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Message from Headteacher

As we have reached the end of another busy year, I would like to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you, or your co-operation and backing. It is wonderful to end the year on the highlight of being judged 'Good' by OFSTED. Myself, the governors and our outstanding leadership team are incredibly proud of the progress that has been made at Chadsmead this year.

This year has flown by with so much happening. It started with the successful introduction of our new house system (Darwin, Garrick, Johnson, St Chad) and house captains who have become exemplary role models.

We overhauled the reading system in school, starting with a new phonics scheme (Read, Write, Inc), leading to whole class guided reading. Alongside the teaching of reading we have implemented Accelerated Reader, which builds on the teaching of reading, by supporting appropriately chosen home reading books. This has been very popular with both children and parents. We also further developed the teaching of maths, by launching Mathematics Mastery. This has been fully introduced in Reception, year 1 and Year 2, with many elements being extended into Years 3 - 6 and will continue to do so next year. We have also made substantial changes to the delivery of the national curriculum for foundation subjects (science, history, geography, art etc) in order to provide a rich and broad experience. There have been many events for parents and carers to attend and we look to build on these.

Alongside the improvements to teaching and learning we have also significantly developed the learning environment. The heating system was completed in October, just in time for the roof to be replaced. The computing suite has been fully refurbished, including new computers, desks and chairs and the Early Years outdoor area has been given a long-awaited renovation. Not forgetting the KS2 library which was also given a makeover and finally even the overgrown bamboo was chopped down! That is quite some going in one academic year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work and the many different ways of coaching, insisting, cajoling and working with all our children to help them achieve. It has been a year of changes and they have embraced this with goodwill and continued to provide the best education. A special mention should also be given to our governors, who volunteer, and fully support the effective running of the school.

On behalf of the staff, thank you sincerely for the many cards and gifts passed to us over the last few days. In particular, your kind words of appreciation are greatly valued by the staff. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to wish all children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year all the very best on their journey. I know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break over the weeks ahead and we look forward to seeing you in the new academic year on Wednesday 4th September.

Years 1 & 2

This year has been a fabulous year for Years 1 and 2! The children have had the opportunity for lots of different experiences. They have worked very hard and have made amazing progress.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers for their support. We will miss our Year 2 children who are going up to Year 3. Year 1 children are ready to become the new Year 2's and we would like to welcome our new children from Reception into Year 1.

Have a super holiday everyone, from Miss Tullett, Miss Hathaway, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Mytton and Mrs Ling.

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 enjoyed a truly magnificent Greek feast to round off our Gods and Mortals theme.

To start the afternoon, we held the Greek Olympics where after competing in the sprint, long distance and wrestling, our champions were honoured by the whole

year group in an awards ceremony where they received laurel crowns as victors. Then we moved to the feast to celebrate our heroes! Thanks very much for all the food sent in for this it was much appreciated and lovely to see the children try new foods.



We look forward to September where we hope the children will be equally enthused!

Thanks go to all parents and carers who kindly sent staff a card and/or present at this time - it is most kind and quite touching to hear the kind messages which are passed on to us!

Finally, we thank you for a lovely 2018/19 which we feel has been a real success and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Years 5 & 6

We would like to say a big thank you to all Year 5 & 6 parents and carers for all of their help and support over this academic year. We are really pleased with the year we have had, culminating in our Good Ofsted report which is a reflection of both our children and our school community.

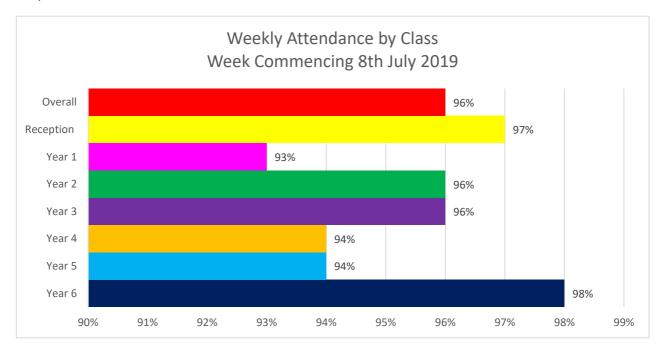
The week has been busy as always. We hope Year 6 enjoyed their Prom on Monday evening. Some Year 5's have prepared and made speeches as part of our election for next year's House Captains. The week has finished with our Leavers Service.

This is an emotional time for the children and parents that are leaving our school to move on to high school, good luck to them all, they are ready for this next chapter in their lives.

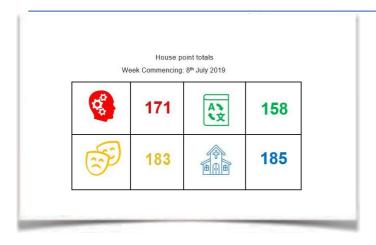
We look forward to seeing our new classes in September and hope everyone returns refreshed and prepared to work hard like they have done this year.

Children in Year 6 had their Police Cadets
Graduation last week, the children have followed a seven-week programme including learning the phonetic alphabet, community and respect, forensics, anti-social behaviour, bullying and staying safe out and about. They have all learnt so form these valuable training sessions.





For up to date information visit: www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk



Music Tuition

We still have some spaces available for KS2 music tuition:

- 1 space for keyboard (group of Year 6's)
- 2 spaces for singing (group of Year 3's)
- 1 space for percussion
- Spaces available in Y3/4 Violin ensemble
- Spaces available in Y5/6 Guitar ensemble.

Please contact the office if your child would like a space in one of these. Thank you.

School Games Gold Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year – our third year in a row. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. With a total of 143 competing in local inter-school competition this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils and delighted to have been recognised for our success.





Mrs Davis - Lunchtime Officer

Congratulations to Mrs Davis who celebrate working in Chadsmead Primary for 20 years! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication over the years.

Summer Reading Challenge

We had a super assembly on Monday to introduce the summer reading challenge at Lichfield library. Pop along to the library to register. All you need to

do is read 6 or more books over the summer holidays to complete the challenge. We would love Chadsmead to be the overall summer challenge

winners. So get reading!





Friary Grange Leisure Centre

Well done to Logan Smith in Birch class who has posted a video online about the closure of the leisure centre and the impact this will have on residents in Lichfield. He has had over 7,000 views and was interviewed by BBC radio WM on Tuesday!

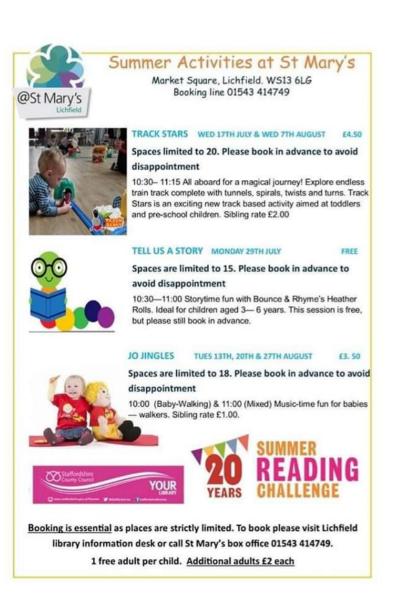


At this time of the year we will be saying farewell to several members of staff, all of whom have made a positive contribution to the school. We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Turner, Mrs Rolfe, Mrs McLeod and Mrs Rigby and wish you luck in your new ventures.

Thanks to all those parents who have helped in supporting educational visits and trips. A special thank you to our regular volunteers who hear children read each week; Mrs Heminsley, Miss Chatterton, Miss Robertson and Mrs Paddock.



Please can you log on to your ParentPay accounts throughout the Summer and clear any outstanding dinner money debts.
Thank you.





SCHOOL OPENS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM ON WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2019