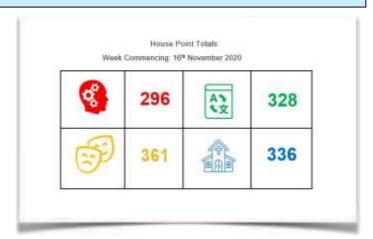


# **Newsletter Friday 27th November 2020**





# Message from Mrs Grainger

Today you should receive our Christmas calendar of events. This is a very helpful overview of the Christmas activities happening at Chadsmead during December. This is also available on the website in the letters sections and the events are placed on the school calendar. Do note that specific details of some events will communicated to you through letter as events happen on different days for different classes to ensure we remain Covid-safe. We are looking forward to a festive December.

Genuine thanks to our many parents who have updated us, communicated to us and supported our work, around testing, track and tracing.



#### Christmas

Despite COVID-19, we are still hoping to organise special Christmas events and activities for the children. We are currently in the process of creating a plan, ensuring the activities meet the required protective measures. As soon as these are finalised, we will share the arrangements with all families. Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer our usual Christmas performances. We cannot have large groups in school, we cannot mix classes together and we cannot sing; these are the main reasons for not being able to offer a performance. We are unable to record any performances as we have a large number of children without parental permission to do this. I know this is disappointing, for us as well, but please rest assured we will try everything we can to make the Christmas period as magical as we can.



#### Years 1 & 2

The children in Years 1 & 2 have started learning about a 'real-life' superhero, Florence Nightingale, in English this week. We have been reading her biography and finding out facts about her life. In theme we are also learning about Mary Seacole who was also another real-life superhero. Next week, we will look at comparing the two significant people. In maths in Apple class, we have been learning how to add and subtract using numbers within 20 in Elm class we have been representing numbers to 20 in different ways and in Cherry class we have been measuring using standard centimetres. your children have made lots of progress over the last few months and are working very hard. We are very proud of all of them!

A polite reminder: Read, Write Inc. home reading books to be returned on Fridays, homework in purple books to be returned on a Tuesday, home spelling books to be returned on Mondays so that the teacher can mark the spellings and stick in the new ones. PE kits to be worn on Tuesdays for Apple and Cherry and Thursdays for Elm class.

### Years 3 & 4

We have worked really hard this week in Years 3 & 4. Mrs Taylor/Miss Lemm's class have spent the majority of the week learning about computers and networks - this means all classes will have covered their computing lessons.

We are putting a strong emphasis on grammar and the terminology used in the English language. Try asking your child if they can tell you any words or phrases from their English grammar board e.g. pronouns or prepositions. They should be able to explain some of the Year 3/4 terms!

We are enjoying our theme Tremors at the moment and the children are fascinated by the story of Mount Vesuvius erupting. We have learned all about the structure of a volcano, how it explodes and what happened as a result of the huge eruption in AD 79 which buried the ancient city of Pompeii.

We have begun to assess children to see how they have progressed in reading, writing and maths and will complete these next week. Please check bags regularly for communications about Christmas activities which are already causing excitement! Ho Ho Ho!

#### Years 5 & 6

Year 6 have this week started writing diary extracts, whilst Year 5 have completed work on newspapers.

Year 6 have worked on fractions in maths, whilst Y5 have worked on written methods for multiplication and division. In reading we have all continued reading our book 'The Sun King' and answering VIPER style questions.

In theme we have all had a geography based week, focusing on land use around the River Nile during the times of Ancient Egypt.

Alongside all of this we have also started to complete end of term assessments.

# Important information for Years 5 & 6

If your child walks home from school unaccompanied then you may have allowed them to bring in their mobile phones to school. Some children have however used them during the school day which is not acceptable. ANY phones brought into school must be put into the classroom phone box each morning and collected at the end of the day. If you wish for your child to bring in their phone then you must reply to this message giving consent for this, however we do need you to explain that this is a privilege and that it must be turned off when entering school and only turned on when they have left the school grounds. If your child is found to be using their mobile phone inappropriately then we reserve the right to withdraw this privilege.

