



# CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



**Reminders:**

Payment due for Y1/2 trip

1st December 2017

**Letters: Y3/4 Boys Football Tournament, Y4 Wade Street Church visit**

## What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5/Y6 - British Cycling Go Ride Initiative			10.00am Y4 - The Christmas Journey, Wade Street Church	Year 1 / 2 Trip to Peter Pan at the Derby Theatre

## Dear Parent/Carers

Last weekend saw the Christmas Fair, it was AMAZING! I hope you had chance to call in. An incredible amount of effort went into the organisation of this and I know everyone will join me in saying a huge thank you to those who helped before, during and after the event. I particularly enjoyed the sing song which I took part in, although I'm not sure my vocal skills will earn me a place in any choir! News to follow on the amount raised.

Over the past few weeks Mrs Taylor and her class have been busy making Christmas decorations for the annual Christmas Tree Festival in the aisles of the Cathedral. On Wednesday Mrs Taylor, Mrs Eggington and Mrs Kulpa took some children to decorate a tree. We are one of 20 schools who have taken part, please call in and take a look as each tree receives votes for the best and the winning tree receives a prize in the new year.

We have a few Christmas stockings remaining, please call into the office to collect them. The workshop is tomorrow (Saturday).

We have a very busy Christmas period coming up – please take note of the dates below.

**Gemma Grainger**  
Headteacher



Miss Morton and Miss Hathaway were Santa's Little Helpers at the Christmas Fair on Saturday!

## Reception School Tour

We are pleased to be able to confirm the following School Tour Dates for prospective admissions to Reception in September 2018:

**Monday 8th January 2018 at 6.00pm**

**Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 1.30pm**

Please contact the School Office to book a place.

## Merry Christmas!

### Chadsmead Christmas Calendar

#### Performances

Nursery & Reception Nativity	Tuesday 12th December	9.30am
KS1 Nativity	Thursday 14th December	9.30am
KS2 Christmas Performance (for Year 5 & 6 parents/carers only)	Monday 18th December	9.15am
KS2 Christmas Performance (for Year 3 & 4 parents/carers only)	Monday 18th December	2.15pm

Due to space **all** performances are limited to 2 parents/carers per family

#### Parties

All Classes  
(food donations gratefully received)

Tuesday 19th December

#### Other Christmas Dates

Christmas Dinner (pupils only)	Thursday 14th December
Christmas Jumper Day (Donations to 'Save the Children')	Friday 15th December
Last day of term	Tuesday 19th December
First day of term	Wednesday 3rd January 2018

**Wishing you all a very  
Happy and Peaceful  
Christmas and New Year  
From all at Chadsmead**

## App of the week

### Monster Numbers

A cool maths game that combines fun and education!



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.

## PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Fair a huge success!!!! The event raised £3,066.40 not including potential match funding!!!! It took our whole community to make this event such a success. Thank you to the parents that brought your families and Christmas Spirit. A thank you to the businesses and Chadsmead parents/carers that donated raffle prizes, baked cakes, and lent their talents. And a special thank you to Mrs. Grainger, staff and Team Santa (our amazing volunteers) who gave time before, during, and after. We're very proud of this community effort and look forward to what 2018 has in store.

Please stay tuned in the New Year for plans for how to spend this money to best benefit our children and how you can get involved in your PTFA!



Feedback about the fair? Send an email to [ChadsmeadPTFA@gmail.com](mailto:ChadsmeadPTFA@gmail.com)



## Year Group Updates

### Nursery & Reception

Early Years have been working really hard with counting, writing their letters to Santa, recognising their numbers, reading simple words, writing their name independently, measuring dinosaurs, making patterns, carefully painting pictures, putting jigsaws together and using lots of technology around the classroom.

### Year 1 & 2

Year 2 have been working incredibly hard this week completing assessments in reading, writing and maths. Well done to all of you.

Our KS1 Christmas play is beginning to take shape - please look out for information about costumes and help your child to learn their lines ready for rehearsals next week. We are all looking forward to our visit to Derby Theatre on Friday December 8th. Please pay using Parent Pay if you haven't paid yet.

Some children from Elm Class have been down to Lichfield Cathedral to decorate a Christmas Tree with all the decorations the class have made. Please visit the Cathedral and vote for our school tree - it looks magnificent!

### Year 3 & 4

It's been a really busy week in school for Y3/4.

We have given the children a number of end of term assessments in maths and English. This will help us as we get to know strengths and areas to develop. The children have been so positive and worked very hard.

In theme work we have enjoyed learning all about Viking Gods and making clay Viking artefacts.

Next week sees us return to normal teaching as assessments will be done!

### Year 5

It has been assessment week this week and so Year 5 have been working really hard completing all their assessment papers. The children all tried their best and it is great to see the progress they are making.

Now the weather is turning colder can we please remind you that P.E lessons are taken outdoors and that the children need appropriate kits for outdoor lessons. Thank you for your support with this.

### Year 6

We are really pleased again with the attitude of Y6 and how they have approached Assessment Week, we hope it hasn't been too stressful. As we said last week all we expect is for each individual to do the very best that they can in order to fulfil their potential.

We have also made some excellent Anderson Shelters which are now displayed near the photocopier in the KS2 building.

Next week Y5 and Y6 will be cycling on Monday, please ensure your child has the right clothing as stated on the letter you have already received, bikes and helmets will be provided.

### NO IFS ... NO BUTS ... NO EXCUSE

#### KEEP THE ZIG ZAGS CLEAR !!!

#### The zig -zags are there for a purpose

To provide a clear area in which children can cross MORE safely.

Because of their size, children cannot see if the road is clear from behind parked cars.

Drivers cannot see small children hidden by parked cars.

When children go to and from school, there is usually a lot of traffic.

Put all these problems together and you have the perfect setting for an accident to happen.



## IMPORTANT ADVICE TO STOP THE SPREAD OF FLU

This year we're expecting two particularly strong strains of flu. Flu can be serious for younger children, they may need hospital treatment, and very occasionally a child may die from flu.

Flu spreads easily through nurseries and pre-schools, children then pass it on to their families and carers, meaning time off work for parents and sick leave for carers.

The best protection is the flu nasal spray, which is why the NHS recommend it and are offering it for free to 2 and 3 year olds.

It's not an injection it's just a quick and painless nasal spray, which helps to protect younger children and also to reduce the spread of flu to their family, carers and friends.

In Staffordshire the flu nasal spray is **free** for:

- children aged two or three on August 31st 2017
- children in reception class and school years one, two, three and four



### Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

**IMPORTANT - Is your Child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?**

**We need YOU to claim for 'free school meals'!**

Even though children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free meal, we still need their parents to claim with the Free School Meals Service, if they are eligible. Doing so triggers a **large** amount of money (Pupil Premium) that we can spend on **your** child in school.

To check eligibility go to:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Q001.aspx>

To apply go to:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school Office

Sure Start  
Children's Centres



## TOY APPEAL

PLEASE COULD YOU HELP LOCAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THAT ARE IN NEED

THERE ARE LOTS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES IN THE AREA WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE AND ARE IN NEED OF NEW **TOYS, FOOD, TOILETRIES AND CLOTHES** AT CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

ANY CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE VERY APPRECIATED

THE ITEMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL FAMILIES BY THE LICHFIELD SAFEGUARDING TEAM

'THE TOYS AND CLOTHES NEED TO BE NEW AND THE FOOD NEEDS TO BE IN DATE'



Any queries, or if you have items to be collected please call Kerry at Charnwood Children's Centre on

**01543 512024**

**Thank You for your support and Merry Christmas!**

### Sports Report

On Wednesday 29th November Jack and Jacob in Year 3 were selected by Progressive Sports to play against Walsall FC under 8s Academy team along with 6 other boys from the Staffordshire region.

This opportunity was created to give boys the chance to play in an elite environment to showcase their abilities. All of the boys did extremely well and more than matched a very impressive Walsall team. We ended up losing the game 5-4, however Jacob managed to score a hat-trick and Jack put in a fantastic display in defence, but this match was not about the result, it was about creating opportunities.

Due to the success, the team will play together again this academic year and will create pathways for future generations too. Well done to all the players and a special well done to Jack and Jacob for representing Chadsmead.

### REMINDER

#### Absence Reporting

Please remember to call or text the office on your child's first day of absence by 9.30am.

**CALL 01543 421850 or TEXT 07756 921747**

If we do not receive a call or text then please expect a telephone phone call during the morning to establish the reason for absence.

Failure to notify us of the reason for absence means an awful lot of time is taken up making telephone calls and sending out texts.

Can we please remind parents that on a child's return to school we will still require a signed letter confirming the reason to enable us to authorise the absence.