

Reminders: Choir is still on this week and drum lessons will take place on Thursday

23rd March 2018

What's on next week				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No woodwind or keyboard lessons	No guitar or singing lessons EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am	KS2 Easter Service 9.15am	No violin lessons Last day of term	Good Friday—School Closed

## **Message from Mrs Grainger**

Despite the unseasonal weather, the children have been working hard practising for their Easter and Spring services. A reminder of the dates and times:

EY & KS1 Spring & Easter Bonnet Parade - Tuesday 27 March 9:15am KS1 Hall

Deliver your children to school as normal. Entrance to the KS1 hall will be from the door off the lower car park, after the children have been registered.

KS2 Easter Service - Wednesday 28 March 9:15am KS2 Hall

Deliver your children to school as normal. Entrance to the KS2 hall will be through the main school office after the children have been registered.

Today was Sports Relief Day and the children have worn sports kits to school, bringing in a donation of £1. A total of £268.60 has been raised—well done all!

The Usborne 'Ready Steady Read' challenge starts in the Easter holiday. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. Please encourage your child to participate.

The PTFA Chick Easter Treasure Hunt is available next week from the school office with a £1 entry fee. This involves following clues to locate the chicks around Lichfield shops. Great Easter fun, while supporting the PTFA. Thank you to the organisers.

Gemma Grainger

#### Headteacher



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

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# **Year Group Updates**

## **Nursery & Reception**

This week our challenge was to create a dinosaur choosing our own resources from the classroom. We saw some fantastic creations including junk model dinosaurs, playdough dinosaurs, paintings, drawings, loose parts and tap-a-shape dinosaurs! The children also produced some fantastic pieces of writing about their dinosaur creations!

In our theme work we have used our knowledge of mixing colours to create our own minibeasts puppets. The final puppets look amazing and it is clear that the children have worked really hard looking closely at the details. We have also listened to a piece of music called 'The Flight of the Bumblebee' and thought about how we would move to the music, it made us think of the important job that bees do to help flowers spread their pollen.

## Year 1 & 2

In Year 1 and 2 we have been planning and writing stories in English. Year 1 have been using and adding coins and amounts in maths and Year 2 have been focusing on 2D shape. We have all been learning about algorithms as part of our theme work. Our caterpillars arrived last week and we have been keeping a diary on their changes.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the KS1 SATs meeting on Wednesday. Don't forget to order you revision booklets.

There will be an Easter performance for parents/carers to attend on Tuesday 27th March at 9:15am. This will be for Early Years and KS1. The children can make and wear an Easter bonnet for this day.

### Year 3 & 4

We have had some budding actors perform on the stage this week in Year 3 and 4. The children have loved studying play scripts and learned how to invent and write their own. Thanks to those who sent in props, it was lovely to see children come out of their shells!

Also we have had a challenging time in maths working on fractions and measure in Year 4 and time in Year 3.

Please look out for the letter about Year 3's swimming in the summer term.

## App of the week



### **Word Creativity Kit**

Stimulates creative and divergent thinking

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 5

Last Friday morning Year 5 attended Wade Street Church for an Easter performance and Easter activities. The children's behaviour was exceptional and the adults who ran the morning at the church told us that they were a pleasure to work with. The morning was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One activity was to create an Easter cross with tissue paper flowers. This is on display in the hall and will be on the stage during our Easter service on Wednesday.

This week in science lessons Year 5 have set up an investigation — which milk turns sour the quickest? Currently, in the two classrooms, there are cups of different types of milk that we are leaving for a week to see how the colour and smell changes as the milk sours.

Sycamore made their Canopic jars out of clay this Tuesday afternoon.

## Year 6

We have had a lot of exercise this week completing our class personal challenges and our sports relief activities. Most children continue to show an excellent attitude to learning and we thank all parents who support in ensuring homework is completed and in on time. However, we do have a handful of children who didn't complete their homework this week! Can we also remind parents that children should be dressed in the correct school uniform, especially school shoes as trainers/pumps are not acceptable.

Thank you for your continued support.

KS1 Milk booking forms are now available for Summer Term 1. Children who currently pay for milk have been sent this form home automatically—please call in at the office if you would like your child to start receiving milk in Years 1 and 2. Please return to school by Wednesday 28th March.

### **Easter Holiday Hunt**



The Chadsmead Chicks have gone on an Easter shopping trip to Lichfield and are waiting for you to find them! Look out for

the treasure hunt in book bags w/c 26th March. Complete them during the school holiday with parents, carers, grandparents or friends and return them to school with £1 entry fee for a chance to win one of the Chadsmead Chicks. Good luck!