



18th September 2023

Issue 2



SEND HEADLINES

Last week at Cheadle Heath

We had a fabulous second week back and are already back into our full swing of our curriculum. Y3/4 have launched their 'Savage Stone Age' theme and have been on an amazing trip to the phenomenal working Sugar Brook Farm in Altrincham and Y5 have started swimming lessons at Cheadle Hulme School which has already been a roaring success as they are spending double the amount of time in the pool than last year. It was amazing to welcome so many Reception families to school on Friday for Stay & Play followed by an engaging phonics workshop and lunch. Our new intake pupils have settled into school so well and are already incredibly independent so a huge welcome to all our new families. Many children are less tired this week so thank you for supporting us getting them back into a bedtime routine.

A few notes and reminders:

- ESC have launched their after school curricular programme and places are still available so do book on.
- Our Sunrise and Sunset Club are fully operational and welcoming regular and new pupils to each session. Please book a space by 1pm each Friday for the following week via school spider to confirm your place. This is especially important as Sunset Club is so popular and has limited numbers due to staffing ratios.
- School gates open at 8.40am. We keep them open until 8.50am but children who arrive after 8.50am are late and are missing out on the start of their learning.
- As the British weather continues to surprise us, please send your child to school with a raincoat. Physical health is a crucial part of our curriculum and it is important for your children's learning for them to be outside and moving every day despite the weather.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



We invite you to our Macmillan **Coffee Afternoon** on Friday 29th September. The hall will be open from 2.15pm until the end of the day for you to enjoy a hot drink and a piece of cake. If you are able to donate any bought or homemade cakes it would be much appreciated. We must insist that they are all NUT FREE and, in line with Natasha's Law, homemade cakes must identify allergens. Please bring any donations to school on Thursday 28th September. All donations raised will be made to Macmillan so come and join us and enjoy a coffee and catch up with others!

Sleepy heads



Did you know that sleep helps children learn?

For many years sleep has been linked to energy. However, recent scientific research proves it does much more. Sleep actually helps children learn better, improves their memory and helps them

to apply their knowledge to solve problems. We understand getting children to sleep isn't always easy. For advice please visit: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children>

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Communication matters

We try to find efficient means of communicating with you to share news and events at school. We send emails, update our website regularly, use Facebook, twitter and class / school story to do so. We try to get things right but, occasionally, there can be miscommunication. At times people say we over communicate with too many sources of information. We do try our best and I appreciate that errors can be frustrating, however, if you have missed a message, please be patient and understanding as we always try to rectify errors! You can always telephone the school on 428 2476 or you can email.

- **Office team** [Ms Hedayti](#) is responsible for general school admin, admissions, school meals and general enquiries and [Mrs Steele](#) is responsible for attendance. [Mrs. Topping](#) is the school business manager and should be contacted with any questions related to finance including bookings for Sunrise and Sunset Cub. The office is open 8.30am – 3.45pm so you will come into contact with all three members of the office team as they work different hours.
- **Teaching staff** can be contacted via email but please remember it is not a 24 hour service! All staff check their emails daily and emails will not be answered after 5pm so please do not email expecting an urgent response. Their email addresses are firstname.surname@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **Messages** are sent via School Spider so it is essential that we always have your current email address. We do not generally use the messaging system linked to class dojo as the main aim of class story is promoting positive behaviour rather than providing a direct messaging service.
- **Class / School Story** Every class has class story and staff post information and photos of life in their classroom on their closed page so keep popping back to have a look!
- **Facebook / Instagram** Follow and like us on Facebook and Instagram to see highlights of school.
- **Website** www.cheadleheathprimary.com Our school website is a great source of information and is regularly updated about school and school events. Each class also has their own page so keep checking for updates.
- **Newsletters** This newsletter is sent via email approx. every two weeks. It is also available on the school website [here](#). Please ensure your email address is always up to date as the information in the newsletter is important. If you do not receive your newsletter by email, you can always ask for a hard copy to be distributed or collect one from the office. We ask that you check Head Lines newsletter before phoning the school office with queries.

Please talk to us!

I am keen that as a school we are open and approachable. We understand that sometimes parents / carers may be frustrated about issues that arise and we will always do our best to solve these. Equally, we would much prefer parents / carers to contact us directly with concerns rather than raise them on social media before we have had the chance to respond.

We understand that fixed 'teacher liaisons' rarely fall at the time you want to speak to the teachers concerned. So, if you want to speak to a teacher about something that won't take much time,

please liaise with them at the end of the school day when you pick your child up. Clearly you may need to wait until all the other children have been picked up from their class, but this will allow for a more spontaneous dialogue to occur on an 'as and when' basis. Obviously, if you need to discuss something at length then please arrange a time for a phone call or face to face meeting.

Please see the attached Communication Flowchart so that you can see where to direct any queries to.

Y6 Moving On; but not just yet

The closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2023. The form is live now and can be submitted at anytime up to 31st October through [this online link](#). You can apply for up to six schools and it is not guaranteed that your child will get a place at your preferred school if you only name one.

Attendance Matters

It's the start of the term and we love it when you're in school! Regular attendance is the most important thing that can help your child with their learning and to develop strong friendships. Parents are responsible for getting their children to school every day on time but as a school we have a duty to ensure good attendance and we regularly monitor individual pupils. Our school attendance target is 97%. We expect children to achieve or better this figure. Good attendance at school is essential so we will not authorise ANY absence unless it is truly exceptional. If your child isn't here, he/she can't learn. Where attendance becomes a cause for concern, the school policy is followed.

- **Illness:** If your child is ill, it is your responsibility to contact the office on the first day of absence to let us know the reason.
- **Emergency Medical Appointments:** Routine appointments should be made after school hours or in the holidays. Please inform the office if your child has an emergency appointment.
- **Observance of a religious festival:** Please inform school if your child is off school due to a religious festival.
- **Holidays** should be taken during the 13 weeks of school holidays over the year. Term time holidays will not be authorised and may lead to you being issued a Fixed Penalty Notice. Term dates, holidays and INSET days can be found on the school website calendar as well as at the back of this newsletter. Please ensure that you and all other family members refer to this when booking holidays, as absences for holidays are unauthorised.

If your child needs to be absent from school due to exceptional circumstances, please complete the Leave of Absence form which can be obtained from the school office. We request that you do not email with a request as we need a hard copy for our audit trail. **If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact school.**

Have a great week,

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023: Monday 4 th September - Friday 22 nd December	
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 <i>Go into your child's classroom at the start of the day for stay & read until 9.15am. This is repeated so you can choose a day to suit you and / or visit different classes if you have more than one child in school. You do not have to come all three days!</i>
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

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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

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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 	