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8th September 2023

Issue 1



SEND HEADLINES

And we're back!

A massive welcome back to another busy year at #teamCHPS; I hope you all had a lovely summer break, wherever your travels took you! Staff and children have been immensely busy already, delving into their amazing new topics and doing baseline assessment work in readiness for all the new learning ahead through the year. The school has truly been awash with learning and excitement and everyone has taken all the new routines and new behaviour policy in their stride. More about that later!

The soft start to school continues between 8.40am – 8.50am, after which gates are closed. Children who arrive late are missing out on the start of their learning and need to sign in via the main office. At the end of the day the children wait with their class teachers until a parent is visible.

This first newsletter has lots of information so please do read it and note any dates at the back of the newsletter. The staff have worked hard planning interesting topics and will share curriculum maps shortly, along with details of upcoming trips and visits.

Who's who?

Key Staff September 2023	
Ms Christine Meekley	Headteacher
Mrs. Tracey Vallance	Deputy Head Teacher / SENDCO
Mrs. Emma Topping	School Business Manager
Mrs. Emma Geary	Assistant Head / Reception Teacher
Mrs. Melissa Harrison-Watkins	Key Stage 2 Phase Leader
Miss Louise Johnston	Key Stage 1 / EYFS Phase Leader
Ms Sophie Hedayati	School Administrator
Mrs. Tina Steele	Attendance Officer
Mr. Simon Bancroft	Caretaker

New Behaviour Policy

Having listened to the views of community, we are excited to introduce our new *Relationships and Behaviour Policy*. It is important to stress that this policy is about forming positive relationships at all times and working to create a triangle of success with our children, our staff and our parents/carers so that our children get the very best so they can thrive. It really is simple: Be Ready - Be Responsible - Be Respectful. These three rules form our code of conduct and they clearly link to our core values of Aspire – Believe – Achieve.

The new policy was introduced to staff during INSET on Monday and to the children throughout this week both in class and in assembly. The absolute key to success is **consistency** but personalisation is important so there are elements which are personalised to each class based on staff experience and expertise and the cohort. There has been lots of positive feedback from staff and children already because of its simplicity. Why not ask your child what the rules are and what they mean? Visit our Policies section to view the full policy and an abridged version for parents/carers has been sent home today.

Save the dates

Attached to this newsletter are proposed school dates for the calendar year so please take note of the forthcoming events.

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Meet the Teacher Drop In

There is a meet the teacher DROP IN on Tuesday 12th September between 3.20pm and 4.15pm for pupils in Reception – Y6 so that you can come into school and see your child's learning environment. Teachers will be there to answer any questions you may have but there will not be a formal presentation so if you can't make it, DON'T WORRY! This is a DROP IN so you can pop into other classrooms if you have more than one child in school.

School Uniform Reminder

We are proud of our uniform and it was great to see the children coming in looking smart this week. A reminder of our uniform expectations and policy can be found on our website [here](#).

A reminder also that only Reception pupils will be wearing their PE kits to school on days they have a PE lesson. All other pupils will bring their PE kit in on identified days or leave it on their peg and change for PE.

In order to provide a local, easily accessible uniform service for parents, Monkhouse in Stockport stock our uniform.

DO WEAR	DON'T WEAR
Black or charcoal grey skirt / school trousers / school shorts / school pinafore	Jeans, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, decorated or casual trousers, cycling shorts inc. DRI-FIT shorts
White polo t shirt (no logo) or white cotton shirt	Crew neck t shirt Sports tops
Sweatshirt or cardigan (logo)	Sports tops / hoodies
White/grey/black socks or tights	Patterned tights
Black school shoes	Trainer / pumps / Ugg boots / Crocs / Flip Flops
PE: plain white t shirt and black shorts or cycling shorts. Jumper / hoodie and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor game. Trainers.	Football kits Logo t shirts
OPTIONAL ITEMS	
ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Small stud earrings	Hoop earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces
Hair accessories should be kept to simple hair bands or bobbles in the school colours.	Extreme hair styles Nail varnish False nails

Swimming

We are delighted to be extending our partnership with Cheadle Hulme School as we begin to use their swimming facilities. From Monday 11th September, the following classes will be going swimming from 11am – 12pm on Mondays and Fridays and will be travelling by bus to Cheadle Hulme School:

Term	Monday	Friday
Autumn 1	Y5 Peake	Y5 Malala
Autumn 2	Y5 Peake	Y5 Malala
Spring 1	Y3/4 Seacole	Y3/4 Hawking
Spring 2	Y3/4 Seacole	Y3/4 Hawking
Summer 1	Y6 Catch Up	Y3/4 Parks
Summer 2	Y6 Catch Up	Y3/4 Parks

School Places Available

There are school places available in all year groups. If you know of anyone living locally looking for a school place, they can apply here: [Primary school admissions - Stockport Council](#). To apply for a Nursery place please fill in the online application form: [Maintained nursery admissions - Stockport Council](#)

Healthy Eating reminders

Healthy Snack Policy

- Our school policy is that we encourage **all children** to have fresh fruit or vegetables at morning break time. Sweets, crisps, cheese strings, chocolate, crackers and items such as Fruit Winders are not permitted. KS1 and EYFS pupils are provided with a snack but KS2 pupils can bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break.

Birthday Treats

- Children are asked not to bring sweets / treats / cakes in to celebrate their birthdays as this leads to peer pressure, does not support our healthy school status and is challenging for pupils with allergies etc. We brought this into effect following our Poverty Proofing audit in 2019, results of which can be [found here](#). Thank you for your support.

Packed Lunch Policy

- Parents and pupils are encouraged to send a healthy packed lunch. No fizzy drinks are permitted.
- Packed lunches should not contain any products containing nuts (peanut butter, Nutella / nut-based chocolate spreads, nut based cereal bars etc.) as we have a number of children in school with a severe nut allergy.

Dolce – school dinners

Prior to the Summer holidays we forwarded a letter from Dolce/School Grid to all existing families regarding the changes they were making to their payment system with effect from the new school year. However, it has caused some confusion so we have gained clarification from Dolce regarding their new system.

- Dolce/School Grid will now work in line with the high school lunch accounts process, in that money needs to be loaded onto the child's account **prior** to the meal being taken and payment is deducted from the account following each meal.
- You are able to top up the account with any amount so that you don't have to do this on a daily basis.
- Dolce will no longer allow debt to be incurred due to the large amounts of debtors they have to follow up each year.
- Dolce have stated that if a child's account is in debt by two meals they will be unable to provide further meals until the account is in credit.

I hope this provides clarification, however, if you do have further questions their customer support number is [01506 300310](#)

Food Pantry

We run a weekly food pantry for our parents / carers and last year an increasing number of families used it which highlighted the need for support in the current economic climate. As a school we financially contribute to the pantry which is why we are so intent on the food only going to members of our school community. The pantry will return on Wednesday 20 September.

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And finally ... take a bow!

As we look forward to the start of the new school year, where our priority remains to deliver high-quality education to all pupils, here is a snippet of what YOU - our parents and carers - said about our school in the summer 2023 questionnaire ...

- An outstanding school with a dedicated and hardworking staff where children feel happy and safe.
- I really appreciate the way the school works with parents if any concerns arise in the best interest of the child. We as parents have felt listened to and respected by the school.
- My child loves coming to school and is really thriving with the excellent support he is given.
- I have a long-standing connection with Cheadle Heath, I cannot fault or ever had the need to question anything negatively at this school. All of my children have flourished at this school educationally and personally. A school who truly align to their values and have given my children the very best start to their education and the confidence to develop into the future. An amazing school, with fantastic staff and a beautiful, happy vibe where every child is given the opportunity to thrive. Thank you Ms Meekley & staff I am still glad I chose Cheadle Heath all those years ago!
- Just a very big thank you!!!!
- Both of my children have been extremely happy at CHPS. I couldn't be more proud to say that they attended CHPS and have no hesitation in recommending the school to others.

- School have been supportive when we have raised concerns and issues have been dealt with promptly.
- Exceptional support from my daughter's teacher, always impressed with the curriculum and clubs offered.
- The school has always engaged my child. Very happy.
- Cheadle Heath Primary school know my daughter well and encourage her to be the very best she can be at all times. Staff are approachable and always happy to speak with parents. I wouldn't want my child to go to any other school.
- The school is amazing!
- Amazing school - so many fab activities and so much thought out into both curriculum and wider activities!
- Both of my children love attending Cheadle Heath & the introduction of sunset club has been a great addition.
- [Child] is very happy at CHPS. His anxiety issues were dealt with and teachers have been very supportive. The ESC sports Clubs after school are fantastic for [child].
- Team CHPS really is the most amazing place.
- Will recommend this school to every parent. They maintain high quality in everything.
- Teachers & Staff members are so supportive and cooperative

You can see the full results on our website [here](#).

Have a great weekend,

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

Term dates 2023 - 24

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Autumn 2	Monday 30 th October 2023	Thursday 21 st December 2023
Spring 1	Monday 8 th January 2024	Friday 9 th February 2024
Spring 2	Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Summer 1	Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Summer 2	Monday 10 th June 2024	Friday 26 th July 2024
INSET days Staff only in attendance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Monday 4th September 2023 2 Friday 22nd December 2023 3 Monday 19th February 2024 4 Monday 29th July 2024 5 Tuesday 30th July 2024 	

Term dates 2024 - 25

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Friday 18 th October 2024
Autumn 2	Monday 28 th October 2024	Thursday 19 th December 2024
Spring 1	Thursday 2 nd January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring 2	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 11 th April 2025
Summer 1	Monday 28 th April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Summer 2	Monday 9 th June 2025	Friday 25 th July 2025
INSET days Staff only in attendance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Monday 2nd September 2024 2 To be confirmed 3 To be confirmed 4 To be confirmed 5 To be confirmed 	

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Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023: Monday 4th September - Friday 22nd December

w/b Monday 11 th September	Swimming starts for Y5 pupils at Cheadle Hulme School
Tuesday 12 th September	Parks Class Trip
Tuesday 12 th September	Meet the Teacher Drop In 3.20pm & repeated at 4.30pm
Wednesday 13 th September	Seacole Class Trip
Thursday 14 th September	Hawking Class Trip
Friday 15 th September	Reception Stay & Play, Tea & Tissues, Phonics & Lunch!
Tuesday 19 th September	Y2 to St Cuthbert's
Friday 22 nd September	Big Languages Day
w/b Monday 25 th September	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 27 th September	Y1 – Y6 Stay & Read 8.45 - 9.15am
Thursday 28 th September	Y1 – Y6 Stay & Read 8.45 - 9.15am
Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in the hall – everyone welcome – 2.15pm
Tuesday 3 rd October	Flu Vaccinations Farah Class to A Fisherman's Tale
Wednesday 4 th October	Y6 to the Imperial War Museum
Thursday 5 th October	National Poetry Day Peake & Malala Class to A Fisherman's Tale
Tuesday 10 th October	Prospective Parents 2024 Intake Open Morning @ 9.30am – 10.15am Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 11 th October	KS2 Movie Night
Thursday 12 th October	Y6 health check Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6pm
Friday 13 th October	Turing Class to A Fisherman's Tale LKS2 Harvest Festival @ 2pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Y6 to Robinwood Residential until Friday 20 th October Full Governing Board Meeting 1/6
Thursday 19 th October	Y2 to Fireground in Rochdale CHPS Voice @ 2.15pm EYFS/KS1 Movie Night
Friday 20 th October	Break up for October half term
Half Term Holidays: Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	
Monday 30 th October	School returns
Tuesday 31 st October	EYFS Stay & Play – Reception 8.45 – 9.45am / Nursery 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 1 st November	Tempest Individual Photos
Thursday 2 nd November	Prospective Parents 2024 Intake Open Morning @ 9.30am – 10.15am
Thursday 9 th November	D – I – S – C – O Time
Friday 10 th November	Big Remembrance Day
W/b Monday 13 th November	Anti Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need
Monday 20 th November	Prospective Parents 2024 Intake Open Morning @ 9.30am – 10.15am
Tuesday 21 st November	Stay & Learn Maths – times to be arranged by individual class teachers
Thursday 23 rd November	Stay & Learn Maths – times to be arranged by individual class teachers
Thursday 30 th November	CHPS Festive Day
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Front Row Christmas Concert
Thursday 7 th December	Prospective Parents 2024 Intake Open Morning @ 9.30am – 10.15am
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity – 10.30am / EYFS Nativity - 2pm
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS Nativity – 10.30am / KS1 Nativity - 2pm Full Governing Board Meeting 2/6
Thursday 14 th December	EYFS and KS1 to Theatre
Friday 15 th December	CHPS sponsored Reindeer Run and Santa Dash
Monday 18 th December	UKS2 Christingle – 2pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Y2-6 trip to the Panto at Romiley Forum
Thursday 21 st December	CHPS Gets Festive: Christmas Dinner & Party
Friday 22 nd December	INSET 2 / 5 – Staff only in school