



# NEWS HEADLINES

## This week at Cheadle Heath

What a fantastic start first half term we have had! Our children have enjoyed starting their first theme and, most importantly, have built strong, positive relationships with their new teachers. We hope you enjoyed hearing about their progress at parents' evening last week. If you were unable to make an appointment, please arrange an alternative time with your child's class teacher.

We have lots of exciting events coming up next half-term as we honour the armed forces members who have died in the line of duty on Big Remembrance Day, raise money for Children in Need, host our Watch Me Learn Maths and the #teamCHPS Santa Dash.

## Robinwood Residential

Year 6 have spent three days this week at Robinwood on their residential trip. Although it was a wet and windy few days, they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and made lots of new friendships. Residential trips really enhance our curriculum as well as build relationships and personal and social skills

## School Improvement 2023/24

### What are we trying to achieve in 2023 – 24?

These are our whole school priorities for this year:

#### Main Priorities 2023 – 24: QUALITY OF EDUCATION

1	To ensure that all pupils, including pupils with SEND, are able to make at least expected progress in all subjects through effective quality first teaching
2	To improve the attainment and progress in Writing across the school so children build writing stamina and maintain quality and accuracy in transcription and composition
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To embed the use of NCETM Mastering Number Programme in EYFS and KS1.</li> <li>- To implement NCETM Mastering Number Programme in Year 4 &amp; 5.</li> <li>- To make effective use of interventions to narrow the gaps for children, particularly in KS2.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To further develop the curriculum, particularly in Art &amp; Design and Computing, ensuring strong connections across the curriculum, building on prior knowledge, sticky knowledge and cross curricular links, with a focus on high quality, purposeful texts, resources and vocabulary.</li> </ul>

#### Additional Priorities 2023 – 24:

##### BEHAVIOUR & ATTITUDES

To ensure that all pupils and staff consistently follow new behaviour policy & the relentless routines.

Be Ready - Be Responsible - Be Respectful

##### Priority 3 LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

To improve curriculum standards focussing on subject leadership, assessment and Governance

Continuation of work on Staff Work Load and Wellbeing

##### Priority 4 EARLY YEARS EDUCATION

To focus on the development of speech, language & communication and early reading skills.

To develop high quality outdoor learning with investment in area.

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## Spotlight on Mrs Steele!

### Attendance Officer

We invested in an attendance officer, Mrs Steele, a couple of years ago as attendance at school is one of the most important ways that students succeed both academically and personally. We work with Stockport Local Authority to ensure that every pupil has access to a full-time education by addressing barriers to school attendance. This involves home visits, meetings with pupils and their families and following the Department for Education's guidance to provide the necessary support.

As part of our efforts, Mrs Steele closely monitors school attendance for every child in school and may reach out to you under certain circumstances:

- If your child is consistently late for school.
- If you request a holiday during term time that the school cannot authorise.
- If your child is frequently absent due to illness

Please rest assured that our goal is to understand the reasons behind these absences, assess if additional support is needed, and work with you to ensure your child maintains positive school attendance.

In some cases of irregular school attendance, our team may need to issue Penalty Notices but our intention is to avoid this whenever possible and work with you to prevent such actions.

Irregular school attendance is a legal matter, and it is the responsibility of parents/ carers to ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time. Communication with the school about absences is essential, and a precise reason for the absence is required.

Late arrivals after the register opens will result in a late mark, and arriving after the register closes will lead to an unauthorised absence. If a pupil accumulates 10 unauthorised sessions within 2 half terms, the school may apply to the Local Authority to issue a Penalty Notice warning period. However, prior to this, you will receive communication from the school, and either myself or Mrs Steele will discuss concerns with you.

Our primary objective is to support you, address concerns early, and ensure that your child has a positive experience at school, attending regularly to achieve their full potential. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require further information. We are here to assist you in any way we can.

### Holidays during term time

The Department for Education only allows schools to authorise a leave of absence in 'exceptional' circumstances. Parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. An application for leave of absence will not be granted unless it is made in advance by a parent the pupil normally lives with and the school is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances based on the individual facts and circumstances of the case which justify the

leave. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion. A school cannot grant a leave of absence retrospectively. If the parent did not apply in advance, leave of absence should not be granted.

The following are not usually accepted as exceptional circumstances:

- Cheaper holidays
- Restrictions by employers on when annual leave can be taken
- Someone booked the wrong date
- Differences in dates of school holidays at different schools

If a child is absent from school for a leave of absence which school are unable to authorise, the school is required to request that the Local Authority consider issuing a Penalty Notice. This is done if there are 5 days (10 school sessions) of unauthorised leave. Please note that this does not have to be all taken together. This table shows the financial cost of a Penalty Notice:

TIMELINE	ONE CHILD	TWO CHILDREN
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent / carer	£60 per parent / carer = £120
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent / carer	£120 per parent / carer = £240
After 28 days	You will receive a summons to appears in a Magistrates Court on the grounds that you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance.	You will receive a summons to appears in a Magistrates Court on the grounds that you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance.

## Christmas fair preparation ...

In preparation for our upcoming festivities we would like to invite the children to dress up as follows if they'd like to, in return for a small contribution to the Christmas Fair. All optional and no pressure.

- Friday 10 November - Colourful own clothes: To bring a colourful item for the rainbow raffle - more details to follow!
- Friday 17 November - Silly socks and/or crazy hair. To bring: a bottle for the adult tombola (from bubble bath to festive fizz - all bottles are welcome)
- Friday 24 November - Onesies/PJs/cosy clothes. To bring: unopened packet of sweets/chocolate (nut free)
- Friday 1 December - Christmas clothes (jumpers/t-shirts/dresses/shirts/socks-anything!) to bring: baked Christmassy goodies

In addition, if you have any preloved cuddly toys who would love a new home this Christmas - we would appreciate donations to the school office throughout November.

## Have a great half term!

I would like to wish you a very happy half-term break and hope that you enjoy spending some quality time with your family. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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<b>Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for October half term
Half Term Holidays: Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School returns
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	EYFS Stay & Play – Reception 8.45 – 9.45am / Nursery 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Tempest Individual Photos
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Prospective Parents 2024 Intake Open Morning @ 9.30am – 10.15am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	D – I – S – C – O Time
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Big Remembrance Day Christmas Fair Countdown: Colourful own clothes: To bring a colourful item for the rainbow raffle
W/b Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Christmas Fair Countdown: Silly socks and/or crazy hair. To bring: a bottle for the adult tombola (from bubble bath to festive fizz - all bottles are welcome)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parents 2024 Intake Open Morning @ 9.30am – 10.15am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Stay & Learn Maths – times to be arranged by individual class teachers
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Stay & Learn Maths – times to be arranged by individual class teachers
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fair Countdown: Onesies/PJs/cosy clothes. To bring: unopened packet of sweets/chocolate (nut free)
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	CHPS Festive Day
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Fair Countdown: Christmas clothes (jumpers/t-shirts/dresses/shirts/socks-anything!) to bring: baked Christmassy goodies Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Front Row Christmas Concert
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective Parents 2024 Intake Open Morning @ 9.30am – 10.15am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity – 10.30am Reception Classes (Einstein & Nightingale) Nativity - 2pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Classes (Einstein & Nightingale) Nativity – 10.30am KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity - 2pm Full Governing Board Meeting 2/6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS and KS1 to Theatre
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	CHPS sponsored Reindeer Run and Santa Dash
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	UKS2 Christingle – 2pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2-6 trip to the Panto at Romiley Forum Nursery Sing-A-Long-A-Christmas: songs & festive treats around the Christmas Tree – 11am
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	CHPS Gets Festive: Christmas Dinner & Party
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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:
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
<b>Spring 1</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Spring 2</b>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
<b>INSET days Staff only in attendance</b>	1 Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 2 Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 3 Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 4 Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 5 Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	

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	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Spring 1</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
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