

Chadsgrove

Half Term

Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

It was wonderful welcoming the children back to school after the summer break, all eager and excited for a new term! We have had some changes in staff and pupils. We warmly welcome the following pupils Connor, Joseph, Rosie, Amelia, Joshua and James, Teaching Assistants, Olivia Cheshire, Omar Salih, Charlotte Fisher and Jessica Romer, Teachers, Ashley Newman (8LS) and Merie Eglesfield (19-25) and Lunchtime Supervisors, Deborah Whittem. Everyone has settled well and enjoying life at Chadsgrove!

Next term will be a busy one with all the Christmas plays and events! The dates are in the newsletter and we shall look forward to welcoming you into school. There is a '**Family Disco**' organised by one of our staff for pupils and their families on **Saturday 18th November at The Austin Sports and Social Club 30 Tessall Lane, Longbridge, Birmingham B31 2SF**. The disco starts at 7.30pm in the Concert Room and tickets are £1 for children and £2 for adults. There will also be bingo, a raffle and much more! All proceeds from this event are being donated to Chadsgrove School. I am sure it will be a fun night!

Parents evening will be held on Thursday 9th 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. School will re-open for pupils on **Tuesday 31st October!**

Deb Rattley

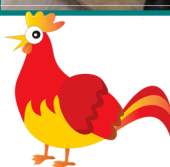
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2LS and The Little Red Hen

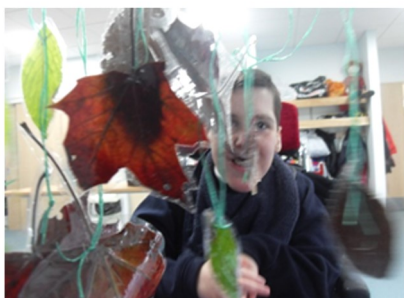
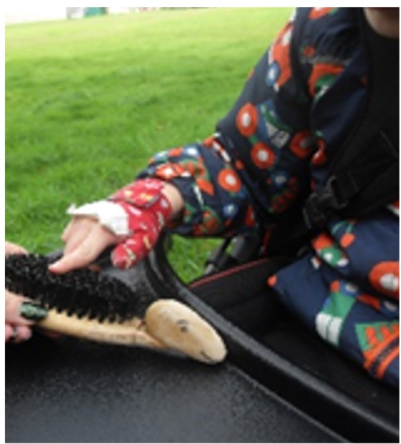
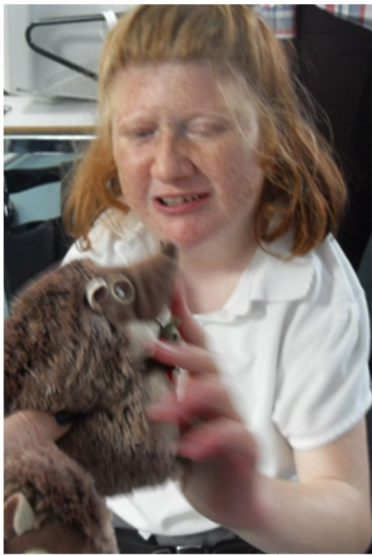
In literacy this half term, the pupils from 2LS have been reading the story of the Little Red Hen. They have enjoyed acting out the story with sensory props and communication aids and tasting fresh bread and jam. They have been creative with paint to make their own little red hens and during ICT they have experienced the story on the large screen in multi-sensory and used a switch-activated pig from the story.



3LS Visit Dodford Farm

3LS had a wonderful trip to Dodford Farm. Pupils were able to meet and feed lots of animals including sheep, pigs, horses, donkeys, goats, guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens and ducks. They also enjoyed playing in the playground and in soft play. We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed the sunshine!





4LS, 7LS, 10US and 14US GET A TASTE OF AUTUMN

4LS enjoyed a lovely Autumn Walk this term. During their walk they met some Autumn animals, smelt and tasted some spiced apples, explored some autumn colours, they discovered some pine cones and found a scarecrow and listened to his story.

5LS Go Sailing

5LS had a great time sailing! Neil took us around the lake on the Wheelie boat. It was a lovely sunny day.



"Let's Go Fly a Kite"

In our Literacy lessons this half term we have been learning all about the story and adventures of "Titch". Amongst many themed activities, we made different sized kites out of paper and string for Pete, Mary and Titch, the characters in the story. We enjoyed painting them different colours and decorated them with ribbons. Unfortunately, it wasn't as windy as we had hoped for so our kites couldn't fly high above the trees and houses like in the story. However, we all thought it was great running around and being pushed in our chairs to fly them. We had lots of fun!



7LS Make a Peacock

7LS have been working hard in their Art lessons to create a huge peacock, which has made a striking display outside the Art Room for everyone to enjoy!



8LS Get Settled In!!

Pupils in 8LS have started the school year fantastically and have settled into their new class really well. In English they have been looking at a range of stories that has allowed them to do some brilliant writing, as well as some acting in class.



We have been working hard in Maths. They have been using resources to help them add and subtract. They have been around the school measuring everything they could see, including staff members! They have also been looking at symmetry in Maths as well as Art.

During Science this term we have been lucky enough to have visitors from Meadows Primary School. They have worked together to carry out lots of experiments ranging from creating chemical reactions, to deciding how to clean up Mr Newman's spilt water.



8LS's Humanities Topic this term is the United Kingdom. They started the term learning about the four counties, followed by learning about London and the Gherkin. They have also learnt about UK History including the Great Fire of London and the story of Guy Fawkes.

9US Visit to the Wyre Forest on a Gruffalo Hunt

Oh help! Oh no! It's 9US, hunting for the Gruffalo! 9US had a great time at the Wyre Forest, following the clues and searching the forest for the Gruffalo and his friends. Using clever technology, we were even able to have photos taken with all the characters that we found. We made journey sticks, collecting bits and pieces from the forest that we could bring back to school. We also talked about the differences between the forest and the towns where we live.



10US Explore Different Foods

10US are enjoying Food Technology again. They will be exploring the wonderful smells of fresh herbs, feeling the lovely texture of bread dough, and using simple equipment to make delicious recipes. There might even be some tasting going on in the process!



11US Cake Sale for Charity

James Saunders in 11US has decided he would like to raise money for Worcester'shire Royal Hospital. He is organising a Cake Sale on Friday 20th October at 10.30 am. His friends in 11US are supporting him to raise as much money as possible. There will be many cakes to buy and eat! We will let you know how much we collect in our next newsletter! Thank you for your support.

15US's MACMILLAN CAKE 'N' SHAKE MORNING

On Wednesday 4th October 2017 pupils of 15US hosted a Cake 'n' Shake event in school. Everyone was invited to come together to share a slice of cake and enjoy a milkshake to support the Macmillan nurses who are there for people facing cancer. The pupils arranged some 'have a go' games and a fabulous 'best looking' cake competition, well done to Elliot Brennan Jones, 8LS who won first prize. Pupils counted out the money the same day and a grand total of **£230.00** was announced. Macmillan have sent a special thank you to 15US for arranging such a great event and raising this wonderful amount. Can I thank everyone who donated to this event, your contributions were very gratefully received.



12US Have a Great Start to the New Term

It has been a very busy half term in 12US. We have enjoyed doing new experiments in Science, especially when Mr Newman dropped the egg on the floor! We are now taught in 3 different groups for English and Maths. We have all created poetry about 'Freedom'. Tom Perkins has enjoyed going to college on Fridays and would like to thank everyone who helps him with his cooking. Lots of the pupils have been working with Emma Nolan to get ready for the performance of Alice in Wonderland. Sameer has made a TARDIS so we might not see him for a while. Everyone has enjoyed learning about Leonardo da Vinci in art. Thank you to our new class TA's – Debbie, Sue, Lynn, Olivia and Justyna.



13US are 'Keeping Safe'

This year 13US are learning about 'keeping safe'. Our focus for this term is about keeping safe when travelling in the community. Pupils have learnt about car safety and seatbelts as well as safety when using public buses, school minibuses and when traveling to and from school. We learnt about train safety and put this into practice when we caught the train to Birmingham.

We have done lessons about stranger danger and this is helping to keep us safe when we are out on our weekly school trips.



Oliver followed instructions to stay behind the yellow line on the platform at Bromsgrove Train Station. He then sat down sensibly with Connor, enjoying the ride to Birmingham.



Everyone stood sensibly away from the road at the bus stop to catch the bus into Bromsgrove Town Centre. They all followed instructions to get on and off the bus safely and Steven and Connor demonstrate how to sit safely on the bus when it's moving.

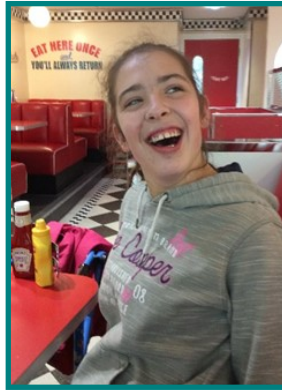


Billy does his own seatbelt and sits quietly while everyone gets strapped in ready to go!

14US Step Back in Time

Pupils in 14US have enjoyed learning about different decades this half term. The 50's was especially popular to explore. It was the age of the transistor radio when we could hear Elvis sing, The Sound of Music hit the Broadway stage and Disney Land opened for everyone to see! In the 50's they introduced colour TV and aged just 25 Princess Elizabeth became Queen.

Pupils had the opportunity to visit the 50's style Shake Dog diner in Redditch, which brought our topic to life. Everyone had a fabulous day out, enjoying the jukebox music and ice creams!



Huge Thanks to the Rotary Club

It is with huge thanks to the Rotary Club, who spent time during the Summer holidays working on our much over grown sensory garden, that 14US enjoyed exploring and accessing new and renovated equipment. The newly renovated bridge provided fun especially when going 'down hill', and the sensory wind chimes and shiny tactile boards were explored and enjoyed by the pupils.



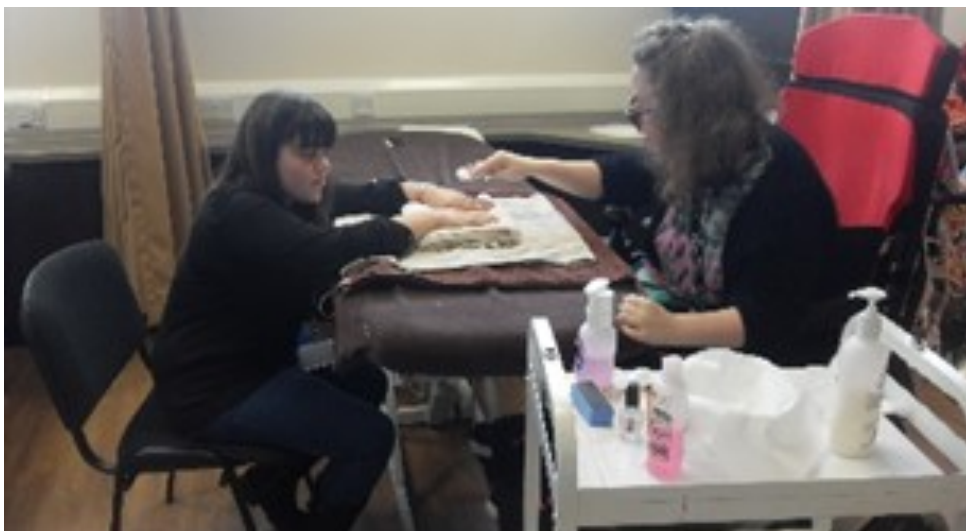
15US Begin their Courses at HoW College, Redditch

This term 15US pupils begun their courses at HoW College in Redditch. Alisha and Tom are producing some fabulous dishes on their Catering Course , Grace, Ryan and Ashleigh are developing their beauty and massage skills in Hair and Beauty and Luke, Jayson, Josh, James, and Kacper are enjoying every minute of their construction course.

All pupils experience and enjoy a degree of independence at College and all have an opportunity to meet new friends.



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It was National Poetry Day on 28th September 2017, on the theme of 'FREEDOM'.

Pupils in Upper School English groups celebrated the day by writing their own poems about the activities they enjoy that give them a sense of freedom.

Grace Kempson (15US) wrote a magical poem about how she feels when she puts on her make-up:

Make-up Magic

**My face
the blank canvas,
ready to be transformed;
each stroke one step closer.
My makeup bag; a whole new world.
Lip-stick swooping like a
superhero across my lips.**



**Terrific transformation.
The whooshes of the brushes,
sticking on the lashes;
lost in this world, as I am changing.
Admiring my rosy lips,
glowing cheeks,
flawless foundation.**

**As I finally look into the mirror,
I see my eyelashes fluttering,
just like a butterfly.**



**Finally revealing
this marvellous creation!**

Grace Kempson (15US)

Bookbuzz 2017-2018

Chadsgrove School has participated in the 'Bookbuzz' programme once again this year. 'Bookbuzz' is a reading programme from 'Booktrust' which supports schools to encourage reading for pleasure, independent choice and develop a whole school reading culture. As part of this programme, 35 selected pupils (from Years 7 and above) have had the opportunity to choose their own book to keep from a list of 17 titles suitable for 11-year-olds* and selected by a panel of experts. (*Including a range of titles selected for Special Schools.)

Pupils should receive their books to take home just in time for Christmas.

Mr. G Brown



Chadsgrove Choir and Staff Choir Combine for Bromsgrove's Lights Switch On

Chadsgrove Choir and Staff Choir will be singing at Bromsgrove's Christmas Lights Switch On, on **Saturday 18th November**.

This is a free event, and everyone is welcome! We will be outside the Golden Cross Pub (entertainment is from 3.30 pm) and would love to see you there!



Friday 17th & Saturday 18th November

Bromsgrove Christmas Markets

Craft stalls, festive food & drink, and all day entertainment.

Christmas Performance Dates

We look forward to welcoming you into school to see your child perform this Christmas. Dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday 5 December at 2.00 pm

Classes 2LS, 3LS and 4LS

Wednesday 6 December at 2.00 pm

Classes 5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US

Thursday 7 December at 6.30 pm

Classes 5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US

Monday 11 December at 2.00 pm

Classes 10US, 11US, 12US, 13US, 14US and 15US

Tuesday 12 December at 6.30 pm

Classes 10US, 11US, 12US, 13US, 14US and 15US





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REMINDER

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

Thank you



Please ensure all
Respite Bags
are clearly labelled
with your child's name.

Thank you

Little Oaks Special Needs Group



Sunny Fields Children's Centre, Charford,
Lyttleton Avenue, Bromsgrove B60 3FG

"Why not come along and join us on a Saturday morning
from 11am till 1pm"

"You are not alone, we are here to help"

For further information
contact

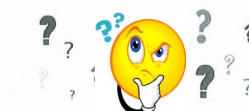
Fiona Colson on
07817920448 or
01527 570147

Dates for your Diary 2017/2018

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)
Monday 6th November	School Photographs
Thursday 9th November	Parents Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Saturday 18th November	Family Disco
Tuesday 5th December	Christmas Performance 2LS, 3LS and 4LS at 2.00pm
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Performance 5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US at 2.00pm
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Performance 5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US at 6.30pm
Monday 11th December	Christmas Performance 10US, 11US, 12US, 13US, 14US and 15US at 2.00pm
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas Performance 10US, 11US, 12US, 13US, 14US and 15US at 6.30pm
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)

Rotary Club of North Worcestershire

Pub Quiz Evening



In support of Chadsgrove School
Garden Refurb

Saturday Evening 11th November 2017
Tardebigge Community Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm

Teams of 4 ~ Cost £10pp



Fish/Chicken & Chip Supper included

Bring your own drinks & Glasses



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