressed in your favourite colours and win a prize!

Registration forms for tickets coming home in bags early next week.

Next Meeting

The next PFTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th January 7:00 pm at the Hedgehog.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.



WORDS aLive



**A new weekly club for 7-11
year olds who love words!
Read, write, create, act,
and illustrate in an inspiring
setting**



**10.30 -11.30am term-time
Saturdays from 20 January**

£3 per session
Discounts for families



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