



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Reminders: Year 6 Bikeability Forms to be returned

28th September 2018

Letters: Reception Visit to St Chads Church/Year 6 Secondary Applications/Year 6 Bikeability

What's on next week ...				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Woodwind Lessons Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm Science Club 3.20-4.20pm Y3/4 Football club 3.20-4.20pm PTFA AGM 6.30pm KS2 Hall	Choir 8.20am—8.50am Singing Lessons Guitar Lessons Y1/2 Invasion Games 3.20-4.20pm	Keyboard Lessons Violin Lessons	Drum Lessons Year 4 Swimming Y1/2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm	KS2 Netball 3.20-4.20pm

Message from Mrs Grainger

Winner, Winner, Roast Turkey Dinner!

After last year's success, on Thursday 4th October 2018, we shall run a raffle for all those children who have school dinners. The menu includes one of the children's favourite dinners – Roast Turkey and a primary school favourite, chocolate crunch and mint custard! This is linked to the school census taking part on that day, as the Universal Infant Free School Meal Grant to schools is based on uptake on that day. **Please encourage your child to have a school dinner on that day, especially if in Year 2, Year 1 or Reception.** Thank you for supporting us.

PCSO Visit

We are very lucky at Chadsmead to have a strong link with the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSO). They have visited school a number of times and ran workshops.

Next week, and other days in the future, PCSOs Elaine Ford and Alyx Hart will be joining the children for dinner. They will eat dinner in the dining hall and go out on the playground to generally get to know the children in their community. They will be in uniform and I shall be present during their visit. Encourage your children to ask any questions about policing or the local area they may have. This is a community link we are keen to develop.

Gemma Grainger
Headteacher

Would you let your child speak to strangers? – Communication from Education Safeguarding head for Staffordshire County Council

According to fresh research from O2 and the NSPCC, one in four children have been contacted by someone they don't know across some of the most popular apps and games. The NSPCC has warned of the dangers of the game 'Fortnite' for its violent and predatory voice and text chat features in a new child safety warning. The game automatically lets users speak to other gamers using built-in voice and text chat functions. This allows children to be contacted by anyone else playing the game. While voice chat can be switched off via the settings menu, **text chat can't be disabled**, making it a potential danger for children who could be targeted by sexual predators and paedophiles. I know some parents may see the game as harmless as it only carries a PEGI 12 rating, but this rating does not take into account the chat and text features of the game. As parents, we are running the risk, if we do not monitor and safeguard the children in our care. If you do allow your child to play games online there are tips you could follow from the NSPCC. They recommend you follow these TEAM tips:

- Talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen.
- Explore your child's online activities with your child. Understand why they like using them and make sure they know what they can do to keep themselves safe.
- Agree your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games.
- Manage your technology and use the settings available to keep your child safe.

If you require any other information please go to the NSPCC website or visit this information page regarding the game 'Fortnite'
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

We have had a fantastic week in Early Years. The children have made houses out of shapes, made snakes using the playdough, created their own collage jungle animal, made models out of the construction resources, pretended to be jungle animals in the role play, created pictures using tap-a-shape and made patterns using paints and the jungle animal stamps.

Years 1 & 2

In KS1 we have been planning and writing our very own wishing tales. In maths, Year 1 have been adding single digit numbers by counting on. Year 2 have been adding and subtracting numbers within 20. In theme we have been naming different materials. It has been another super week. Our key stage attendance has been much better this week too.

There are still a few children who have not brought a PE kit into school.

Years 3 & 4

We've had a week of studying forces in Year 3/4. The children have used parachutes and levers to see forces in action and learned to record their investigations in writing.

Our maths work has been centred on different ways of addition including the expanded column addition method.

It has been great to see children take pride in their work and we already have one child in Year 3 who has been given a pen licence by Mrs Grainger (well done Maya!) for excellent handwriting. We are really keen for children to receive this award as fluent, neat handwriting makes a real difference to children's overall standard of work.

Years 5 & 6

Both Year 5 and Year 6 had very exciting weeks last week, Year 5 with their fashion week, culminating in a fashion show and Year 6 at their OEC visit to Whitemoor Lakes. This week we have been visited by the Headteacher from the Friary as well as returning to our normal timetable.

Homework will have been given out for the first time this week, please see the children's homework books and support them as much as possible. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Please could we also ask that children bring with them to school pens, pencils etc to ensure they are fully prepared for their lessons.

Pupil Premium / Free School Meals

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money. Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. **The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives for PUPIL PREMIUM.** For more information, please visit: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-Online.aspx>

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Week Commencing: 17th September 2018

Whole School: 94.5%

Year Group:	Percentage Attendance:
Reception	99
Year 1	86
Year 2	89
Year 3	97
Year 4	95
Year 5	95
Year 6	98

COMMUNITY GAMES

BEACON PARK 2018

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September
12PM - 5PM

IT'S FREE!

40+ SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES TO TRY





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Winner, Winner Roast Turkey Dinner!

Thursday 4th October


Have a school lunch on Thursday 4th October & get a raffle ticket to win a prize

Menu

Roast Turkey Dinner
Vegetable Curry & Rice
Cheese Salad Roll
Jacket Potato


Chocolate Crunch & Mint Custard
Yoghurt, Fruit or Crackers

Applying for a Secondary School Place



Children born between 01/09/2007 and 31/08/2008 are due to start Secondary School in September 2019. The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2018. Please ensure that your secondary applications are processed in good time. Do not leave it until the deadline day at the end of October to process your application.

App of the week



Lets do Mental Maths !!
Practise mental maths skills against the clock

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.

Aiming High

for Disabled Children and Young People in Staffordshire

Aiming High activities for children with special educational needs in Staffordshire are now available for booking in November via the link <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/childrenandfamilycare/childrenwithdisabilities/aimhigh/Activity-guide/activity-guide.aspx>

Please take a look to see if your child qualifies.




FREE INTRODUCTORY COURSES



Introduction to Retail

On these Short Free 4 week courses, you will get an insight into what it would be like to work in Customer Service the and Retail Trades and whether these professions would be what you are looking for in the job market.

Start Date:
Thursday 8th November 2018
Time: 13:00-15:30

Course Code:
QDXCEIRETEP/18191A

Introduction to Customer Service

On these Short Free 4 week courses, you will get an insight into what it would be like to work in Customer Service the and Retail Trades and whether these professions would be what you are looking for in the job market.

Start Date:
Friday 9th November 2018
Time: 09:30-12:00

Course Code:
QDXCEICUSEP/18191A

VENUE: Charnwood Children's Centre Purcell Avenue Lichfield

Are you interested?
Please call The Community Department on 01543 301198 for further information or contact Kerry Heath 01543 512024 to enrol call 01543 301102

* Please note these are Adult courses and learners have to be over 19 years of age

Pupil Premium Pupils at Chadsmead

Criteria for Pupil Premium (Inc Free School Meals) as of 1st April 2018.

Parents/carers wishing to apply for free school meals should apply online at <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/> or contact the school office for information.

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit **but not** Working Tax Credit and the household income (as used by HMRC to assess tax credits) is not more than £16,190. **Please note:** anyone eligible for Working Tax Credit, or if you have a partner and they receive it, regardless of Income, you will not qualify
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions and does not include income from Universal Credit or any other benefits you may receive.

Menu of Pupil Premium Support at Chadsmead.

Access to smaller class sized groups in Quality First teaching through the funding of Teaching Assistants in class based work

Access to smaller Guided reading groups across school through the funding of Teaching Assistants in class based work

Additional targeted support when not at Age Related Expectation in Reading, Writing, handwriting, maths (reviewed every six weeks)

Monitored closely for their school attendance by the school's Attendance officer and Head teacher.

KS2 Children are invited to attend Early Birds four mornings per week.

Free School Meal

Subsidised Music Tuition

Subsidised club access after school

Subsidised school trips

Support with Uniform / Stationary

Access to additional routes of support via the Pupil Premium Champion – Mrs Cadman