



Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

The end of term is upon us already and it is certainly time for a summer holiday, let's hope the sun continues to shine!

It's been a busy term in school! The Buskers had a fabulous time in the Isle of Man this month and represented Chadsgrove perfectly, so a credit to them and to you as families. It was fabulous to see so many of you at Sports Day and a fun day was had by all and with perfect weather too, so thank you for coming and sharing the day with us! We welcomed visitors into school at the end of June to a special 'Thank You' assembly, the choir and buskers performed and we shared a slide show to celebrate all the wonderful things that have happened over the year with help from many generous people! Our Thrive group, achieving a Silver Award at Gardeners World Live, the end of term prom, 6LS and 8LS performance of 'It's all Greek to Me', 13US dance performance at Thorne College and the choir singing in Sanders Park are also amongst the many lovely things that we have shared at school this end of this term!

I am sure many of you will have noticed our new entry system at school; this is to ensure maximum safety for our children and complies with safeguarding regulations. We understand that it may take you a little longer to progress through reception, for which we apologise, however, it is a much safer system than before and the building more secure, which I am sure gives us all peace of mind!

We have lots of work planned in school for the summer. We are having an extension to the Chestnut Centre to accommodate additional numbers in our 19-25 provision, the toilets are being refurbished, some classrooms are having new flooring and the ceilings are being opened up in some areas of school and skylights inserted, so things should look quite different in September!

We have 10 pupils leaving us this year, Callum Divit, Adele Sillitto, Frazer Peters, Murray Field, Ernie Alliband, James Watson, Marcel Darocha, Summer Edgington, Callum Reid and Leah Powell, however, some will join our 19-25 provision in September! We shall miss them all very much and wish them all well in their next steps.

We are also sadly saying goodbye to Jackie Millington who has been at Chadsgrove for over 21 years. We shall sincerely miss Jackie, she has given much to Chadsgrove and for this, we are most appreciative and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement. We have held various activities, including special assemblies and afternoon tea parties, to say our farewells to both staff and pupils.

In September we shall be welcoming the following pupils: Amelia, Joshua, Rosie and Finley and also welcome Ashley Newman, our new teacher for 8LS. We hope everyone settles well into Chadsgrove life!

We will look forward to seeing the children back on Wednesday 6th September!

Thank you, as always, for your support and commitment to our school.

Wishing you all a fabulous summer!

Deb Rattley

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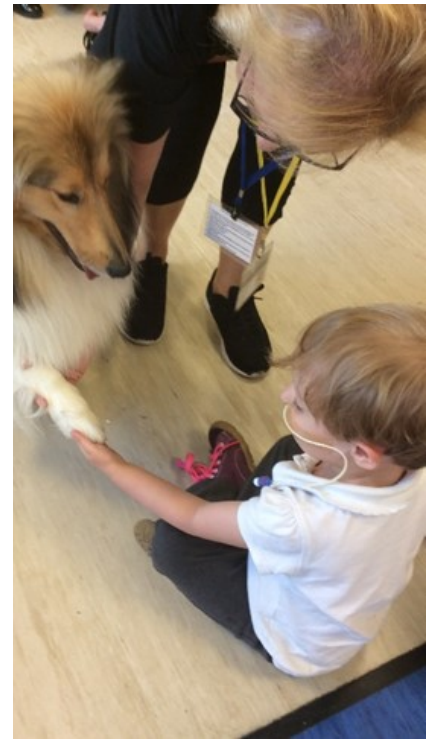
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2LS Get a Visit from Merrylyn

2LS enjoyed a visit from Merrylyn the PAT Therapy dog. It was a very hot day and he liked lying on our cool classroom floor.

We were able to shake his paw to say hello, give him treats and have a go at walking him up and down the classroom holding his lead. We are excited because he is due to visit again this week and we hope to have regular slots next term.



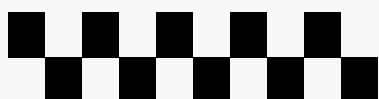
City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Project Update

Our end of term CBSO sharing event was a very special occasion for pupils in both 4LS and 10US. They had the opportunity to share what they have been doing in weekly sessions with such talented musicians. It was a pleasure to welcome parents into school to see how their child has benefitted from this enrichment project and to witness their progress first hand. In the afternoon, all pupils in the school experienced a relaxed concert from the visiting ensemble. This exciting partnership will continue next year, and in addition to 4LS, 3LS are now looking forward to their time with the musicians in the autumn term.

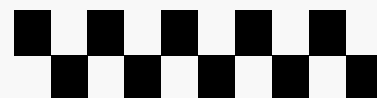


4LS Enjoy the CBSO

4LS have loved the CBSO sessions this year. They explored the instruments, joined in with the music making, and participated in lots of fun activities. Parents were invited into school for the final sharing session.



P.C Simon Visits 5LS



5LS really enjoyed their visit from P.C Simon. P.C Simon showed us the jobs he did at the police station and we had a go at taking our fingerprints. It was exciting when we went to see P.C Simon's police car. We all took it in turns to sit in the police car and turn the sirens and lights on.

6LS & 8LS Visit Birmingham Museum



6LS & 8LS paid a visit to The Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and took part in an Ancient Greek workshop. The children were very lucky to be able to take part in a drama session in order to prepare them for their roles in their upcoming production "It's All Greek To Me". This really helped them to prepare and get into character. They learnt about lots of different things to do with Ancient Greece including the Olympics, the theatre and various Gods and Goddesses. A great time was had by all!



7LS Visit Umberslade Farm

7LS visited Umberslade Farm Park on Wednesday 28th June. The pupils got up, close and personal with a variety of animals, including goats, cows, ponies, chickens and some fluffy bunnies, guinea pigs and even a rat! We had a picnic lunch in the barn and a great day was had by all!



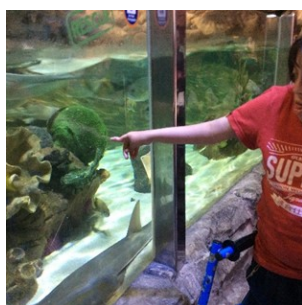
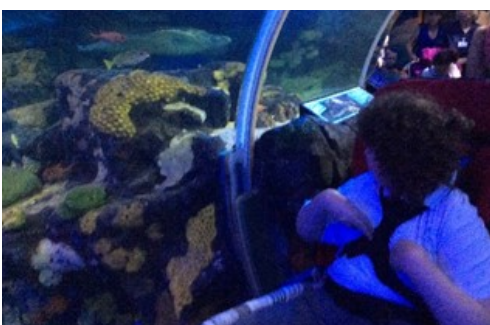
9US Working with Millfields First School

9US have had another successful term of working in partnership with Millfield's First School. We have visited them to participate in different themed activities every week, such as story sessions, which the children lead, or art sessions, tied in with our current topic of India. This has accumulated with a joint trip to Sander's Park, where the children were thrilled to have the chance to catch up, picnic, and play together. 9US have benefitted greatly from having the opportunity to make new friends and lead sessions alongside other children, continuing to build their confidence and self-esteem.



10US Enjoy a Visit to The Sealife Centre in Birmingham

This was a very successful trip with so much to see and do. Pupils visited the artic section to see the penguins, explored the aquariums and especially enjoyed the journey through the 360 degree tunnels with fish swimming all around them. Everyone was able to experience the multi-sensory screen showing with screen, sound, vibro-acoustics and bubble effects.



11US HELP PLAN CURRICULUM DAY for POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH

Pupils in 11US played a key role in helping Ms Draper plan a day for all pupils to experience a range of activities that would help improve their mental wellbeing. The pupils had the idea of creating different zones for the activities, suggesting Kindness Zone, Play Zone, Active Zone, Sensory Zone and Have a Go Zone. Teachers offered sessions including Yoga, Mindfulness, Therapeutic Play, Trust Games and Exploring the Outdoors, to name just a few! The day was a success and pupils reported to have felt the benefit of trying new things, building relationships and learning to appreciate the world around them. As part of our Positive Mental Health focus at Chadsgrove there will be a day a term next year dedicated to further exploration of such activities.



12US Have had a Busy Term

A busy end to a busy year. Some students are away at the moment having the time of their lives on the Isle of Man. We look forward to hearing about their adventures. The Isle of Man Buskers have worked incredibly hard to learn new songs which they performed at the recent fundraising evening. Most of 12US have worked hard all year at Thrive on Wednesdays. As well as gaining their well earned certificates, the display garden at BBC Gardeners Live won a Silver Merit. The whole class visited Worcester Cathedral to see an exhibit of student art from across the County. We all learnt a lot about Sikhism on RE curriculum day. We wish all the best to the students who will be leaving 12US and joining Post 16.

We wish everyone a happy and restful Summer.





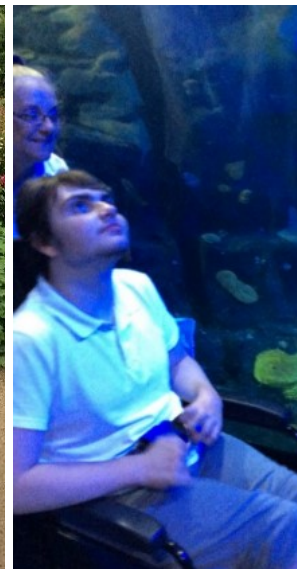
13US Wow the Audience

Class 13 have worked for 4 weeks towards a joint dance performance at Thorns Community College led by the Year 10 BTEC Dance students. On their final week they hit the stage in the theatre and performed a piece to Symphony. They performed to over 60 pupils and even Mr Brown and Mrs Rattley were spotted in the audience. One of the pupils watching from a secondary school in Brierley Hill said 'you could see how much they were smiling at the coloured lights'. Well done 13, You were all fab!



14US Get Exploring

14US have enjoyed being explorers this term. We have travelled to different places and had adventures in Egypt, India, China, under the sea and in Africa for a Rumble in the Jungle! We have used music, food, art, games and stories to enhance learning and have visited places of interest such as Webb's sensory garden, The Sea Life Centre and an upcoming trip to the Safari Park to bring our topic to life and enrich the pupil's knowledge and understanding. We are looking forward to ending the school year on a high and celebrating each pupil's wonderful achievements!



15US Summer Term News

Some pupils from 12US and 15US had great fun, when Gary from Holt House Vintage interiors came into school. He demonstrated how to upcycle old photo frames, to make them into a chalk board. Pupils have also made a start on a stool which has been donated to the school.



15US had an African day out to Akamba in Solihull. As rain set in, we made a refreshment stop at the Tribe Bar and Eatery where delicious cakes and hot chocolate were on offer. African music played as we looked around the Garden centre, Art heritage and the gift shop where lovely handmade items were on sale. For lunch pupils had Curried Goat, Jamaican Jerk Chicken and a Caribbean platter to name but a few.



VOICES and VISIONS

Just before their trip to the Isle of Man, the Buskers shared some of their musical material at The Hive in Worcester. Their performance was part of the prestigious Voices and Visions festival, in which children all over the county are invited to showcase outstanding work in The Arts.

The Big Singer

Well done to pupils in 8LS, who after working hard at a given selection of songs from musicals went to The University of Worcester Arena to perform alongside hundreds of children from other schools in the county. After the workshop, we took advantage of the nice weather to enjoy our packed lunches next to the River Severn.



Dear Parents/Carers

If you are looking to do some reading with your child over the Summer, we would like to recommend that you sign up for and use the Oxford Owls' website (www.oxfordowl.co.uk) which gives you online access to many of the Oxford Reading Tree books.

Whatever level of reading your child is at, whether your child enjoys looking at picture books or whether they are an independent reader looking for a challenge, the Oxford Owls' website has got over 250 great reads in their **free eBook library**. The website also includes plenty of useful information and advice for parents on how to help their children with reading, plus it is packed with plenty of fun activities and games for the children.

Enjoy your Summer holidays!

Mr G J Brown

Isle of Man Residential

The six Buskers had a very successful trip to the Isle of Man at the beginning of July. Having raised additional funds at their Busking with a Buffet in June, the musicians made the most of their stay and enjoyed visiting many different places across the island. Every day was action-packed and lots of fun, and they sang so well to their audiences there. One of the many highlights was our trip up Snaefell (the island's highest mountain) on the Manx Electric Railway. It was a beautiful day, and when at 2,037 feet above sea level we could see (as well as the Isle of Man of course!), England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales! The pupils sang at a factory, a primary school and on the high street as part of Ramsey National Week. They also enjoyed a Four Wheel Drive experience, time on different beaches, Peel Castle, a visit to the island's Manx National Day celebrations and lots of ice cream!





Ignite your child's love of reading this Summer with **Mr Brown's Summer Reading Tips**

Hello Parents/Guardians,

I believe that reading outside of the classroom over the summer is critical for maintaining and expanding children's skills over their extended break from formal learning.

According to research, reading just 6 books with your child over the summer can help to preserve learning from the preceding year. The Summer holidays also allow you the opportunity to spend quality time with your child while also strengthening his or her reading comprehension, vocabulary, thinking and communication skills.

I wanted to share with you my **top 7 tips** for helping your child fall in love with reading. You might be pleased to discover you are doing many of these things already! And if you're not? They are easy to implement. Here goes:

1. Let your child see **you** reading for pleasure

Children learn more from what you *actually* do than what you *tell* them to do. Therefore, it's important that we model reading for pleasure for our children, whether it be a Classic Novel, a newspaper, or even a magazine.

2. Create pleasurable **read aloud routines**

This is probably the most important thing you can do to help your child create positive associations with reading! Keep in mind that reading doesn't need to just happen at bedtime. Consider reading aloud during dinner or bath time. Reading together not only shows children that reading is fun and valuable, but it also serves to strengthen your bond.

3. Keep a **wide selection of books** accessible in your home

Research shows that access to a variety of books is an important factor when it comes to keeping kids' minds sharp over the summer. You could also...

4. Try **books with a CD** to listen along to

These are great for times when you are really busy. The children love them because they are usually read by a famous actor. Or, if you've got an iPad or tablet try some of the many reading or phonics Apps available. But, there's no need to spend a fortune. Why not...

5. Visit a **local Library**

Our local libraries often hold a number of events for children over the Summer. This will also provide an opportunity for you to...

6. Allow children to **select the books** they read

Children become more interested in reading when they are encouraged to select the books they read. Creating a bookshelf at an accessible level and encouraging him or her to pick their own stories is a great way to raise a reader for life.

7. Schedule "**quiet reading time**" each day

Teach children at an early age that looking at books quietly for a small period of time every day is part of their daily home routine. Not only is it great for their literacy development, but it will also save your sanity!

Mr CJ Brown





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Dates for your Diary 2017/2018

Friday 21st July	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Monday 4th September	INSET Day School closed to students
Tuesday 5th September	INSET Day School closed to students
Wednesday 6th September	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 20th October	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 30th October	INSET Day School closed to students
Tuesday 31st October	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Tuesday 19th December	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Wednesday 3rd January	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 16th February	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 26th February	School Opens for students (9.00am)



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Many thanks**

Please ensure you
telephone the
school office to
notify us with
a reason should
your child
not be attending
school.
Thank you.

