



**Newsletter Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**



**Summer Term**

**Housepoint Winners:**

**Darwin**



**Message from Mrs Grainger**

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year.

We started the year full of enthusiasm and optimism, whilst still being governed by public health and guidance provided by the Government. We tirelessly changed our organisation to fit the many new and changing rules but managed both Christmas performances and a fair, albeit with some adjustments. The school community were committed, showing increasing resilience to the world around them, and we had children coming to school with huge smiles and a willingness to learn. As the year progressed, we built on this strong start, with a little wobble in the winter months, but as we saw the regulations become less and less, we began to live with covid and return to many of our normal practices.

A personal favourite of this year has been our focus weeks on the 'Arts' subjects. Across the year we have dedicated time to the skills of Dance, Drama, Art, DT, and Music. We have had visiting artists in school and National Gallery lessons. We have had several music performances to inspire the children and various workshops to engage with. Each week saw a celebration at the end where the children shared their learning. All children were captivated watching each other. A real sense of pride was apparent for all.

Now it's time to say goodbye to our Year 6 children, as they embark onto the next phase of their learning journey. We are proud of their achievements and know that we send them on to their new high schools having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences, with strong skills. Including those that are not always

measurable – sporting, music, linguistic and social skills which are embedded in our curriculum and celebrated widely. We wish you every success.

Today we sadly say goodbye and a big thank you to Mrs Taylor who is retiring from teaching after 47 years and from working at Chadsmead for 28 years. I know you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future and thank her for the hard work and dedication to both Chadsmead and the teaching profession, making a difference to countless children.

As a school we have really pulled together and supported each other, and for that I am so grateful. It really is an honour and a privilege to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team at Chadsmead – the teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, volunteers, kitchen staff, midday supervisors, extended service staff, cleaners, caretaker, and Governors. They are a dedicated team who work diligently with professionalism, confidence and determination.

So as we leave this academic year behind, we look forward to further developments to the curriculum, a focus on oracy across school and hopefully reinstating more experiences outside of school.

Thank you for the messages and gifts of thanks, they have been very touching and greatly appreciated. I wish you all a fabulous summer break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

# curriculum

What has your child been learning about in class this week?

## Years 1 & 2

It has been a fantastic end of the year in Years 1 & 2. The children have been to Tamworth castle which was a fabulous experience where we were able to link our prior learning and learn even more. We have had a go at 'jousting' with hobby horses and paper lances, which was also great fun.

The children have loved visiting their new teachers and classrooms and have been able to ask lots of questions that have been on their minds about moving year groups. We have completed some lovely personal and social activities and completed some writing and art work for our new teachers.

It has been a challenge to work in this heat but we have managed to stay cool and hydrated within our classrooms. The children have been very excited to bring home all their school books and work to keep in a safe place to look back on in time.

We hope you all have a fabulous Summer.

## Years 3 & 4

Well, we've all made it to the end of the year!

Years 3 & 4 have finished their year with a lot to be proud of. They have all made progress across the curriculum and worked really hard. It is always nice to see the changes in children at this time of year. Where they have come from, how they were in September and how they are now. Everyone in Years 3 & 4 have something to be proud of from the year. One of our focuses at the moment has been Oracy, where we ask children to answer questions using full sentences in standard English. This is something that we will be doing lots more of next year but already we are seeing an increased confidence in children when it comes to speaking up in the classroom.

As we break up, we would like to thank all our parents and carers for their support in home learning. It has been amazing to see some of the costumes, artefacts etc produced and proudly displayed in school.

Finally, we hope you all have a good summer and come back to school in September feeling fresh and ready for a new school year.

## Years 5 & 6

Year 5 have this week been excellent in a further Relationships lesson. They have watched the film of the text they have read and have thoroughly enjoyed this text. Year 6 have also watched the film of the text they have read (Skellig) and compared it to the book. Most of their time has been spent planning and rehearsing their Leavers Assembly. They have had the opportunity to share memories of their journey through Chadsmead and they are now looking forward to their Leavers Party.

Can we, as their teachers, say what a great Year 6 they have been and wish them good luck for their futures. We will be looking and listening out for them.

## Message from the SSC

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of yet another academic year. It has been a year of memorable events! A whole school pantomime trip, the return of Chadsmead's Got Talent, a right-royal Jubilee performance and sports day to name a few. These memories are what makes a great school experience for our children. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and support of not only the staffs but volunteers and parents.

The Governors want to send our thanks to you all. To those older children leaving for the next stage of their education we wish you all the very best. Wishing you all a sunny and fun summer holiday.

## PTFA

Special thanks to the group of parents who are hoping to start a new PTFA for the school in the next academic year. Whilst many of them have volunteered at events throughout the year, this new PTFA are looking to offer some new ideas of fundraising and supporting experiences and resources for our school. They started this by running the Colour Chase at the Summer Fair, which was excellent.

## Message from the PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone that took part in the Colour Chase, cheered, volunteered, flung colour and generally supported the event. It was great to see everyone having so much fun and to see the explosion of colour on the field. We hoped you all enjoyed it as much as we did. The event raised over £330 which is amazing. If you have any ideas or would like to join the PTFA to help ensure we can offer these exciting events at the school in the future please email us on: [ptfa@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk) and look out for the next PTFA meetings which are advertised through the school. We very much welcome new members and would love to have you on the team. Have a great summer holiday.

# Chadsmead's Colour Chase



Special thank you to Elaine at **The Handcrafted Party** for the amazing balloon arch





## Term Dates 2022-2023

### Autumn Term 2022

Opens	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
Opens	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022
Closes	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Spring Term 2023

Opens	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Closes	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Opens	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Closes	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Summer Term 2023

Opens	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Bank Holiday (School is closed)	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023
Closes	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023
Closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

### School Inset Days (School will be closed)

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2023
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023