

29th November 2023



Issue 8 - Festive Edition



SEND HEADLINE

This week at Cheadle Heath

What an incredibly busy time it is at school! It was great to host 'Stay & Learn Maths with Me' last week. The sessions were a huge success and a whopping 113 parents joined their children to take part in a maths lesson! Fantastic!

'Stay & Learn Science with Me' will take place week beginning 12th March which will equip you with ideas about how you can help your children to learn about science and gain an understanding about how we teach science in school. We will also be hosting 'Stay & Learn Orienteering With Me' sessions in the summer term so watch this space.

Attendance has taken a hit recently with many children off school with sickness and illness. Pupil's wellbeing is our number one priority so please message us on School Spider with the reason for your child's absence. We encourage children with mild symptoms to come into school having taken medication and we will keep a close eye on them. In the vast majority of cases children are fine and we do not need to contact parents. Please continue to do your best to ensure children come into school each day.

Late collections

We are seeing an increasing number of pupils not being collected on time at 3.15pm. Staff cannot wait due to other commitments at clubs, planning and in meetings. Therefore, in line with the Charging Policy as agreed by Governors, if your child is not collected on time at 3.15pm they will be taken to Sunrise Club and an invoice for £4.50 will be emailed to you for the 1st tier session (4.30pm).

From Rags 2 Riches

Planning a post-Christmas clear out? Then read on ... we have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 50p for every kilo we collect of reusable items towards school fund and would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home. Our collection is scheduled for **Thursday 7th February 2024** and bag(s) can be returned to the school from after school on Wednesday 6th February. You can help us to help others and raise much needed funds for school. Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac. STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately, it's not reusable and can't go in the bag. Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help. If you can involve family, friends and neighbours. Thank you for your continuing support.

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Woo hoo, Christmas is Coming

Only two more sleeps until December which can only mean one thing ... it's Christmas / Nativity /glitter /chaos reigning time! Here are dates & times of things you need to know ...



Thursday 30 th November	CHPS Festive Activity Day
Friday 1 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Tree decorating assembly Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Front Row Music Concert for parents @ 2.30pm in school hall
Friday 8 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 dress rehearsal at 2pm
Monday 11 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Santa Postal Service opens Reception dress rehearsal at 2pm
Tuesday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity – 10.30am Reception Classes (Einstein & Nightingale) Nativity - 2pm Y5 to watch 'Frozen' the musical at Stockport Academy
Wednesday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Classes (Einstein & Nightingale) Nativity – 10.30am KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity - 2pm Y3/4 to watch 'Frozen' the musical at Stockport Academy
Thursday 14 th December	Reception & KS1 to Sale Waterside Theatre to watch The Snow Queen
Friday 15 th December	CHPS sponsored Santa Dash – see letter and sponsor form which was distributed on 28.11.23
Monday 18 th December	UKS2 (Y5/6) Christingle
Wednesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Sing-A-Long-A-Christmas: songs & festive treats around the Christmas Tree 11am KS2 (Y3 – 6) to Peter Pan Panto at Stockport Plaza (pm – late arrival back to school)
Thursday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHPS Gets Festive: Whole School Christmas Dinner & Party Day Finish for Christmas holidays
Friday 22 nd December	INSET 2/5: Staff only in school

Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly

- Our annual tree decorating assembly is on Friday 1st December when pupils will decorate our tree with the bauble they made on Christmas Festive Activity Day.

Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December

- The Friends of Cheadle Heath Primary are busy beaver away in preparation for the first Christmas Fair since lockdown. Items and games will be priced at 50p or £1 to make handling change easier and faster. However, a plea: please avoid paying with large notes as this will quickly eat into the change we have for each stall, so if you can pay with change it will be greatly appreciated. Santa's Grotto at the Christmas Fair is now fully booked. Don't forget, children can come to school in festive clothes, in exchange for a donation of festive bakes (e.g. cakes, biscuits, mince pies) if you are able to.

Christmas Post

- Our free postal service (internal school mail only!) will be open for delivery from Monday 11th December when post will be delivered around school. Pupils are asked not to bring any Christmas cards into school until then.

Nativity Performances

- Reception's Nativity** performances of 'Shepherd Little' will be performed on **Tuesday 12th December at 2pm** and **Wednesday 13th December at 10:30am**.
- Key Stage One Nativity** performances of 'Bethlehem Bake Off' will be performed on **Tuesday 12th December at 10:30am & Wednesday 13th December at 2pm**.
- The above performances will not be ticketed. As there are only 39 children in Reception, there will not be an admission limit to those attending the Reception Nativity. However, we ask that families only attend one of the KS1 performances due to there being 88 in KS1.
- Pre-school children are not able to attend the Nativity performances as, in previous years, the noise has distracted the children from their performance. Therefore, we invite families with pre-school children to the **KS1 dress rehearsal on Friday 8th December at 2pm** and families with pre-school children to the **Reception dress rehearsal on Monday 11th December at 2pm**.
- Nursery Sing-A-Long-A-Christmas: songs & festive treats around the Christmas Tree is on Wednesday 20th December at 11am. No tickets required, all welcome.

UKS2 Christingle

- Years 5 and 6 will be performing their traditional Christingle on Monday 18th December at 2pm.

Christmas Dinner

- A festive feast will be served on Thursday 21st December. Please pre-order by Friday 15th December. Late orders will not be accepted as our catering team have a deadline to order the food.

Christmas Parties

- Christmas parties are also on Thursday 21st December and therefore no party food will be provided. Party games will be played and the children can come into school in their own clothes / party clothes.

Final Christmas Message (for now!)

As we approach the Christmas holidays, we are aware of the financial pressures that people are facing. As such, we want to emphasise that our staff absolutely do not expect Christmas 'thank you' gifts in any form from pupils and parents. Should you still wish to say 'thank you', we always appreciate homemade cards with a note, or a spoken 'thank you' because kind words truly mean a lot!

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Go Fund Me!

We are absolutely committed to outdoor learning and our vision is for all pupils to be active learners and embrace the outdoors using our extensive grounds to enhance learning opportunities.

Last year we developed an onsite orienteering course, which is used by all year groups. The next stage in our outdoor learning development includes a new EYFS outdoor classroom and enhancement of the forest school area to incorporate a seating circle, willow tunnels, wildlife garden and mud kitchen so we have set up a Go Fund Me fundraising page to help us raise funds. We were blown away that it raised £345 within 24 hours of going live so if you can you help us to raise funds to enrich our children's learning experience and continue to build our school community please follow the link below. Outdoor learning experiences develop social skills, boost confidence and critical thinking so every penny will make a difference in enriching our children's mental and physical development.
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/cheadleheathoutdoor>



School Entry September 2024

We have had three open mornings for prospective parents and will be hosting the last one of 2023 on Thursday 7th December. If you know anyone with children looking to start school or nursery next September please let them know so that they can see behind the doors of our amazing school in the heart of the community. The closing date for applications for Reception 2024 is January 15th. No need to book, just turn up!

Current Nursery parents: you MUST still apply for a Reception school place. Don't delay, apply today!

A is for Attendance

We are asking for your support in improving whole school attendance and punctuality. The impact upon children's education through lost learning is huge. Following a time when so much education was disrupted it is vital that we make every school minute count. We urge you to ensure that your child is in school and on time every day to prevent anyone falling behind with their learning.

Persistent cases, where poor attendance and punctuality do not improve, can be a safeguarding issue. It is considered that attendance of 90% or below is persistent absence which is closely monitored by school staff and the EWO. Failing to improve attendance can lead to prosecution, which we want to help families avoid. Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%. There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category including:

- If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to seek advice on 0161 428 2476.
- Avoid taking any holidays during term times. No holidays are authorised and we are advised to refer all those who have taken term time holiday for an EPN (Education Penalty Notice) which results in a fine which is charged per child, per adult. We publish our school holiday dates well in advance, so please refer to these carefully when booking your time away.
- Keep up to date with what % attendance your child has so that you know if they are at risk of persistent absence (Mrs Steele in the office can provide this for you)
- Speak to school staff if you have any concerns about your child

Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important you feel it is. They don't like being late into school and we witness how upsetting it can be for them. We want to prevent this so please remember: on time, all day, every day!

Childcare Choices

Childcare Choices: Get the help that fits your family, so you can juggle work and life. The [Childcare Choices website](#) brings together all the existing childcare offers in one place, so parents can get the help that fits their family. This could be through Tax-Free Childcare, 30 Hours Childcare, or Universal Credit Childcare. Some families might be eligible to use more than one childcare scheme together and get the most out of it. Visit the Childcare Choices website to check what offer you might be eligible for and sign up to a newsletter to get the latest updates about the childcare support expansion.

See you at the Fair on Friday!

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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

Thursday 30 th November	CHPS Festive Day
Friday 1 st 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 th December	Front Row Christmas Concert (pm)
Thursday 7 th December	Prospective Parents 2024 Intake Open Morning @ 9.30am – 10.15am
Friday 8 th December	Key Stage 1 Dress Rehearsal at 2pm
Monday 11 th December	Reception Dress Rehearsal at 2pm
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity – 10.30am Reception Classes (Einstein & Nightingale) Nativity - 2pm Both Y5 classes to Stockport Academy to watch Frozen the Musical (pm)
Wednesday 13 th December	Reception Classes (Einstein & Nightingale) Nativity – 10.30am KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Nativity - 2pm Full Governing Board Meeting 2/6
Thursday 14 th December	EYFS and KS1 to Sale Waterside Theatre to watch The Snow Queen (am)
Friday 15 th December	CHPS sponsored Reindeer Run and Santa Dash (am) Last date for ordering Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 th December	UKS2 Christingle – 2pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Nursery Sing-A-Long-A-Christmas: songs & festive treats around the Christmas Tree 11am KS2 (Y3 – 6) to Peter Pan Panto at Stockport Plaza (pm – late arrival back to school)
Thursday 21 st December	CHPS Gets Festive: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Party – wear your own party clothes
Friday 22 nd December	INSET 2 / 5 – Staff only in school

Christmas Holidays: Friday 22nd December – Friday 5th January 2024

Monday 8 th January 2024	Spring term 2024 begins. Gates open at 8.40am: on time, all day, every day
Tuesday 9 th January	EYFS Stay & Play – Reception 8.45 – 9.45am / Nursery 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 10 th January	Stay & Read with Me: 8.45 – 9.15am UKS2 Dodgeball Competition at Laurus
Thursday 11 th January	Stay & Read with Me: 8.45 – 9.15am
Friday 12 th January	Stay & Read with Me: 8.45 – 9.15am Y6 footballers @ Manchester City Football Academy Festival (TBC)
Thursday 18 th January	CHSP Voice – 2.30pm in staffroom
Monday 22 nd January	Y2 to Manchester Airport
Wednesday 31 st January	Full Governing Board Meeting 3/6
Friday 2 nd February	Family Night with Chris Mitchell (see post above) – 6.30 – 8.30pm
w/b Monday 5 th February	Stay & Learn Computing with Me – times to be arranged by individual class teachers
Tuesday 6 th February	Big Computing Day led by Mrs Mason-Singh
Wednesday 7 th February	Rags2Riches clothes collection – details to follow
Thursday 8 th February	Y6 to Chester Zoo

Half Term Holidays: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

Monday 19 th February	INSET 3 / 5 – Staff only in school
Tuesday 20 th February	EYFS Stay & Play – Reception 8.45 – 9.45am / Nursery 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 29 th February	UKS2 football tournament at Stockport Academy
Tuesday 5 th March	KS2 SATs meeting for Y6 parents 5pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day World Book Day Immersive Storytelling with Miss Shelmerdine
Friday 8 th March	U11s Y6 footballers @ Manchester City Football Academy Festival
w/b Monday 11 th March	Science Week: Time!
Tuesday 12 th March	Stay & Learn Science with Me – times to be arranged by individual class teachers

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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

	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 	