

# Chadsgrove Newsletter



## Headteacher's Message

It was wonderful welcoming the children back to school after the summer break, all eager and excited for the Autumn term! New children and staff have settled in well and are enjoying life at Chadsgrove!

As a staff team we have been working hard this term on curriculum development and as a consequence, we have remodelled our curriculum and now have 4 distinct pathways that our children are working within. Please see the attached leaflet detailing this information and do not hesitate to ask if you would like any further information.

It was super to see so many families in school for parents' evening, thank you for coming and sharing in your child's success at Chadsgrove! I would also like to say thank you for sending in food for our Harvest Festival and in doing so, contributing to supporting families who do not have enough food to feed themselves and their families. We would also like to express our thanks to Rev Simon Gudger from Catshill Baptist Church, who lead our assembly last week, the children loved it! The next half term will be a busy one with all the Christmas plays and events! The dates are in the newsletter, I am sure you will not want to miss these fabulous performances and we shall look forward to seeing you!

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 **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

Deb Rattley

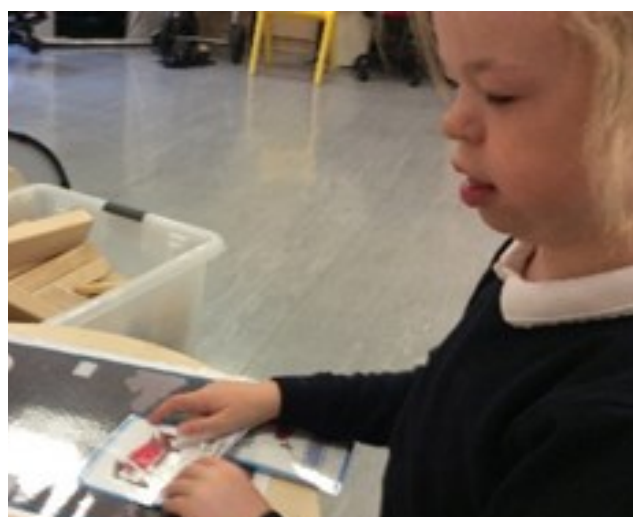
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## Chadsgrove School Values

**Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun**

## 2LS and the “Little Red Hen”

This term 2LS have been enjoying the sensory story “The Little Red Hen.” We have been exploring harvest and are learning to be kind to our friends.



## 3LS Get Busy

3LS have had a busy half term and have worked hard settling back into class. We've been learning all about routines and thinking about what we do at different times of the day. We've also been learning more about ourselves and each other.



## 4LS Exploring Africa

4LS have enjoyed exploring the theme of Africa during their Mark Making lessons. We have explored a variety of media including paint, shaving foam and food colouring, chalk and dry/wet sand.



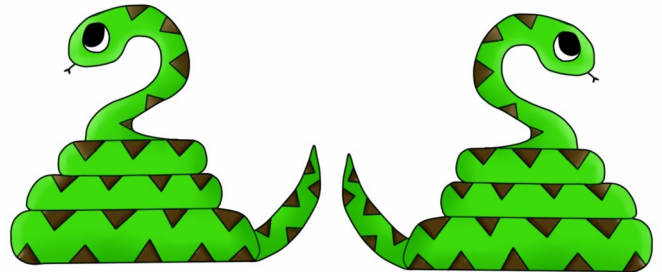
## 5LS Meet the Animals

5LS had a great time learning about the different animals that the animal lady brought in to school.



## 6LS Meet the Animal Man

6LS really enjoyed the different animals we saw.  
Some of us were brave enough to hold a snake, cockroach and chameleon.  
We learnt about where the animals live and how they survive.  
We had a great time.



## 7LS Experiencing the Hindu Festival

7LS have enjoyed experiencing the Hindu festival of Diwali.  
We listened to some Indian music, whilst exploring some artefacts such as statues of the Hindu gods and goddesses.  
We also lit some candles to celebrate this festival of lights.

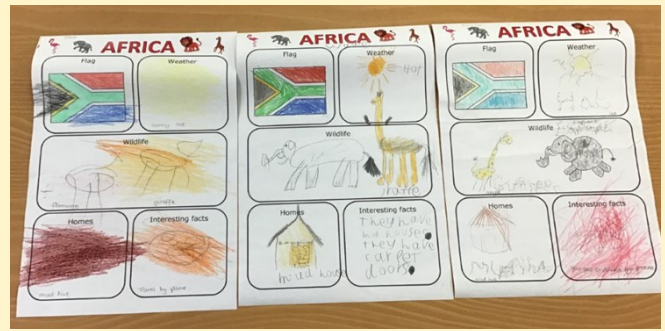




## 8LS Explore and Welcome

8LS have had a fantastic start to the year! We have been exploring lots of different texts from *Funnybones* and *Giraffes Can't Dance*, to Mufaro's *Beautiful Daughters* and *The Book with No Pictures*. The children will be able to tell you all about these at home, ask the children which one was their favourite! The children have also enjoyed researching all things African this half term they particularly liked learning about the different African animals by going on a school safari!

In 8LS, we have also welcomed a new member to our team. Alishba has settled in and made lots of new friends!



## 9US Visit Pizza Express

9US had a brilliant work place encounter when they visited Pizza Express in Bromsgrove and learnt all about the different ingredients they use and even got to make their own pizzas!





## 10US Choosing a favourite book!

10US explored different books, looking at the front covers, turning the pages, and listening to the stories being read.

They then had the opportunity to choose their favourite one!

They made some great choices!



## 11US Welcome a New Pupil

Pupils in 11US have done an excellent job at welcoming new pupil Ania into Chads Grove School.

Ania has settled in really well and has already made lots of friends, both in her own class and around school. Ania is Chads Grove's 'Signer of the Week' and at the moment we are focusing on our school values - so far she has shared 'trust', 'fun' and 'teamwork'.



Signalong **FUN** Working flat hand (palm back, pointing in) in front of neck, moves forward/up in forward circles

## Hello, Hello... What's Going On Here Then!

As part of their 'OCR Life and Living Skills' Environment and Community unit, 13US have been learning about an individual's responsibilities in the community. Pupils enjoyed a visit from two Police Officers who allowed them to dress up in a Police uniform, experience wearing handcuffs and switch the lights and siren on in the Police car.



## Musical Monday's with 14US

14US have made a great start to the new term and have been engaged in learning during 'Musical Monday's'. They have been working with African instruments and exploring African music with Miss Wellings in music lessons. Pupils are also making progress in their music therapy sessions and the whole class had the opportunity to work with the wonderful musicians from the CBSO.

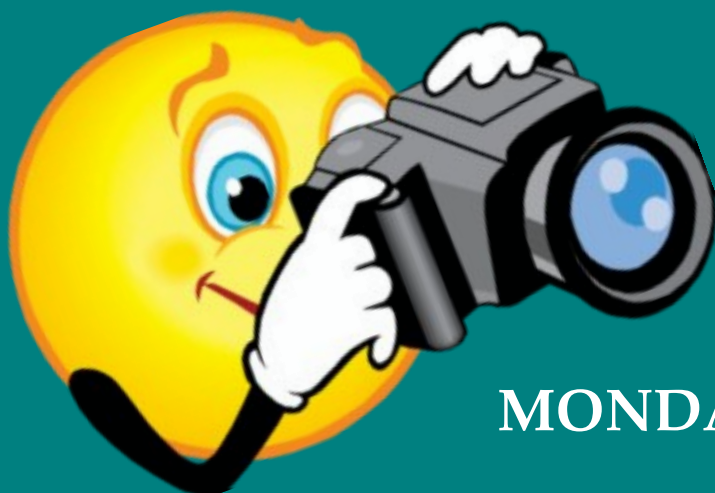




## 12US Helping at the Police Station



As part of our ongoing Duke of Edinburgh volunteering some of the pupils in 12US have been helping at the local Police station. This has included washing their police cars, tidying up their garden and venturing into Bromsgrove town to buy them some pots and spring bulbs.



**REMINDER**  
**SCHOOL**  
**PHOTOGRAPHS**  
**WILL BE ON**  
**MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER**





## School Choir and Staff Choir Events

*Sounds  
of The  
Season*

On Saturday 23rd November at 3.30 pm we will be on stage outside the Golden Cross Pub for Bromsgrove's Christmas Lights Switch On. This is a free event and everyone is welcome. We would love to see you there!



## Nairobi Visitors

We are very excited to welcome our Kenyan partner school colleagues to Worcestershire in November. They will arrive on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and spend 3 days the following week in school. Mary (Headteacher) and Joseph (Teacher) are from St. Anne's Primary School in Nairobi, and both Mrs Hockey and Miss Wellings spent a week with them back in May. We currently have a whole-school focus on Africa in preparation for their visit, and it will be a pleasure to show them our school and introduce them to England's education system.







# 2019-2020

**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 to 10 inclusive) 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 after the half-term holiday.**

**Mr. G Brown**







## Christmas Performances

We look forward to welcoming you into school for our African-themed Christmas Shows.



Wednesday 4th December 11.00am  
2LS, 3LS and 4LS



Monday 9th December 2.00pm  
5LS, 6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US

Tuesday 10th December 6.30pm  
6LS, 7LS, 8LS and 9US

Wednesday 11th December 2.00pm  
10US, 11US, 12US, 13US, 14US and 15US



Thursday 12th December 6.30pm  
10US, 11US, 12US, 13US, 14US and 15US



### 'Time to Read' Packs



BookTrust want families to keep reading to their child, even once they've reached primary school age or can read on their own – because time sharing stories is time well spent. Through their [Time to Read programme](#), BookTrust want to make sure that every Reception pupil in England has their own book to treasure and share with their family at home. Therefore, BookTrust is giving a free copy of 'The Cave' by Rob Hodgson to every reception-aged child in England. That's 700, 000 copies! 'The Cave' is a brilliant story that will be enjoyed by both parent and child. It's the perfect book for making storytime fun and interactive, which is a great way to get children interested in books and a fantastic way to bond with your child. Our Reception pupils have already received their 'Time to read' packs. We hope you will enjoy sharing this FREE book with your child. Mr G Brown



The wolf tries everything to get the creature to leave the cave, to no avail.  
But what will happen when he's finally successful?  
This is a laugh-out-loud story with a BIG surprise!



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

Thank you

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

Thank you.



**SMILES QUIZ**  
**7th February 2020**  
**at Chadsgrove**  
**Doors open at**  
**6.45pm**

## Dates for your Diary 2019-2020

Friday 25th October 2019	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 4th November 2019	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Monday 4th November 2019	School Photographs
Friday 20th December 2019	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 6th January 2020	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 14th February 2020	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 24th February 2020	INSET DAY School closed to students
Tuesday 25th February 2020	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 3rd April 2020	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 20th April 2020	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 7th May 2020	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Friday 8th May 2020	MAY DAY School closed
Monday 11th May 2020	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 22nd May 2020	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 1st June 2020	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 17th July 2020	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 20th July 2020	INSET DAY School closed to students