

Chadsgrove

Newsletter

Headteacher's Message



Firstly, I would like to thank all our families for being so understanding with the recent school closures due to the snow! It is lovely having the children back and they have all come in pleased to be in school and delighted to see their friends!

The Christmas activities including the school plays, Christmas dinner, assemblies, staff play and Disney party, although slightly disrupted, have been amazing as always and the children have had a wonderful time! I would like to express my thanks to all of you for supporting us with the above. I would like to say a special thank you to 'Blue Door' who have very generously funded our Disney party for the children this year!

Father Christmas visited school last week and of course had no issues getting here in the bad weather! The children all loved their visits to see him and their presents! Thank you Father Christmas!

After Christmas, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hockey who will be taking her maternity leave from 5th January. We wish her all the very best and shall look forward to hearing her good news! Julia Atterbury will be leading 3LS, covering Mrs Hockey for the duration of her maternity leave. Julia has worked at Chadsgrove for many years, is very well qualified to lead this class, and is looking forward to it!

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your amazing support and generosity over the year; it is much appreciated. Thank you too, on behalf of the staff, for all the generous gifts and cards that have been sent into school.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Deb Rattley



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2LS Enjoying the Play

2LS did a fantastic job of being snowflakes in our Christmas play. We enjoyed learning our songs and singing to our families on the day.



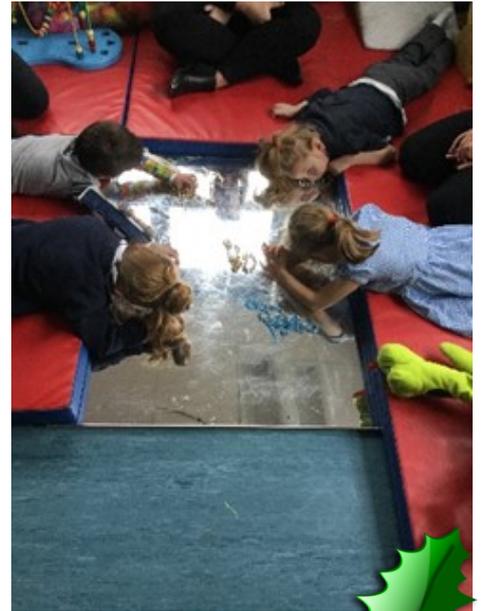
Meet our Class Guinea Pigs

3LS have some new additions to our class, the children love feeding and taking care of Cinnamon and Cocco. Every day the children get to take it in turns to feed them, carrots are their favourites! The children especially love to hold and stroke them, they are very gentle with them.



4LS Exploring Movement

4LS have been looking at different ways they can explore the classroom and move their bodies. In particular, we have been spending lots of time on our tummies to strengthen our backs and improve our head control. Using the scooter board to move around the room has also proved fun!



5LS Christmas Performance

5LS had a great time performing their dance for their carers and families as part of the Christmas Play.



6LS Visit to Webbs

On Thursday 30th November, 6LS went on a trip to Webbs Garden Centre. We enjoyed walking around the garden centre and looking at the Christmas lights, trees and the model village. We loved the singing reindeer and even saw some real reindeer too! After we'd had our lunch it was time to go to the Christmas grotto. We collected some reindeer food, made a Christmas tree decoration and enjoyed seeing all the sights in the grotto. Best of all, we got a present from Santa!



7LS Beauty and the Beast

The pupils from 7LS looked amazing in their 'Beauty and the Beast' costumes, for our part in the Christmas production! They all enjoyed taking part for the song 'Be Our Guest'.



8LS Kandinsky Art Project

This term 8LS have been working really hard during their art lessons in the art room. They have been learning about the colour wheel and using paint to mix primary colours into secondary colours. They have looked at the work of Wassily Kandinsky and used his ideas of pattern, line and shape to develop their own work. Together they have produced an eye catching piece of art which is on display in the main school corridor.



Bromsgrove's Christmas Lights Switch On

We had a wonderful time singing at Bromsgrove's Christmas Lights Switch On on Saturday 18th November. Our School Choir and Staff Choir combined to perform a selection of pop and Christmas songs to kick off the entertainment. We had a huge audience and would like to thank everyone for supporting us and for cheering us on!



9US Town Crier Visit

We have been learning about our local history, looking at photographs of Bromsgrove and our school, and comparing them with new ones. We also had a very special visit from Kevin, the Bromsgrove Town Crier. He was very LOUD! about his job and what it takes to be a good Town Crier.

We each had a go, using a special small bell and tricorne hat!

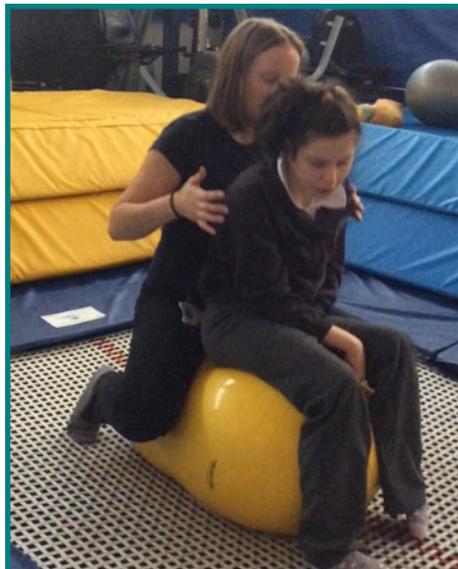


Oyez,
Oyez,
Oyez!"



10US Staying Fit and Well

10US have been working hard to stay fit, active and warm this term. One to one sessions in rebound have been a great success both for their communication and physical skill development. We have all been impressed with the effort they have put into their work and their achievements.



Please support our food bank by sending into school non-perishable items.
Thank you.

11US Visit Worcester Cathedral

11US went to Worcester Cathedral to find out about life in Medieval times. In the afternoon they learnt the uses that monks made of various plants, herbs, vegetables, honey and bee's wax.



12US Enjoying the build up to Christmas

The whole class enjoyed a fun-filled day out bowling at Hollywood Bowl followed by a meal out at Frankie and Benny's. Everyone did really well but a special well done to the winners Tom Perkins and Tom Hegenbarth. There were lots of smiles all round and everyone helped each other. We crossed the car park to Frankie and Benny's and had a long leisurely lunch. The staff at the restaurant worked really hard to make sure we all had a great time. The next day we went ice-skating at Solihull. Everyone was able to have lots of time on the ice and we all came back in one piece! Merry Christmas to all parents and carers of pupils in 12US.



14US Get Exploring

14US have continued to work hard exploring past decades. We created our own pop art and had a cool time in our flower power tent imagining what it would be like to be at a 60's festival... but without the mud! The night fever Seventies was such fun, discos were all the rage and space adventure meant that 14US met Princess Leia, Han Solo and Luke Skywalker but were careful not to bump into Darth Vader! The Hi-Tech Eighties was a colourful time and pupils enjoyed exploring ultra violet toys and paints. Our 80's theme Christmas show highlights how well the pupil's social communication skills are developing as they enjoy interacting with their peers.



13US are working towards 'Understanding what money is used for'

13US have been working toward their ASDAN accreditation unit understanding what money is used for. They have been to Merry Hill on several occasions and chose and bought their own dinners at Eat Central. Pupils brought Christmas presents for family members or friends, using their money skills that they have been practicing in class. In lessons they identified coins, matching them to pictures and practised putting their money back into their purses and wallets and zipping their money in safely. We have also learnt about keeping money safe, saving money and using different banks.



Cayla and Amie went to Merry Hill and found banks used by their family members



Billy paid for his dinner at Eat Central



Connor paid to catch the bus to Bromsgrove



Steven sorted coins from other objects



POST 19 PROVIDER VISITS – 15US

Along with promoting and encouraging independence we are always looking at ways to prepare our pupils for life after Chadsgrove School, visiting various post 19 providers this school year will certainly give the pupils of 15US a taste of what options they have open to them. 15US will be producing a booklet at the end of the school year with a synopsis of each provider they have visited. In order to complete this booklet students asked lots of interesting and important questions during their visits.

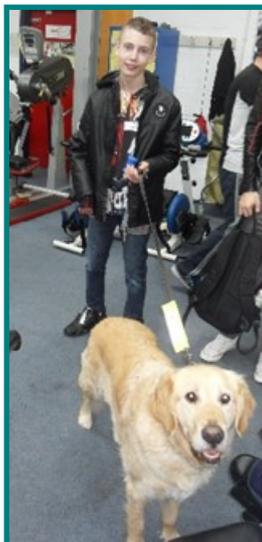


WHERE NEXT

Our first Post 19 provider visit was to the Where Next Spinal Ash Nurseries. 'Where Next' is a local charity who offer work experience to people with special needs.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA COLLEGE HARBOURNE

Queen Alexandra College is an independent specialist college of further education based in Harborne, Birmingham for students above the age of sixteen with visual impairment, autism and other disabilities. 15US had a very warm welcome which included an introductory presentation followed by a tour of the college.



GLASSHOUSE

Glasshouse College is housed in a former glass factory in the heart of Stourbridge's Glass Quarter, it comprises an array of craft workshops, social enterprises, studios for local artisans, a performing arts centre, and the 40-acre Vale Head Farm set in the surrounding hillside. Crafts at Glasshouse draw from the local traditions of glass blowing and etching, as well as the performing arts, woodland management, and farm work. Pupils from 15US were invited to join students in a glass etching and glass blowing demonstration.



HALESOWEN COLLEGE

Halesowen College provide a wide range of courses and has a reputation for high standards, an excellent learning environment and a caring, supportive sense of community. They offer exceptional support and opportunities for students making the transition from school to further education. Pupils from 15US enjoyed looking around the animal care section of the college and the impressive arts department where Luke enjoyed being serenaded to by one of the students attending the college.



HEREWARD COLLEGE

Hereward is a college for young people with disabilities and additional needs. They offer inclusive provision and specialist facilities for both day and residential learners as well as respite care breaks for 16 to 25 year olds. Pupils from Chadsgrove enjoyed the spacious sports hall and talking to the students attending the college.

KIDDERMINSTER COLLEGE

Kidderminster College is a small, friendly college which is committed to putting students' needs and those of their local community at the heart of all they do. They can offer the widest range of vocational courses and some of the very best learning facilities in the area. Pupils looked around the construction and beauty areas of the college.



15US VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF CARPETS IN KIDDERMINSTER

15US have been working on a weaving project in art and as part of this project they enjoyed a lovely visit to the carpet museum in Kidderminster. They got involved in some hands on activities which included producing yarn from wool (the old fashioned way using carding and spinning!) and weaving (by hand). Demonstrations took place on how carpets were produced on both the hand loom and the power loom.



Pupils finished weaves are now on display in their class.

SBHS Christmas Visit

We loved our annual visit from South Bromsgrove High School's Orchestra and Jazz Band. This year their Open Kazoo Orchestra also entertained us! The students wore their Christmas jumpers and made a kind donation towards Chadsgrove's Music Department. We all enjoyed singing along to the Christmas classics, and Katie in 9US even did a spot of conducting!





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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

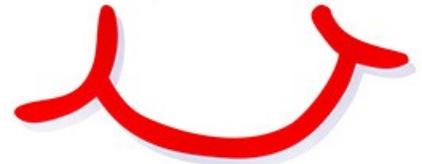


Dates for your Diary 2017-2018

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)
Wednesday 28th March	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Thursday 29th March	INSET Day School closed to students
Monday 16th April	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Friday 27th April	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Monday 7th May	School Closed—May Day
Tuesday 8th May	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Thursday 24th May	School Closes for students (3.30pm)
Friday 25th May	INSET Day School closed to students
Monday 4th June	School Opens for students (9.00am)
Tuesday 24th July	School Closes for students (3.30pm)

The Smiles

FOUNDATION



Smiles Quiz

Friday 2nd February
at Chadsgrove
School
at 7.00pm for
7.30pm start

Tickets £5
*(bring your own drinks
and food)*

Nibbles on table
Maximum of 6 in a team

Proceeds to provide
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