



Message from Headteacher

This week, some parents and carers have had the opportunity to enjoy a Read Write Inc. lesson with their child. This is the new structured phonics program we introduced in October. The lessons have been well received and the children have particularly enjoyed being the experts with their parents. More lessons are offered next week and after half term. Thank you to those who have supported so far.

Some lovely news to share; Miss Lemm gave birth to a baby boy on Thursday 4th April. Both mom and baby Jude are doing well.



Sad news to share; after 10 years, Mrs Mathews, a teaching assistant, will be leaving us. She leaves us to pursue a new career, and although she will be missed by children and adults alike, we are excited for the new opportunities opening up for her. Her last day will be Friday 12th April.



I look forward to seeing you next week at our Easter services, don't forget we have tea and coffee available and a raffle!



What's on next week

Monday 8th April:

- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm

Tuesday 9th April:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Guitar Lessons

Wednesday 10th April:

Thursday 11th April:

- Years 1 & 2 Trip to Twycross Zoo
- 9.20am Early Years Easter Parade
- Year 3 Swimming
- KS2 Running Club 3.20-4.20pm

Friday 12th April:

- KS2 Easter Service 9.30am
- Guitar Lessons
- KS1 Easter Service 2.30pm



Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 6th May due to the May Bank Holiday.

Years 1 & 2

Years 1 & 2 have worked extremely hard this week during their assessments. They approached them with a great 'can do' attitude and were able to show off the results of their learning so far. Well done children - we are very proud of your attitude. We would also like to say how proud we are of the children whose parents joined them in their 'Read, Write, Inc' sessions - you showed your parents how hard you work, and what enjoyment you have whilst learning your phonics. The children have been practising their songs in preparation for the Easter service next week. They have also looked at a day in the life of a zoo keeper and we are sure this will support their experience on next week's trip to Twycross Zoo.

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have worked really hard this week completing their end of term assessments. They have produced some very pleasing work and have tackled some quite challenging problem in maths and English grammar. This half term, we have been learning how to program computers by writing a set of instructions (algorithms) which the children are thoroughly enjoying. Please remember that Year 3 children will swim next week and Year 4's will have PE on Thursday as usual.

Years 5 & 6

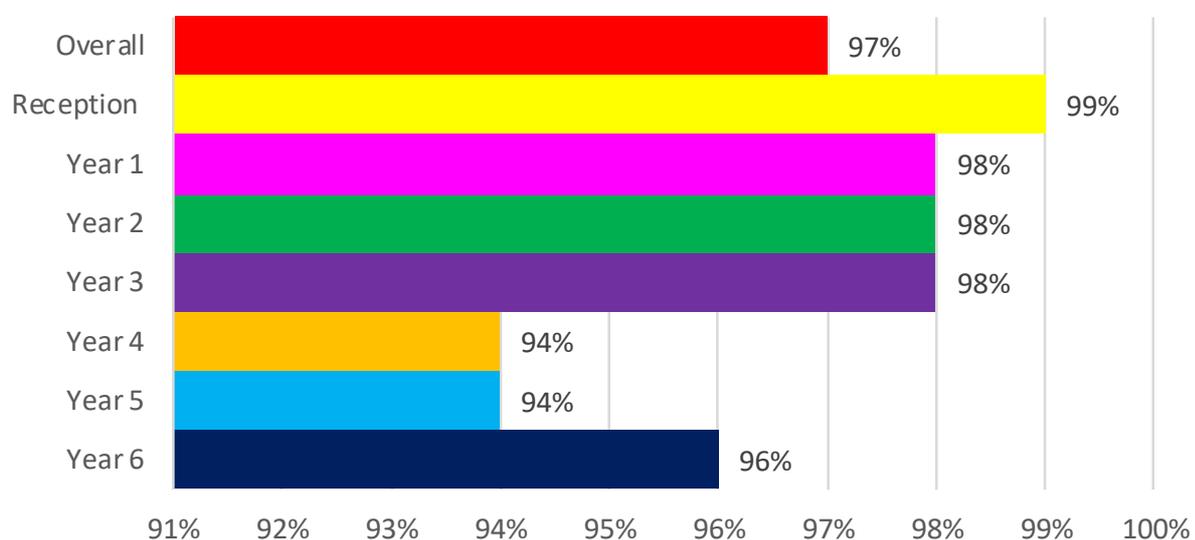
Years 5 & 6 have this week continued with their investigation into worm charming, have also completed an investigation into Darwin's Finches and how their beaks have adapted to suit the food they eat and have worked on things related to our Easter performance. Again we are pleased with most children's attitude to learning.

Please can we remind parents and carers about the need for a child to be prepared for school: correct uniform; shoes; PE kit, pens, pencils etc; reading book. Thank you to those parents and carers that support the need for their children to complete their homework.

Year 5 went to Wade Street Church last week for an Easter workshop. The staff were very pleased with the children's behaviour and their understanding of Easter.



Weekly Attendance by Class
Week Commencing 25th March 2019



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

House point totals
Week Commencing: 25th March 2019

	277		234
	247		246



Start of the School Day

Just a gentle reminder that classroom doors open at 8.45am with **registration at 8.50am**. Classroom doors are then locked at 8.55am as children need to go straight to their lessons. If you come to school after this time, then you **MUST** come to the main office and register your child in the late book. Thank you for ensuring your children get to school on time each day.

Autism Awareness Week

This week has been Autism awareness week. Children have taken part in a whole school assembly and talked about it in class and with Mrs Cadman. Some children have kindly shared personal experiences with staff in school and showed real kindness to those around them that might find social communication situations challenging. Should you feel you want to discuss autism further with regard to your child, please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Cadman directly. More information can be found about autism on the National Autistic Society webpage www.autism.org.uk Mrs Cadman.

NEW Helpline for Grief and Bereavement

Grief Encounter is one of the UK's leading bereaved child charities, providing free, pioneering services and support to bereaved children, young people and their families. On average, one child in every classroom will experience death of a parent or sibling before they reach 16 years of age; 44,000 dependent children bereaved a year. Adolescent grief has a devastating impact that can last for life, with research showing links to mental health issues, social and behavioural problems and more. Grief Encounter offers a flexible and accessible service, which aims to professionally care and respond to bereaved children, young people and their families via counselling, group activities, family fun days, residential camps and interactive online services. Phone: 0808 802 0111 (Free to call; Monday - Friday 9am - 9pm) Email: griefftalk@griefencounter.org.uk Website: <https://www.griefencounter.org.uk/>

Why do I need to read 20 minutes every day?



Child '1', reads 20 minutes everyday. 3600 minutes in a school year.

1,800,000 words



Child '2', reads 5 minutes everyday. 900 minutes in a school year.

282,000 words



Child '3', reads 1 minute everyday. 180 minutes in a school year.

8000 words



By the end of year 6, child '1' will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Child '2' will have read the equivalent of 60 school days. Child '3' will have read just 12 days.

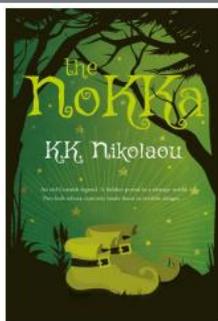
Which child would you expect to have better vocabulary?

Which child would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

Nazy and Herman 1987

Children's Author Workshop

Adventure to a magical, secret world with local author, K. K. Nikolaou. Explore the authors original pencil drawings, create your own characters and bookmarks, and take part in quizzes



Lichfield Library
Thursday 18th April
10.30-12.30
& 1.30-3.30
£2 per child
Age 7+
Book your tickets at Lichfield Library

Lichfield Library, St Mary's Lichfield, Market Square, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 6LG.
lichfield.library@staffordshire.gov.uk
0300 111 8000

School Events 2019

Thursday 11 th April 2019	Early Years Easter Service 9.15am
Friday 12 th April 2019	KS2 Easter Service 9.30am
Friday 12 th April 2019	KS1 Easter Service 2.30pm
15 th – 26 th April 2019	Easter Holidays
Thursday 2 nd May 2019	Polling Day
Monday 6 th May 2019	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May 2019	KS2 SATS Tests
Tuesday 21 st May 2019	KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	Half Term Week
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Chadsmead's Got Talent
Tuesday 18 th –Wednesday 19 th June 2019	Friary/Netherstowe/King Edwards Transition Days
Friday 21 st June 2019	Inset Day
Monday 8 th July 2019	KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	KS1 Sports Day
Monday 15 th July 2019	Year 6 Prom to be confirmed
Friday 19 th July 2019	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Friday 19 th July 2019	Last Day of Term

Lego Activity Sessions
Presented by Staffordshire Libraries & @St Mary's



Lichfield Library
Wednesday 17th April

10.30-12 & 1.30-3.

£2 per child

Age 3+

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End of Term

Please don't forget that school closes on Friday 12th April for the Easter holidays and will reopen for us all on Monday 29th April.