# **Newsletter Friday 15th March 2019**

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# Message from our Headteacher

This week has been Science week. The theme for this year's British Science Week is 'journeys', encouraging our children to think about the different scientific journeys that happen every day and how they can discover science through their own lives and experiences. It is also a chance to consider how journeys can help us experience more of the world around us.

All children have engaged in practical experiences and there has been a real buzz around the school. Years 3 & 4 braved the weather with a trip to Stowe Pool, to look at bird migration with the RSPB. A huge thank you to Mrs Sarson, our school governor, who helped organise visits and activities in school for this week.

If you want to keep up-to-date with Chadsmead news and events, we have just the thing for you! Complementing our revamped website and our weekly newsletter we have recently launched our Twitter account, giving you another mechanism to see what's happening across the school. Look out for our regular fun tweets directly on the Twitter App @Chadsmeadschool, or look at the school website where the tweets will also be shown.

## What's on next week

# Monday 18th March:

- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm

# Tuesday 19th March:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Woodwind, Singing and Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm

# Wednesday 20th March:

• Violin and Keyboard Lessons

# Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March:

- Drum Lessons
- Year 5 visit to Lichfield Fire Station
- Year 3 Swimming
- KS1 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- KS2 Running Club 3.20-4.20pm

# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:

KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm



#### Years 1 & 2

Years 1 & 2 have enjoyed a fantastic week of science investigations. We planted cress seeds in order to see what plants need to grow; we found out how water travels to celery leaves; we investigated which habitats woodlice live in. The children were excellent scientists showing great skills in planning investigations, making predictions, observing and recording results.

#### Medication



If your child has **prescribed** medication, we are able to administer this in school. You would be required to complete an 'Medicine Administering' form available from the school office. Medication must be clearly labelled and stored securely in the school office. E.g. Your child has been prescribed antibiotics, they are well enough for school however they require medication to ensure a full recovery.

#### Years 3 & 4

It's been a Science-tastic week in Years 3 & 4!

Everyone has been enthused and keen to join in with all our 'Journeys' theme British Science week activities. We started the week with a 'sound investigation', exploring the journey of sound waves, where we investigated the link between noise and time in school. This involved us making accurate noise readings using I-pads and plotting our findings in a line graph.

We also (eventually) walked to Stowe Pool, where we were met by our Science governor Mrs Sarson and her friend Mrs Barratt who is an expert on birdlife. We then carried out a birdlife survey and analysed our results back in school.

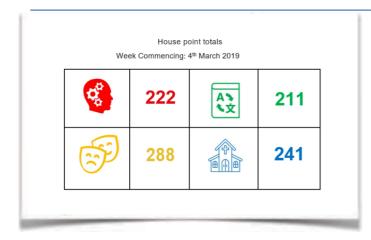
Other activities included a Science trail where the children learned all about the journey of communication through the last 300 years and created a time line from their results.

#### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have really enjoyed Science Week this week. We have investigated: if our heart rate is different at different times of the day; which type of tissue is the most absorbent and why; if wing span affects how far a paper aeroplane will fly; if there is a correlation between shoe size and height; if we can affect how quickly a spinner falls to the floor; we have researched Leonardo da Vinci; looked at classification keys and completed a science trail around the school.

What a fun packed week!

ATTENDANCE Week Commencir	_
Whole School A	ttendance: 95%
Year Group:	Percentage Attendance:
Reception	94%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	96%



## Summer Fair - June 2019

With the PTFA severely depleted, I am considering the possibility that the organisation of a 'summer fair' may not happen this year. It takes a lot of hard work and organising. The Christmas fair, which was a success, did heavily rely on good will of staff, and although we want the best for the children of Chadsmead, June/July is already a very busy time in school.

I am asking you all to consider options; can we pull together a committee of parents that could help with just this event? Or do we have other suggestions of a 'summer fundraiser/school event' – there is nothing to say we have to go down the traditional summer fair route.

I would be disappointed to not have any event in the summer and so will leave this thought with you for a few weeks to see if any support or ideas come forward. Thank you, Mrs Grainger.

# **Pre-Loved Uniform**

We have a good stock of Chadsmead jumpers and cardigans in stock, £5 each.

Please complete an order form (available from the Office) and we will contact you once your items are ready to be collected.

# **Archery Tournament**

This week Chadsmead Primary Academy hosted an Archery tournament, we entered two teams who were both fantastic. The scores at the end were very close but Chadsmead A team came first! Well done to all our Archers!



# BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



Year 4 created balloon rockets to test how they affected the journey of objects on different surfaces.



Two fantastic mornings in Year 3 and Year 4 this week, carrying out a bird survey on Stowe Pool. Children were greatly enthused and the weather was kind too!



#### **SCHOOL EVENTS 2019**

**APRIL** 

11<sup>th</sup> Early Years Easter Service 9.15am
 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Services for KS2 – 9.30am
 Easter Services for KS1 – 2.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

MAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Polling Day 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATS Tests

21st KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

JUNE

12th Chadsmead's Got Talent

18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Friary/Netherstowe/King Edwards Transition Day

21st Inset Day

JULY

 8th
 KS2 Sports Day

 9th
 KS1 Sports Day

 15th
 Year 6 Prom (tbc)

19th Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

19th Last Day of Term



