



# CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



**Reminders:** All after school clubs begin next week

5th January 2018

**Letters: Year 5/6 Netball final**

## What's on next week ...

| Monday  | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                 | Thursday                                      | Friday  |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| KS1 Fencing 3.20-4.20pm<br>Reception Open Event 6-7pm | Year 5/6 Dodgeball 3.20—4.20pm | KS1 Dodgeball 3.20—4.20pm | Y3/4 Dodgeball 3.20—4.20pm<br>Year 5 Swimming | KS2 Archery/Fencing and Cross Country 3.20—4.20pm |

## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back everyone.

I hope all our families have had an enjoyable Christmas break. On behalf of all the staff in school, thank you for the many cards and gifts given at the end of term. The many kind words are much appreciated.

We have much fun to look forward to this term; E-Safety Day, Number Day and World Book Day to name a few. Dressing up required. More details to follow.

Congratulations to the Community Academies Trust Founder Phillip Hamilton, who has been awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the New Year's Honours list.

**Gemma Grainger**  
Headteacher



## Reception Open Event

**CHADSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY**

**8th January 18:00-19:00 | 9th January 13:00-14:30**



Our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) children are led by four highly qualified practitioners; Miss Morton and Miss Hathaway (specialised EYFS teachers), Mrs Rigby and Mrs Pearson (experienced EYFS practitioners).

Why not come along and see meet our friendly staff. We will give you a tour of the school and our EYFS department. You will then have the opportunity to have a drink and a chat with the staff whilst looking through our special learning journeys.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY, CALL:**

**01543 421850** or email

**office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk**

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**Remember to apply for your child's place in Reception before Monday 15th January 2018**

## **SPRING TERM 2018**

### **JANUARY**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Term starts

### **FEBRUARY**

|        |                  |             |
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| Monday | 19 <sup>th</sup> | } Half Term |
| Friday | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |             |

### **MARCH**

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| Thursday       | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | World Book Day                |
| Tuesday        | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Parent's Evening              |
| Wednesday      | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Parent's Evening              |
| Friday         | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Sport Relief                  |
| Wednesday      | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Easter Services for KS1 & KS2 |
| Friday         | 30 <sup>th</sup> | } Easter Holidays             |
| Friday (April) | 13 <sup>th</sup> |                               |

### **App of the week**



#### **Sandbox**

Colour by numbers. Teach your children number recognition and work on fine motor skills

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.



**Save the  
Children**

### **Christmas Jumper Day 2017**

Many thanks to everyone who participated and donated to this charity—we raised £317

## Year Group Updates

### Nursery & Reception

What a fantastic start to the Spring term in Early Years.

We have started our theme 'Around the World' by travelling to Australia. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their morning at the airport, where the children checked in using their passports and went through security before finally boarding the plane ready for the long journey. Next week we will be continuing to explore Australia further.

### Year 1 & 2

Our theme this half term is called 'Street Detectives' and we would like to thank all the children (and parents/carers) who have already brought in their homework activity. We have had some fantastic 'detective' work based on where we live, either around your home or in the City of Lichfield including photographs and information about famous buildings, children's drawings, maps, treasure hunts and traffic surveys. If your child hasn't brought their work in yet, please send it in as soon as possible for the classroom displays. Thank you.

### Year 3 & 4

The children have enjoyed their return to school and starting our new topic 'The Blue Abyss'. We are learning how to write persuasively about pollution on the Great Barrier Reef. To launch our 'all things sea-life' theme we have taken part in creating a huge seascape painting with Mrs Rigby which will be on display in the corridor near the Key Stage 2 hall. Please look out for it when you are next in school.

A great start to 2018—happy new year to you all!

### Year 5

We have started our new theme this week—Stargazers—and it is already posing some interesting questions about space. Our WOW starter for this theme was based around David Bowie's song 'Space Oddity'. We listened to the song (and sang along!), discussed the lyrics then worked in groups to decide what equipment we would need if we had broken down in space. There were some great discussions going on in the classes.

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Turner would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

### Year 6

The Year 6 staff would like to say a big thank you to everyone who gave them lovely Christmas presents, they were much appreciated.

Also well done to everyone who completed their homework over the holidays, we hope it wasn't too exhausting.

We now look forward to our new topic Blood Heart which will be a Science focused theme.

Finally a reminder, please can you ensure your child is dressed in school uniform and has all the equipment they require for their lessons.

Happy New Year.



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Please could you ensure that you check your ParentPay account and make sure you are in credit for your school lunches and any outstanding club fees and music tuition.

Thank you.



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### **Community Academies Trust CEO honoured in the 2018 New Year Honours**

The Chief Executive Officer and Founding trustee of Community Academies Trust has been awarded the OBE in the 2018 New Year Honours for services to Education.

Philip Hamilton was Headteacher at The Polesworth School until 2015 and co-founded Community Academies Trust in November 2012. He said the award recognised the achievements of the Trust collectively.

Philip Hamilton said, "I am very proud to receive this award. I am also humbled as this is real recognition of the work and incredible achievements of staff across our organisation. Our collective efforts are influencing the life chances of 7000 young people and providing professional opportunities for our 1200 staff across 14 schools."

Community Academies Trust (CAT) is a successful school based multi academy trust whose name originates from local leaders and governors desire to promote excellent community schools. This has led to the Trust supporting schools in challenging circumstances enabling local school leaders to improve them. Other schools have chosen to be involved with the trust's work and have contributed to and benefitted from the family ethos of the organisation.

Simon Atkins, Chair of the Main Trust Board of Directors that governs CAT said of Mr Hamilton's award, "I am delighted that Philip's dedication and commitment to the education system has been recognised in this way. He has worked tirelessly both for Community Academies Trust and the wider communities in which we operate and is an inspiration to many. As both an OFSTED inspector and a National Leader of Education his influence reaches beyond the young people and team within CAT.

On behalf of the Board and all at CAT, I'd like to congratulate Philip on his OBE."

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