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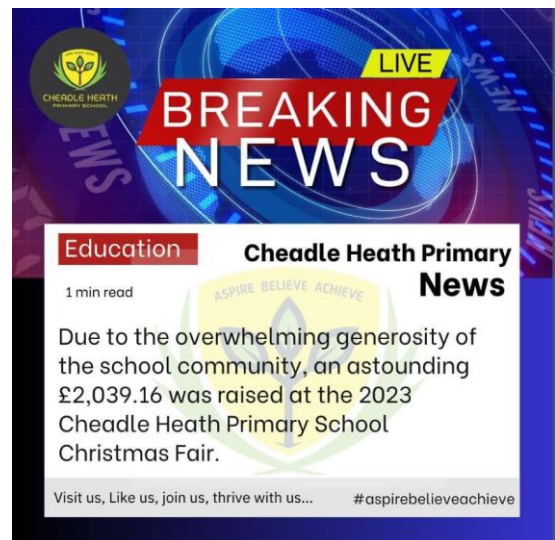


# HEADLINES

## Latest news from #teamCHPS

Music and singing have been resonating around school as Front Row Music delivered their Christmas Performance and our youngest children sparkled and shined as they performed the first of their nativities today. Magical!

Let's step back to the Christmas Fair! I'm delighted to announce that £2,000+ was raised which will be put towards our outdoor development projects. The Fair wouldn't have been possible without the fantastic team effort from the 'Friends of' in the run up, the volunteers on the day of the event, the school staff who gave up their time and the amazing contributions from the whole school community in the lead up. Thank you so very much ...



As we approach the end of the 2023 autumn term I want to say a HUGE thank you to our many volunteers who support us in so many ways from walking to the swimming baths, accompanying school visits, helping with jobs, delivering assemblies, the Friends of Cheadle Heath and our Governors who support the school in so many ways. If you are interested in volunteering next term please contact us on 0161 428 2476 or [admin@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk)

## Brrrr, it's cold outside

Although some days have been very cold recently, we have been warm inside. As part of our healthy, active curriculum we continue to deliver active learning and PE sessions outside so please ensure children are suitably dressed when they come to school and have access to a warm (ideally waterproof) coat, hat, gloves and scarf. We assess the weather conditions daily and have contingency plans for bad weather. If you would like help with acquiring a warm coat for your child, please ask at the school office as we have spares available.

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## Christmas is ~~Coming~~ Here



|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | Reception & KS1 to Sale Waterside Theatre to watch The Snow Queen   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | CHPS sponsored Santa Dash – YR – Y6   |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | UKS2 (Y5/6) Christingle   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | Nursery CHPS sponsored Santa Dash   |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery Sing-A-Long-A-Christmas: songs &amp; festive treats around the Christmas Tree 11am</li> <li>KS2 (Y3 – 6) to Peter Pan Panto at Stockport Plaza (pm – late arrival back to school)</li> </ul> |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHPS Gets Festive: Whole School Christmas Dinner &amp; Party Day</li> <li>Finish for Christmas holidays</li> </ul>   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December    | INSET 2/5: Staff only in school   |

### Christmas Post

- Our free postal service (internal school mail only!) is now open for delivery and post is being delivered around school.

### Santa Dash

- Only a few days left until the Santa Dash – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December for Reception - Y6 and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for Nursery! Keep collecting sponsors and bring the form and money in on the day of the event.

### UKS2 Christingle

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

### Christmas CHPS Fresh Pantry

- We will be opening our last CHPS Pantry on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### Christmas Dinner

- A festive feast will be served on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December to all the children who normally have a hot dinner and those who have placed an order by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Late orders will not be accepted as our catering team have a deadline to order the food, however, everyone will enjoy the festive Christmas atmosphere on the day.

### Christmas Parties

- Christmas parties are also on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Christmas Presents

- 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!

## We love it when you're here

Attendance continues to be a huge focus for us at school. Together with Mrs. Steele (Attendance Officer), I am working hard with families to fully understand why children are sometimes absent from school. We know that when children's attendance drops below 96% this equates to more than 10 days over the course of an academic year and can mean children missing up to 50 lessons. Most of the time parents are worried that their child is unwell. Remember, we do allow children to come in with mild symptoms and encourage parents to medicate (if necessary) in the morning and bring children into school. In the vast number of these cases children are absolutely fine at school and crucially do not miss out on their learning.

### Attendance really matters you know ...

| If a child's annual attendance was | Then your child would have lost approximately | Which equals missing approx. |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 97%                                | 6 days from school                            | 30 lessons                   |
| 95%                                | 10 days from school                           | 50 lessons                   |
| 90%                                | 19 days from school                           | 95 lessons                   |
| 85%                                | 29 days from school                           | 145 lessons                  |
| 80%                                | 38 days from school                           | 190 lessons                  |
| 75%                                | 48 days from school                           | 240 lessons                  |

## Go fund our outdoor project!

**GO FUND ME!**  
FUNDRAISING TO DEVELOP OUR OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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

Can you help us to raise funds to enrich our children's learning experience and continue to build our school community? Every little helps, thank you.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/cheadleheathoutdoor>

## Did you know ...

... that we have Instagram and a Facebook page? Follow us, like us, share us and help us grow our community.

## Enjoy the rest of your week!

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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## Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

|                                     |   |
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| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | EYFS and KS1 to Sale Waterside Theatre to watch The Snow Queen (am)   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | CHPS sponsored Santa Dash (am) for Reception – Y6<br>Last date for ordering Christmas Dinner<br>UKS2 Christingle Dress Rehearsal  |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December    | UKS2 Christingle – 2pm<br>Sunset Club Christmas Movie Night   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | CHPS sponsored Santa Dash (am) for Nursery  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | Nursery Sing-A-Long-A-Christmas: songs & festive treats around the Christmas Tree 11am<br>KS2 (Y3 – 6) to Peter Pan Panto at Stockport Plaza (pm – late arrival back to school) |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  | CHPS Gets Festive: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Party – wear your own party clothes   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December    | INSET 2 / 5 – Staff only in school  |

## Christmas Holidays: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

## Half Term Holidays: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February   | INSET 3 / 5 – Staff only in school   |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February  | EYFS Stay & Play – Reception 8.45 – 9.45am / Nursery 2.15pm – 3.15pm               |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February | UKS2 football tournament at Stockport Academy                                      |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March      | KS2 SATs meeting for Y6 parents 5pm  |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March     | World Book Day<br>World Book Day Immersive Storytelling with Miss Shelmerdine      |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March       | U11s Y6 footballers @ Manchester City Football Academy Festival                    |
| w/b Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March  | Science Week: Time!  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March     | Stay & Learn Science with Me – times to be arranged by individual class teachers   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March    | Parks Class (Y3/4) netball match v Lark Hill Primary<br>D-I-S-C-O fever time again |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March     | KS2 Netball festival at Stockport Academy 3.45 – 5.15pm                            |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March     | Parents' Evening until 6pm   |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March   | Parents' Evening until 6pm   |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March    | Full Governing Board Meeting 4/6 at 4pm  |

## Easter Holidays: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April   | EYFS Stay & Play – Reception 8.45 – 9.45am / Nursery 2.15pm – 3.15pm |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April | LKS2 Football @ Stockport Academy                                    |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April  | CHPS Voice – 2pm   |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April    | KS2 Cross Country 3.45pm   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May       | Bank Holiday Monday – school closed                                  |
| w/b Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May  | Year 6 SATs  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May   | Full Governing Board Meeting 5/6 at 4pm                              |

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## Term dates 2023 – 24

|  | School starts on the morning of:   | School finishes at the end of the day on: |
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| <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<br/>Staff only in<br/>attendance</b> | <del>1 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023</del><br>2 Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023<br>3 Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024<br>4 Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2024<br>5 Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 |   |

## Term dates 2024 – 25

|  | School starts on the morning of:  | School finishes at the end of the day on: |
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| <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        |
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| <b>INSET days<br/>Staff only in<br/>attendance</b> | 1 Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024<br>2 To be confirmed<br>3 To be confirmed<br>4 To be confirmed<br>5 To be confirmed |   |