



Newsletter Friday 1st April 2022



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 21st March 2022

	853		738
	647		866

Message from Mrs Grainger

Tuesday saw the first family bingo night. It was wonderful to see the hall filled and it was a great night. Huge thanks to members of the PTFA for organising: Ben & Deb Birchall, Jenny Bytheway, Zoe Heathcote, Sarah Cutland and staff members.

This week has been particularly exciting for Years 3 & 4 children who presented a play to parents and carers following the learning of their Roman Topic. The children incorporated English play scripts, music and singing, Roman facts and used their creative home learning in their play. It was full of budding actors and a real pleasure to watch. Well done to everyone involved.

We are unfortunately not holding any Easter services this year. As you can imagine the preparation involved in these activities is planned well in advance, but due to local covid positive cases, we were unable to gather in groups during the Spring 1 half term. Therefore, we did not plan for Easter services. Sorry for the disappointment, the children will still gather to share in singing assemblies as a school.

School Governors

There is still time for anyone who would like to express a "notice of interest" in becoming a parent governor for the school. More details can be found on the school website or ask the school office to speak with a current governor who will be more than happy to chat the opportunity through.

Or if you know someone who is not a parent who may be interested in joining the SSC? Pass this message along as we also have a vacancy for a community governor too.

Family Bingo

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who joined us at the Bingo on Tuesday, it was wonderful to see so many people having so much fun. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we all did. Thank you to everyone that made it happen, our fantastic Bingo caller, the ladies that worked hard behind the scenes and to Dimbles Chip shop for coping with so many orders and somehow getting it spot on.

Easter Raffle

Ticket are still on sale until Monday 4th April in each classroom for the Easter Raffle – tickets are £1 each and the grand draw will be in assembly on Thursday 7th April.

School Meals

Please note there is a 5p increase in school meals from 1st June 2022 – the new cost will be £2.30

Easter Holiday Reminder

School closes for the Easter holidays on Thursday 7th April 2022 at the normal end of day time. School will reopen for us all on Monday 25th April 2022.

curriculum

What has your child been learning about in class this week?

Years 1 & 2

During this week in KS1 the children have been completing fiction stories based on the story of 'Norman the Slug' in writing. In Year 2, the children have been learning about fractions and identifying what fractions look like in shapes. We have focussed on identifying $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. Year 1 have been finding the difference between pairs of numbers up to 20 by using pictures to identify the difference.

In theme, we all carried out an investigation to find out, 'Do snails have noses?' We set up a fair test using real and fake fruit to tempt the snails. In Year 2, the snail just wanted to escape and kept climbing out of the box! In Year 1, the snail eventually found his way to the real fruit. We learned that snails do not have noses like humans have but they use their senses on their 4 tentacles to find their way. We have also been learning about how mini-beasts use camouflage to keep themselves safe.

Years 3 & 4

What a week we've had in Years 3 & 4. It has been a really Roman week with our Roman play being seen by a 'sell out' crowd!

The children absolutely loved performing their lines/songs and acting for everyone to see. They also loved being dressed up as Roman soldiers, slaves and guests of the Emperor. The costumes really did them justice so many thanks for your support on this. It was lovely seeing the faces of the children as well as seeing their proud parents!

As with lots of our learning in school, we tried to give the children a purpose. They have learned in lots of different ways including: music, writing, history, geography, speaking and listening and performing.

We have also made a Roman Colosseum which the children will bring home in their shoebox at the end of the theme.



Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week read up to chapter 23 in our class text, answering many questions about what we have read. Writing has involved a lot of VGPS. Year 6 have been looking at the verb, subject, object within a sentence; active and passive voice and identifying phrases and clauses. Year 5 have completed our science fiction narrative stories, trying to use a wide range of devices for cohesion and adventurous vocabulary. In Year 6 maths, we have started to think about area and perimeter, alongside tackling problem solving and reasoning questions and in Year 5, we have spent this week revising a range of arithmetic methods following our recent end of term assessments. All pupils this week have looked at the Sun in detail and researched facts about all eight of the planets in theme lessons.

In other exciting news, Mrs Cadman contacted the artist Peter Thorpe in America and shared the children's artwork with him from last week - and he replied! Both Mrs Cadman and the Year 5 children were delighted to hear from a real-life artist and he even sent a picture of himself and his latest piece of art work. She wrote:

Dear Peter, Year 5 at Chadsmead Primary Academy just wanted to say a huge thank you for providing the inspiration for our art work this term. They have really loved producing backgrounds, middle grounds and foregrounds inspired by your abstract designs. So much so, that they wanted me to show you, so please find attached our recent display of over 30 pieces of wonderful art and a few of the children's favourite designs.

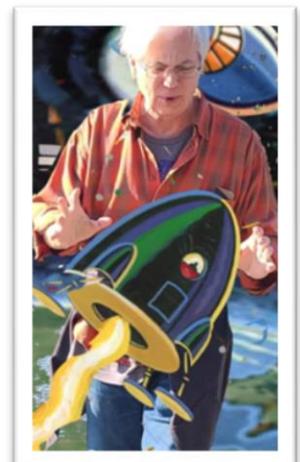
*Kind regards and many thanks,
Helen Cadman.*

He replied with:

Thank you so much for sending these wonderful photos. Amazing work by your students! I am honoured to have been the inspiration for their artwork. I am currently on a trip across the southwest with my girlfriend, Susan Duhl, who did the below collage of me and some of my rockets. She loves your students' work too and has suggested I post the photos on my Facebook page, which I will do later.

Thanks again!

Peter



Dates for the Spring & Summer Terms 2022

Thursday 7 th April 2022	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Easter holidays – back to school Monday 25 th April 2022
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
3 rd – 13 th May 2022	KS1 SATS
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Polling Day – School closed
9 th – 12 th May 2022	KS2 SATS
Tuesday 17 th May 2022	KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am
Friday 27 th May 2022	Platinum Jubilee Day
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022	Halt Term Break
w.c. Monday 6 th June 2022	Year 1 Phonics Screening
w.c. Monday 6 th June 2022	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 16 th June 2022	Chadsmead's Got Talent 6.30pm
Friday 24 th June 2022	School Closed – Inset Day
Tuesday 28 th & Wednesday 29 th June 2022	Year 6 High School Transition Days
w.c. 27 th June 2022	Creative Arts Week
w.c. Monday 4 th July 2022	Sports Week
Friday 8 th July 2022	School Reports sent home to parents/carers
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Meet the New Teacher 5-6pm
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last Day of Term