



#### Message from the Headteacher

We are very pleased to announce that we are introducing a fantastic new way to communicate and share information with you, our parent community. With the increased use of smart phone technology, we want to make best use of it.

**My Ed** is the free parent app that gives you a multitude of communication and information features to stay in touch with what is going on at school. The app gives you direct access to your child's attendance, absence records and much, much more. You will also see that we update and change the information in the app as the school year moves along. Go to www.myedschoolapp.com to see a short video about the app.

We are able to send you messages directly to the **My Ed** app relating to important information about your child's education and to remind you of events that are taking place at school.

You will receive a notification if we send you a message . You also now have the facility to send us a message free of charge, in particular you can use this to advise us of your child's absence or of a change in collection arrangements.

The My Ed app is available for both Apple iOS and Android devices. Once you have installed and opened My Ed, search for Chadsmead Primary Academy and follow the simple instructions to identify yourself.

We hope you enjoy using the app and find it a useful source of information. Thank you.

#### What's on next week

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January:

- KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Science Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 6 Late Birds
- Year 2 SATS Meeting 6pm

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- Year 3 Maths Mastery Workshop 9am
- KS1 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 5 Late Birds

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:

- Street Dance Club 8.15-8.45am
- Violin & Keyboard Lessons

# Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:

- Drum Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 3 Late Birds

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January:

- KS2 Archery 3.2 0-4.20pm
- Year 4 Late Birds



#### Years 1 & 2

We have had a busy week in KS1 this week. In maths, Year 1 have been working on time, understanding what a minute is, months of the year and sequencing events. Year 2 have begun working on multiplication and division, using the symbols and language to match. In our English work we have been innovating (making changes) to 'The Journey' story, paying particular attention to verbs and adverbs.

In theme we have continued to think about materials and their properties and identifying suitable materials for building a house or building.

**REMINDER:** Please can you make sure your child's PE kit (including pumps/trainers) are in school and that home reading books are brought into school every day. Also can you please support your child to learn their spellings so as to support their quick recall of words when writing.

### Years 3 & 4

The children have enjoyed discussing their dreams and goals this week as part of our Jigsaw program which covers personal, social, health education. They were keen to talk about what they aspired to be when they grow up whilst acknowledging that this may well change over time. It was interesting seeing pictures of them when they had 'achieved their dream'.

We have been very busy planning and writing a dilemma story with children imagining themselves facing a difficult decision. The language we have been using has been impressive for such a young age and it is nice to see the progress children have made.

We are back on track with homework now with English homework going out yesterday - in for Tuesday.

Spellings also went out yesterday ready for a test Thursday.

Reading at home is recommended 5 short sessions a week (10mins).

Thanks for your help here, it really does help each child!

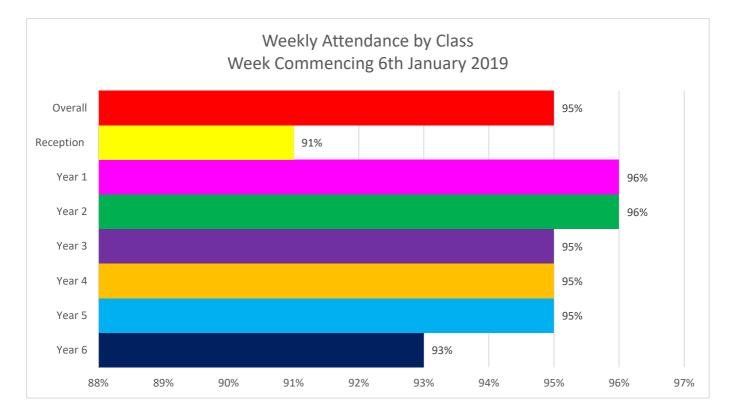
#### lalf Term Reminder

Please be reminded that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at the usual time. School will reopen to all on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February after the half term break.

#### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week continued with their 'Off with Her Head' theme. We have completed some detailed sketches in our sketch books and enjoyed a variety of activities to learn theme related vocabulary this week.

We are amazingly impressed with the children's homework, their knowledge about Henry VIII and his 6 wives is very impressive, next week they will be producing some extended writing using this knowledge.



For up to date information visit: www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk

#### CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

#### 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY NEWSLETTER





# ARE YOU A BUDDING AUTHOR? DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO WRITE?

If so, then the BBC Radio 2's 500 words competition could be for you! The competition opened on Thursday 16 January 2020 and all the details you need are at <u>www.bbc.co.uk</u>. All you have to do is write an original story of no more than 500 words about anything you like and enter it online. This is a chance for anyone aged 5 to 13 to show their best work, full of wonderful ideas and descriptive vocabulary. Why not have a go?

GOOD LUCK! The closing date is 27th February 2020.



# Dogs Trust Workshops – 10/11 February Non-Uniform Day – 10 February

We have organised a workshop for every child in school, across the two days. A member of the Dogs Trust Education Team will deliver educational workshops and assemblies about responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs.

On Monday 10 February 2020, we will have a nonuniform day, where all monies raised will go to the Dog's Trust, as a thank you for the workshops and to help continue the running of the 20 rehoming centres. Dogs Trust Registered Charity No: 227523/SC037843

#### Works around School

As you are aware from last week's Newsletter, we have no Caretaker in school at the moment. We are however trying to fix some issues with the drainage system around school and have had professionals in school this week addressing the issues, the work should be completed by the end of the week.

#### Change to May Bank Holiday Date 2020

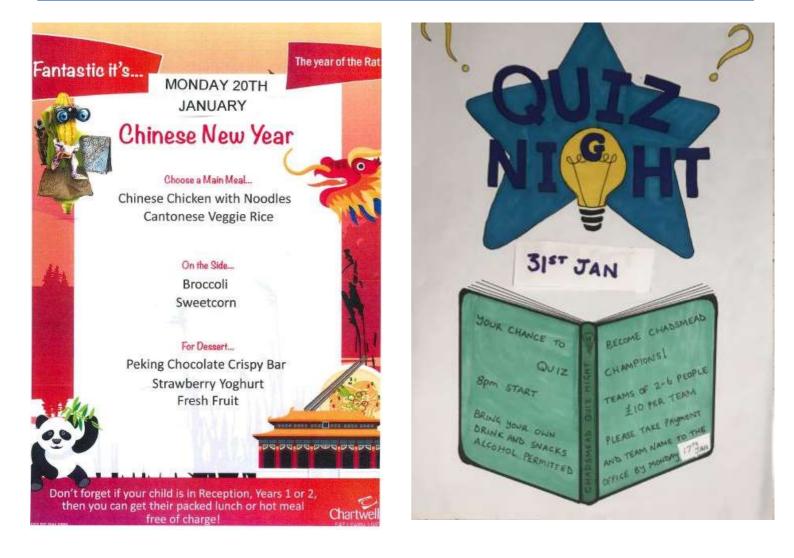
Please be aware that the early May bank holiday date in 2020 has been changed by the Government. The date has been moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.** This change has been made to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

#### Water Bottles

Research tells us that many children do not drink enough water during the school day and that drinking adequate amounts of water regularly throughout the day can protect health, contribute to well-being and improve concentration and learning. At Chadsmead, water is available to all children throughout the day. To further promote the regular drinking of water and UNICEF article 24, that 'Every child has the right to access clean water', children are also allowed to bring in their own water bottles each day. Please note that ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN WATER BOTTLES and that it is the children's responsibility to take their water bottles home each day to be refilled. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in managing the practicalities of, and supporting, this healthy initiative.

#### Swim hats for sale

We have a supply of blue swim hats for sale from the school office at  $\pounds 2$  each .



## Dates for the Spring Term

#### SPRING TERM 2020

JANUARY			MARCH			
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Term starts	W.C. 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Reading Week
			Thursday 5th			World Book Day
FEBRUARY			APRIL			
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening				
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent's Evening	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Easter Service for KS2 – 9.30am
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term	Friday	3rd		Early Years and KS1 Easter Service - 9.30am
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Inclusive	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	l	Easter Holidays
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	The Book Bus	Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> _		Inclusive