

# Chadsgrove Newsletter

## Headteacher's Message



Christmas is here! There is a lovely buzz of excitement around school! The Christmas productions have been amazing as always and wonderful to see so many of you here enjoying them, the children really did do us proud. I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Draper and the staff who worked very hard to make these so successful. Thank you for joining us and for your very kind donations of mince pies and goodies!

This term we are saying goodbye to Danielle Goodayle who has a new job as Assistant Headteacher at Dame Ellen Pincet School, many congratulations to Danielle, we wish her well and shall miss her at Chadsgrove. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Danielle both for her commitment and dedication to our school.

Father Christmas visited school last week and enjoyed being in his grotto, which is our newly refurbished Multi-Sensory Room! The children all loved their visits to see him and their presents!

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December was our Christmas dinner day, another delicious dinner thanks to our superb team in the kitchen! Everyone enjoyed the meal and the after dinner entertainment!

This has been a fabulous year for Chadsgrove, as well as celebrating our 40th birthday we have opened a new 19-25 provision for young people with physical disabilities and complex medical needs, and are also delighted to have 2 new classrooms ready to move into, funded by Worcestershire County Council and built by Arden Construction.

The 19-25 'Education Learning Centre' provision is the first of its kind in Worcestershire and will provide outstanding education and care for some of our most vulnerable young people. Catherine Driscoll (Director of Children, Families and Community – Worcestershire County Council) opened the Centre and was joined by families, Worcestershire County Council staff, staff from the school, Governors and key people instrumental in getting the provision in place.

A time capsule was buried on the new build site under a sundial and contained something momentous from every class. I also put in a photograph of the 3 Headteachers who have led the school over the last 40 years, David Nicholas between 1976-1990, Richard Aust between 1990-2009 and myself, Headteacher since 2009.

We would like to thank all who have been involved in both the new 19-25 provision and the building of the 2 new classrooms, both buildings are a wonderful addition to the school and will enable us to continue to provide outstanding education and care to all our pupils and young people.

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 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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## Christmas Stars

2LS have been getting into the festive mood with a variety of Christmas crafts. They have made and decorated Christmas trees and stockings.



All of the children enjoyed performing in their Christmas show dressed as sparkling stars.

## 3LS Visit Imagination Street

3LS really enjoyed a trip to Imagination Street especially going in the ball pool, down the slide and making handprints to go on the special Christmas tree.



## 6LS Go on the Santa Express!

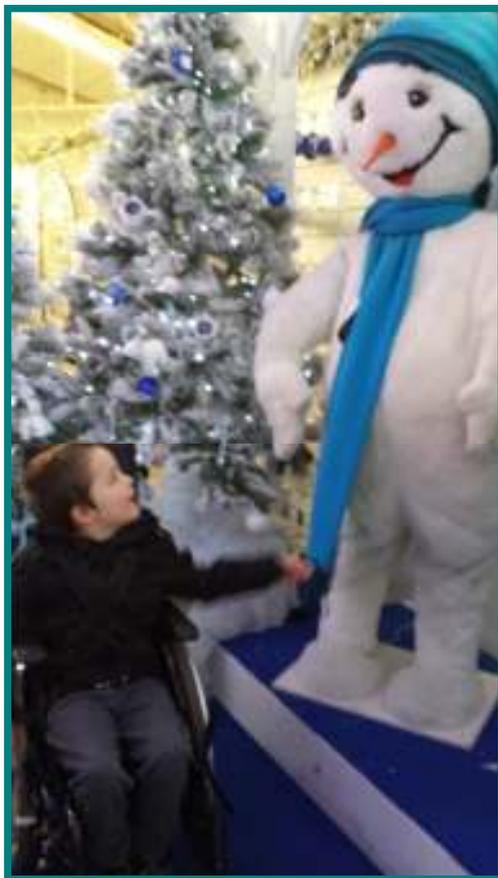
On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6LS enjoyed a visit to the Severn Valley Railway. We have been learning all about trains this term, especially how steam trains work.

It was fantastic to see a real life steam train and even have a ride on it! During the journey we were joined by a lady playing the accordion who we sang some Christmas songs with. However, the best visitor of all had to be Father Christmas who gave us all a present! We had a wonderful day!



## 7LS Visit Notcutts for Christmas

7LS enjoyed visiting Notcutts Garden Centre to see all of the Christmas decorations. Sam and Charlie especially liked the big snowman and Ryan went inside Santa's Grotto! They also enjoyed their posh lunch in the restaurant!



## 8LS Enjoyed a brilliant trip on the Severn Valley Railway

8LS have been learning all about trains and about how steam trains work. We were all really excited to be able to take a ride on a real steam train, which was made even better when Father Christmas came to visit and brought everyone presents! We had a great day and enjoyed looking out the window at the safari park, buying a snack on the train and spending time with our friends. Our class mascot, Paddington Bear, used his stowaway skills to join us for the trip!



## 9US Visit Hollywood Bowl

9US finished their busy term with a day out at Hollywood Bowl. We enjoyed having lunch together before we took over lane 21. We were excellent at choosing our bowling balls and independently pushing them off the ramp. We even scored a few strikes! Most of us scored close to 100 points and we took a balloon home as a souvenir.



## 12US Have a great day out

12US went on a lovely trip on Thursday 1st December. We started the day by visiting Empire Cinemas in Rubery. We saw Fantastic Beasts & How To Find Them. The film was brilliant every single scene had something to talk about. It also had lots of magical effects which were so good that they made some of us jump!! To end the day with a bang we had a game of ten pin bowling. We had lots of fun trying to knock down the pins. Some of us bowled with a ramp and some of us tried knocking the pins down by ourselves. Overall a brilliant day had by all!



## 11US Visit The Black Country Living Museum

11US visited the Black Country Living Museum as part of their topic on the Victorians.



They were pleased that they don't have to travel on cobbled streets every day and after visiting the Victorian chemist to find out how they made medicine didn't much like the thought of swallowing the Victorian pills!



They took part in a lesson in the Victorian school room. They had to sit up straight and write on slates.

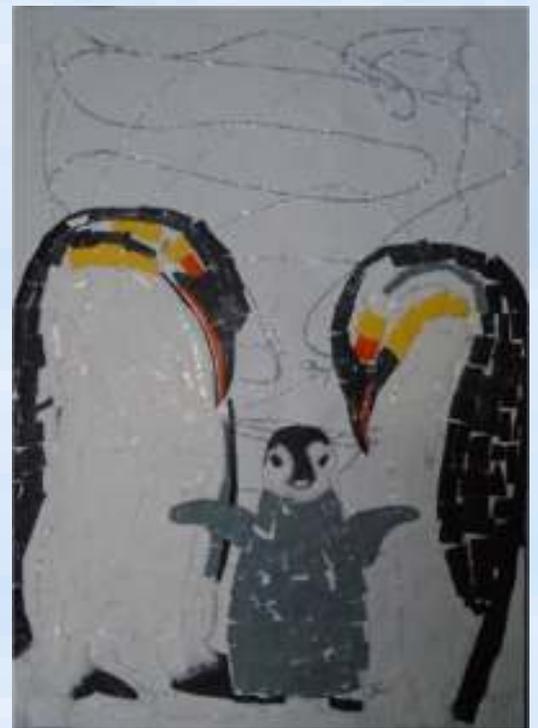


After all that hard work Will and James had the important job of looking after the 'Victorian' chips .....but Billy was still hungry and fancied some Victorian sweets.



**Class Christmas posters showing great ideas, teamwork and creativity!!!  
3LS, 9US, 8LS, 12US, 14US, 10US, 11US**





15US, 4LS, 6LS, 2LS, 13US, 7LS, 5LS

## 14US Out and About

14US have been getting out and about and transferring knowledge learnt in school into the community at Keep on Moving, Hollywood Bowl, Dudley Castle and at the CBSO Relaxing Concerts in Birmingham. All pupils have made great progress with their independence and social communication which can be seen as their confidence grows and their social skills develop. Well done 14US for being such great representatives of our school.



## Willowbrook Garden Centre

Some students from 15US enjoyed a visit based around independence, together they ordered and enjoyed a lovely lunch.



Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Raffle we raised £373.00!!

**15US** have been working really hard in their art lessons this term developing their own ideas for their 3 dimensional project work. They followed a process of research, exploration, experimentation and creation. Here are some examples of their work so far.



These clay sculptures were made by James, Josh, Callum, Frazer, Kacper and Ernie.

## Pearl of Africa Choir Visit



### Chadsgrove School Choir Help Launch Bromsgrove's Festive Season

Pupils in Chadsgrove School Choir braved the bitterly cold weather in mid-November with two separate performances in Bromsgrove town centre. The first was part of the St. John's Christmas Market, and we collected just over £100 for Children in Need! The second was the following day, and we were the first to perform at the town's Christmas Lights Switch On event. A huge well done to the choir, and a big thank you to parents, families and friends who supported these events!

In November we were delighted to welcome the Pearl of Africa Choir into school. They did two lively performances for us, and had everyone joining in with percussion instruments. They also taught us a traditional Ugandan song, and were selling beautiful hand-made crafts. The choir tours around Britain for 3 months, raising money for Pearl of Africa Child Care. This is a UK based charity whose main activity is raising funds to provide education, food, shelter and healthcare to orphaned and destitute children in the Kampala and Masaka districts. We would very much like to welcome them into school again when they are touring next year!



### Christmas Show Congratulations

A huge congratulations to all pupils who performed so brilliantly in last week's Christmas shows! Ms Draper would also like to thank our wonderful staff for such a team effort in bringing everything together, and for being thoroughly good sports all round! Thank you also to our audience members – each performance was extremely well supported and our pupils were so excited to welcome you all into school.

## South Bromsgrove High School Orchestra

It has become a Christmas tradition that South Bromsgrove High School's fantastic orchestra visit us just before the end of term to entertain us with an exciting repertoire, both old and new. This year we welcomed the largest group so far, all wearing their Christmas jumpers and each generously donating a pound to Chadsgrove's next Isle of Man Music Trip. We loved clapping and dancing along, and especially enjoyed their speedy version of Jingle Bells!



### 13US Get all Competitive

13US have been working really hard in their art lessons this term to plan and develop their class competition picture with a 'Sparkle Theme'. First they voted on a picture they would like to create, then they planned the stages of the project. Each week they created different parts of the picture. They used photos of their own houses as templates, sponge painted the background, used cotton wool balls for the snowman and everyone made a sparkly star. Leah Powell's star was voted by the pupils in class to be used on the final poster.





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## New Scooters for Schools, well done James



**Family Workshops**  
Monday Evenings from  
3.45pm to 5.00pm  
  
13th February 2017  
3rd April 2017  
12th June 2017  
17th July 2017

A huge thank you goes to James Saunders, 11US who fund raised enough money to buy some new scooters of various sizes, safety helmets and knee and elbow pads for everyone to enjoy in school.

These have been a big hit with pupils and Mrs Taylor now runs a scooter club. James would like to say a big thank you for all those who sponsored him.

## SPOOKY DISCO

A fantastic evening was had by all that attended the "Spooky Disco". Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported the event. All proceeds made from the evening will be used for future events.  
*The Parents and Friends Team*



### Dates for your Diary 2017

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| 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     |