

Newsletter Friday 24th September 2021



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Message from Mrs Grainger

This week we have really begun to feel a sense of normality, and it has bought home to us how much we have missed the 'extra' things that happen in a primary school.

First we have started after school clubs. We have a sports club for each key stage, a gardening club at lunchtime and a French and art club starting soon.

Next week, we welcome parents and carers into school for Parents Evening – please make sure you have booked your appointment via the school website – any problems with this please contact the school office who will be able to help you.

Years 3 – 6 parents and carers have already received details of a harvest performance and everyone is being asked to contribute to the Foodbank Harvest Appeal. Next week, you will receive details of a whole school trip to the Pantomime at the Garrick. So many things to be excited about and its still only September!

October Half Term Dates

Just to confirm that half term is Monday 25th October to Monday 1st November – return to school Tuesday 2nd November.

Parents Evening

Letters have now been sent home allowing you to book your Parents Evening slot on either Tuesday 28th or Wednesday 29th September via our school website. Should you have any difficulties booking an appointment please contact the school office who can book this for you.

Support our Gardening Club via Morrisons

We are working with Morrisons to support our Gardening Club through their scheme to fund school clubs via parents and families providing free funding through their weekly shop. The project is all tied up into Morrisons'



commitment that: "We understand that the more kids know about how food is grown and made, the better they'll eat, now and in the future." The 'It's Good to Grow' is a token collection scheme that allows schools to collect for free gardening equipment to get kids outdoors and growing. The collection period runs from Monday 6th September until Sunday 24th October. During this period for every £10 you spend in store or online at Morrisons we'll give you one Grow Token to donate to your chosen school. Please download the MyMorrisons app and every time you shop you will receive your tokens- please select 'Chadsmead Primary School' to be able to donate your tokens. Thank you.



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

Years 1 & 2

Another busy week in Years 1 and Year 2! We have been reading the story 'The Disgusting Sandwich' in English and making changes to the story by adding our own ideas. In maths, we are working on reading and writing numbers in words in Year 2 and recognition of number bonds (numbers that total another) up to 10 in Year 1.

We have created some amazing art in our theme lessons. We have learned about an artist called Piet Mondrian and found out that he liked to use primary colours in his art work. Take a look at our 'Mondrian' style art work.



THANK YOU to everyone who has remembered the PE days and sent their child either with their kit in a bag on Monday or wearing their kit on Thursday.

PLEASE can all children wear pumps with velcro instead of trainers as it is really time consuming to do up lots of pairs of laces throughout the day.

PLEASE return spelling homework on Tuesday and Homework books on Thursdays.

Years 3 & 4

It's been a busy week in Years 3 & 4.

We have been taking a real interest in our 'what plants need for growth' experiment. We planted broad beans and cress back in the first week of school.

When we did this, we decided to omit water from one pot, light from another, air (v. difficult!) from another, room to grow from another whilst the final pot was given all of the above. The children have monitored and recorded growth and will do so for the next 4 weeks.

Our children have begun writing newspaper reports pretending they are a newspaper reporter on Stig of the Dump. We have come up with some great headlines including;

BOY FINDS WILD CAVEMAN IN DUMP and AFTER DANGEROUS FALL BOY DISCOVERS CAVEMAN.

Please check bags this week for writing homework and please check your child id regularly using Rockstar Times tables.

Thanks for your support here.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week written newspaper reports in writing and continued to read our book 'Treason' in reading. We have learnt a lot about Henry VIII this week and also focused on Geography in theme, looking at and comparing old and new maps of London. We were particularly impressed with some of the pupils when they used previous knowledge learnt about London during this week's lessons. We have also worked on the changes to the church and the dissolution of the monasteries.

This week has been the first week we have given homework, we have been pleased that the majority of pupils completed it successfully.



Due to the enormous success of our previous trails, we are organising another

CHADSMEAD HALLOWEEN TRAIL!

We are looking for people who are willing to decorate their front garden, and also display a Chadsmead poster (provided)

The trails are a fun family event for our Chadsmead families and the local community.

lf you would like to take part and decorate your garden, please email us at ptfa@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk before 8th October

This will allow us to make a map / trail for 31st October.



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