# Newsletter Friday 25th January 2019

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## Message from Headteacher

This week I have spent time with our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children, focusing on reading. I have enjoyed seeing the implementation of our new phonics scheme (Read Write Inc.) and the enjoyment the children gain when they achieve reading success. This week Amanda Spielman (Her Majesty's Chief Inspector) has said in her annual report, 'Learning to read is the single most important purpose of the first years at school.' At Chadsmead we want every child to read – and keep reading.

### Fortnite

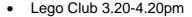
In the UK, the Video Standards Council rate "Fortnite" as a PEGI 12 for frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age. That means any child of primary school age. Unfortunately, some of our parents are allowing children to access this game. The game allows you to link up and chat in large numbers. There have been a number of highly publicised cases where children have been groomed online and subjected to abuse. Please follow the advice. Try not to promote the game through school bags etc.

### School Uniform Labelling

Please could I ask you to make sure you put your child's name on their uniform. We have 300 children all wearing similar jumpers/polo shirts. It can be very difficult to locate a misplaced item or return a found item to a child without a name. Can I also ask you to check weekly the name of the label of the uniform you have? Items can sometimes be taken home in error - please always return these to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### What's on next week

# Monday 28th January:



KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm

# Tuesday 29th January:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Woodwind, Singing and Guitar Lessons
- Year 4 trip to St Chads Church
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm

## Wednesday 30th January:

Violin and Keyboard Lessons

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January:

- Drum Lessons
- KS1 Multi Skills 3.20-4.20pm

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February:

KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm



### Years 1 & 2

Years 1 and 2 have been working hard this week; continuing to learn to tell the time or recalling multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In our writing, we have been describing natural disasters, such as volcanoes and earthquakes.

In theme lessons, we have been thinking about where the ingredients of our food come from, as well as the different places we buy the food in our cupboards.

We still have one or two children who are forgetting to bring a PE kit ready for Wednesdays and Thursdays lessons - please can you ensure children have this next week.



Year 3 visit to St Chads Church – taking part in a 'mock' wedding.

#### Years 3 & 4

Year 3 had a great trip to St Chads church on Tuesday morning. The children were excellently behaved and loved studying the stained glass windows, drawing them, learning about their history and the Christian messages they portray. They also were really enthused by taking part in a 'mock' wedding where we had a full ensemble: bride, groom, best man, bridesmaids, parents, witnesses, signing of the register and even a wedding march! Thanks to Reverend Val for this wonderful experience. Year 4's go next week.

In theme we have been researching the Stone Age and putting together information reports with a lot of technical language which we have learnt in our English lessons. This is a really interesting theme and children seem so keen to find out more!

All Year 3/4 have been given access to a new Website called Rockstar times tables. They have a login in their reading journal or their times table book - also in their letter from Wednesday. This is a fun way of learning times tables at home - please encourage them to use it!

## Years 5 & 6

Year 5/6 have had an enjoyable week writing and then performing a poem/rap about the circulatory system. We have some very 'creative performers'. We have also all completed our first quiz on our new Accelerated Reader scheme.

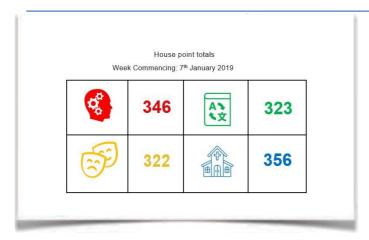
Please can we remind parents and carers that trainers are not suitable school shoes and we would appreciate children having pens, pencils etc. in school so that they are ready to learn when they arrive.

## ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Week Commencing: 14th January 2019

**Whole School Attendance: 97%** 

| Year Group: | Percentage Attendance: |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Reception   | 100%                   |
| Year 1      | 98%                    |
| Year 2      | 96%                    |
| Year 3      | 95%                    |
| Year 4      | 95%                    |
| Year 5      | 99%                    |
| Year 6      | 98%                    |





## Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a stock of Chadsmead jumpers and cardigans in stock, £5 each.

Please complete an order form (available from the office) and we will contact you once your items are ready to be collected.

## Online Safety Workshop

Letters have been sent home with all children this week inviting parents and carers into school for an online safety workshop on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at either 2pm or 7pm – we look forward to seeing you there.

### **Head Lice**

We have had several reports of head lice throughout school, we have a supply of special combs available from the office should you need one.

### **Cold Weather**

Please be aware that at times during the cold weather the ground, playground and surrounding footpaths can be very icy. Please do remind the children to take care coming to and leaving school. Parents and carers are reminded to keep to the gritted footpaths around the perimeter of the school building at all times. It is imperative that pedestrians do not walk across the car park at any time. During icy weather the footpaths are gritted for your safety. Thank you

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If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the county council website page for school closures will be updated. Staffordshire County Council:

http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsan dcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclos ures.aspx

### Nut Free School

A letter has been sent home recently about nut allergies within school - please help us strive to be a nut - free school.



### Comic Relief 2019

We will be supporting Red Nose Day this year on Friday 15th March, non-uniform day with donations to Comic Relief.





## **Parents Evening**

Parents Evening letters have been sent home with children this week. Appointments can be booked online for Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February. If you need any help logging in, please contact the school office. Thank you.

#### **SCHOOL EVENTS 2019**

#### **FEBRUARY**

| 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Parent's Evening |
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| 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | Parent's Evening |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Half Term        |

### MARCH

| 15th Red Nose Day – non-school uni |
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#### ΔPRIL

| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Early Years Easter Service 9.15am |
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| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Easter Services for KS2 – 9.30am  |
|                  | Easter Services for KS1 - 2.30pm  |

15th - 26th Easter Holidays

## MAY

| 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | Polling Day                  |
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| 6 <sup>th</sup>     | Bank Holiday                 |
| $13^{th} - 16^{th}$ | KS2 SATS Tests               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>    | KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.3 |

30am

27th - 31st Half Term

#### JUNE

 $12^{th}$ Chadsmead's Got Talent

18th - 19th Friary/Netherstowe/King Edwards Transition Day

21st Inset Day

### JULY

| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | KS2 Sports Day    |
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| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | KS1 Sports Day    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Year 6 Prom (tbc) |

19th Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term