



October Half Term



Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

It has been lovely having the children back to school, all eager and excited for a new term and to welcome our new pupils and staff. We welcome the following pupils Jonathan, Esme, Lauren, Jayden, Leo, Jack, Wade, Furquan, Dylan, James, Lennon, Joshua and Mollie. We also welcome new Teaching Assistants, Stacie Priest, Steve Eccles, Ciara Porter and Sarah Tillsley. We also have two new Teachers, Simon Whyte and Rebecca Gayden. Everyone has settled well into their new classes.

You will see from the newsletter all the exciting things that have been happening this last half term and the dates for all the Christmas plays next half term.

This term we are raising money for our 19-25 provision which opened in September of this year. If you have any ideas or contacts that may be able to support this new project, please do let us know! We have 6 young people accessing the provision currently and numbers will increase to 10 from September 2017 on site at Chadsgrove. From September 2018 we are hoping to have off site accommodation working in conjunction with Worcestershire County Council and will consequently be able to increase our numbers significantly.

The new classrooms are coming along nicely and it will be a fabulous addition to our building. Once again I apologise for any inconvenience caused by the closure of school for one day to do the classroom moves. This will hopefully take place on Friday 16th December but I will confirm this date as soon as we have a completion date from the builders.

Parents evening will be held on Thursday 17th November from 6.00-8.00pm, we shall look forward to welcoming you into school.

I wish you all a restful half-term holiday and thank you for your partnership working with our school.

Deb Rattley

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2LS Exploring their Senses

We have been exploring our senses through stories and messy food play. It has been great fun! We have tasted some foods which had the "thumbs up" and some which made us pull a funny face.



Ahoy there 3LS

3LS had a great day out sailing. They enjoyed being by the lake, out on the water and were even allowed to help to drive the boat!



4LS Exploring Autumn Colours

4LS have been working very hard on their painting skills this half term. They have been using their fingers to explore Autumn colours, and hopefully their work will soon be out on display on our wall...



6LS Get Sporty

On Monday 26th September we went to the Ryland Centre to take part in an inclusive sports festival. We tried lots of new sports games and activities. Some of our favourite activities included new age curling, golf and balancing a ball on a tennis racquet around an obstacle course. We had lots of fun and really enjoyed the morning. Some children from our class even came second in the competition!



7LS "What Shall We Play Today"

Through our Sensory Story, 'What Shall We Play Today?', 7LS have been exploring which things they like to play with. Here are some things that made them happy!



Dominik and Madison like the instruments



Fenella liked the rainmaker and the water spray



Sam loved playing with the balloon



9US Visit Warwick Castle

We are really enjoying our medieval theme this term. As well as learning all about King Arthur and the Sword in the Stone, we have been looking at castles. We have made our very own model in class and enjoyed a trip to Warwick to see our learning come to life. We enjoyed a demonstration from the archer, a look around the Grand Hall and a display from the birds of prey.



10US Have had a Busy Half Term

All pupils in 10US have quickly settled back into school. There has been outstanding work across the curriculum. Highlights have been sporting opportunities on the trampoline and in the pool, food technology, the newly refitted sensory room and the trip out to Upton Warren Lake for sailing.



11US on Wellies and Chillies!

As part of Chads Grove's Paralympics celebrations 11US explored the athletic throwing event 'Club Throw' in which the object is to throw a wooden club as far as possible. We felt wooden clubs might be a bit dangerous, so experimented with Welly Wanging instead! Kobie got a Gold medal, Will a Silver and Sean, Bronze. As part of our class-based day we also focused on India, creating a flag for our Opening Ceremony and trying a wide variety of Indian foods and spices. The boys got a bit competitive and dared to try some really hot chillies – their mouths were burning for ages!



12US A lot has changed this term

12US have been busy 'training' their new teacher, Mr Whyte. They have also been very patient while their classroom was finished by the builders. The timetable has been really busy. The pupils have been working hard at Thrive or doing Princes Trust on Wednesdays. Pupils have been making their own compositions in Music. In PE they have been practising their shooting skills for basketball. In English, Mr Whyte's class have written their own play. Mr Brown has been trying to scare everyone with classic horror films! Mrs Evans has been encouraging pupils to dream about exciting holiday destinations. In ICT pupils have been reminded how to stay safe online and use Clicker 7 to help them with reading and writing in all lessons. Luke has worked extremely hard to make much greater use of his iGaze.



13US Getting Out and About

This year 13US are completing their ASDAN accreditation module 'Getting out and about'. So far we have been to the local library in Catshill, Sanders Park to collect items for our art project, Webbs Garden Centre to research mini enterprise ideas, The Merry Hill Centre to explore sweet and chocolate shops as part of our English lessons 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and Dudley Museum to look at the dinosaurs and war time artefacts.



Some pupils have been working on their life skills, doing their weekly shopping at the local Co op.



14US - Keep on Moving and Visit to the Think Tank Birmingham

Students of 14US continue to enjoy this social and sporting activity. This term they enjoy having a snack and a chat in the café area where some can demonstrate their skills in ordering food using communication aids and signing, others can interact with new friends that also attend the Keep on Moving event. They then move on to the activities where they enjoy team games such as Boccia, kurling, and various racing games, students are always on the go and enjoy attending this event each week.



14US were a credit to our school and experienced a fantastic day at the Think Tank in Birmingham. This term we have been reading 'The BFG' and exploring 'electric dreams'. Pupils have been developing their thinking skills by using a range of electrical equipment to create different scenes for each dream. This trip was a great opportunity to extend pupils communication, thinking and social skills further in a different environment. The planetarium show provided a colourful display of visual effects which told a story about a little star. Outside in the science garden pupils were able to interact with interesting water features and explore tactile objects and activities.



thinktank
Birmingham science museum



15US Visit Birmingham Art Gallery

15US visited the Birmingham Art Gallery in search of inspiration for their art projects back at school. They all found lots of different sculptures and were particularly impressed with Antony Gormley's 'Iron Man'.





Chadsgrove Choir to Help Kick Start Christmas!

Chadsgrove Choir will be singing at both Bromsgrove's Christmas Market and the town's 'Christmas Lights Switch On' this November.

Please come along to listen if you are free.

We will perform at

1.45 pm on Friday 18th November

and

3.30 pm on Saturday 19th November.



Christmas Performances – Dates for your Diaries

We look forward to welcoming you into school to see your child perform this Christmas.

Dates and times are as follows:

Classes 2LS, 3LS, 4LS & 5LS

Classes 6LS, 7LS, 8LS, 9US & 10US

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Classes 11US, 12US, 13US, 14US & 15US

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Thursday 1st December at 2.00pm

Monday 5th December at 2.00pm

Tuesday 6th December at 6.30pm

Wednesday 7th December at 2.00pm

Thursday 8th December at 6.30pm

Darth Vader ready for the Bonfire

Friday Art options group very cleverly designed and then made a scarecrow into a Darth Vader Guy Fawkes ready for the Saunders Park bonfire!



Your Questions Answered

When will this move of service take place?

The transfer of the Paediatric (Children's) inpatient service to Worcestershire Royal Hospital is due to take place on Wednesday 7 September 2016.

How long will this move be for?

It is estimated that this service change will be in place until the outcome of the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire public consultation is determined.

Do I have to go to Worcestershire Royal Hospital with my child if they are ill or can I go elsewhere?

For the majority of cases the first place to go if a child is ill is to see their GP. NHS 111 also provides help and support and will advise you where to take your child. Those children requiring an inpatient bed will be advised to attend Worcestershire Royal Hospital. If you ring 999 you will be taken to the nearest appropriate hospital with staff and facilities to treat your child.

Will transport links be improved between the two sites?

As part of the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire review a transport group was set up to discuss and make recommendations regarding transport links between Redditch, Bromsgrove and Worcester. Discussions are taking place with the local authority to see what extra provision could be put in place.

What happens if I take my child to A&E at Alexandra Hospital - Will someone be there to treat them?

Yes. The A&E department at Alexandra Hospital will still have staff who have the skills to treat children. If a child needs admitting into hospital they will be transferred to Worcestershire Royal Hospital by ambulance.

What happens to my child if they are an inpatient on the ward the day the service is transferred?

Shortly before the emergency move of the service, the inpatient beds at Alexandra Hospital will be closed to new admissions. The majority of the children on the ward will then be treated and discharged when appropriate.

Will staff be made redundant?

No. We wish to keep all of our staff, so no one will be made redundant. All of the staff currently on the inpatient ward at Alexandra Hospital will still be employed within children's services in Worcestershire.

Will the temporary move mean children will be seen by junior members of staff?

Anyone attending A&E at Alexandra Hospital will be seen and treated as now by experienced A&E staff. Should a child need to see a specialist paediatrician they will be taken by ambulance to Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

What about children's outpatient appointments, will there be any changes to this service?

No. Alexandra Hospital sees 8,000 children as outpatients.

Further information:

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)
0300 123 1732

wah-@PET@nhs.net

Monday to Thursday: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Friday: 8.30am to 4pm

An answerphone operates outside office hours or when staff are engaged with another call.



Taking PRIDE in our health care service

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL

Children's hospital services in Worcestershire are changing from Wednesday 7 September 2016.

www.worcsacute.nhs.uk



This leaflet contains essential information about what to do if your child is unwell

Treatment and Care for Children

Your child's treatment, safety and comfort are of great importance to us and we want you to feel confident about where to take your child if they are ill.

Due to a lack of specialist doctors we are not able to continue to provide inpatient children's beds on both sites from Wednesday 7 September 2016. From this date inpatient children's beds will be located on one site - Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

The children's ward at Alexandra Hospital will be closed for admission and the children's doctors and nurses will move to Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

Most of the children who attend Alexandra Hospital will continue to be seen and treated there. Children who currently access services for things such as blood tests, outpatient appointments and scans at Alexandra Hospital will continue to do so. It is only those who are seriously ill and require an inpatient bed, who will receive their care at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

The Alexandra Hospital will continue to see and treat children with minor ailments and minor injuries and who do not need an overnight stay.

Children who are seriously ill, attend via ambulance or are referred by their GP will go directly to Worcestershire Royal Hospital. They will be seen and assessed by expert children's teams at Worcestershire Royal Hospital. Many of these will still return home the same day, but for those requiring an overnight stay in hospital, they will be admitted to the dedicated children's ward at Worcestershire Royal.

Parents are encouraged to take their sick child who might need a hospital bed to Worcestershire Royal Hospital. However, should a child be brought to A&E at Alexandra Hospital and need to see a paediatrician they will be taken by ambulance to Worcestershire Royal Hospital. But we advise that all seriously ill children are taken to Worcestershire Royal Hospital.

There will be no change to children under two years of age who require surgery who are transferred to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Any child who attends Alexandra Hospital in an unresponsive state will be given immediate treatment by staff trained in advanced paediatric life support before they can be transferred by ambulance to the Worcestershire Royal Hospital or Birmingham Children's Hospital.

What is available at Alexandra Hospital for your child?

Although there will be no inpatient children's beds at Alexandra Hospital, the following will be available:

- Staff on duty trained in Paediatric life support (i.e. Advanced Paediatric Life Support (APLS) trained nurses and doctors) to provide the initial management of a very sick child; plus additional support from the Emergency Department, resident on-call anaesthesia team and critical care outreach.
- GP Access to immediate telephone/telemedicine support from Consultant Paediatricians located at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.
- Arrangements to transfer children who need to stay in hospital will be taken by ambulance to the children's ward at Worcestershire Royal Hospital.
- Hospital at Home (Orchard Service provided by Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust).
- Outpatients including rapid access clinics.
- Diagnostics Services including blood tests and radiology.

Call an Ambulance (999) if your child:

- Is floppy and unresponsive.
- May have meningitis following a glass test.
- Stops breathing.
- Is unconscious or semi-conscious.
- Cannot be woken, or if woken, doesn't stay awake.
- Has a weak, high-pitched or continuous cry.
- Looks pale.
- Is having trouble breathing, or is breathing abnormally quickly, particularly if their skin and lips start developing a bluish tinge. This means they are not getting enough oxygen.
- Has a fit (convulsion) for the first time, or one that lasts for more than five minutes. Eyes may roll

back in their head, may be unresponsive, and limbs may twitch. Fits are often caused by a fever (febrile convulsions), but not always.

- Becomes unwell after swallowing something poisonous or harmful, such as medications meant for adults. Take the bottle / packet to hospital with you.

- Has a fever and is lethargic.

All of these conditions are likely to need admission to a children's ward so your child must be taken to Worcestershire Royal Hospital or another acute hospital with children's beds if it is closer.

Contact your GP if your child has a condition or injury that is not life threatening.

If your child has a mild illness and you cannot get your child seen by a GP, Alexandra Hospital A&E will provide help for children who have:

- A minor breathing problem (noisy, rapid or wheezy breathing in a child who is otherwise well).
- A cut that is bleeding profusely or one that is particularly deep and gaping open. To stop bleeding, apply pressure to the cut with a clean cloth and try to keep the affected part raised.
- Had a fall and you suspect he may have a broken bone or sprain.

Should you attend Alexandra Hospital and your child needs specialist care including an overnight stay in hospital they will be transferred by an ambulance. The transfer arrangements to inpatient facilities include:

- West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (WMAS) to convey to Worcestershire Royal Hospital.
- KIDS retrieval team to convey children who need intensive care to Birmingham Children's Hospital.
- If your child is well enough to go home, but needs on-going treatment or monitoring, they may be referred to an 'enhanced' Hospital at Home (Orchard) Service provided by Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust.



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Colley for further
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on
01527 861757

Do you know of any UK holiday,
adapted accommodation that you
could recommend for children with
Special Educational Needs?

If so can you please email
Angela Macvie
Deputy Headteacher
amm56@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk
Thank you

Dates for your Diary 2016/2017

Friday 21st October 2016	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Monday 31st October 2016	School Opens for students 9.00am
Thursday 17th November 2016	Parents Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 18th November 2016	Children in Need 
Thursday 1st December 2016	2LS, 3LS, and 4LS Christmas Play 2.00pm 
Monday 5th December 2016	Lower School Christmas Play 2.00pm 
Tuesday 6th December 2016	Lower School Christmas Play 6.30pm 
Wednesday 7th December 2016	Upper School Christmas Play 2.00pm 
Thursday 8th December 2016	Upper School Christmas Play 6.30pm 
Monday 12th December 2016	Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn 
Wednesday 14th December 2016	Christmas Dinner 
Friday 16th December 2016	School Closes for students 3.30pm Possible school closure please see 'Letters Home' on website
Tuesday 3rd January 2017	School Opens for students 9.00am
Friday 17th February 2017	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Monday 27th February 2017	INSET Day School closed for students
Tuesday 28th February 2017	School Opens for students 9.00am
Friday 7th April 2017	School Closes for students 3.30pm
Monday 24th April 2017	School Opens for students 9.00am