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Issue 14



SEND

And we're back with a bang!

What a start to the new half term it has been! Staff had INSET on Monday focussing on developing pupil voice throughout the curriculum so watch this space for a 'Spotlight on ... [subject]' which will be a new, informative part of the newsletter intended to give you insight into the subjects taught in school. First up ... History!

Tuesday saw the return of many excited children. We welcomed parents / carers into EYFS for Stay & Play and KS1 participated in amazing immersive launch days ...

Y2 launched their theme with the Cheadle Heath Cafe where they sampled breakfasts from around the world and identified the continents the food had come from. They tried lots of different foods, some they loved and some they definitely didn't! They later created edible art by painting food colourings diluted in milk onto lightly toasted bread. As well as eating food, they have also been talking about where food comes from. All the food we eat comes from plants or animals in one way or another so Y2 have been planting to compare how food grows under the ground (potatoes) to over the ground (lettuce) and see what the similarities and differences are between the two types of plants through observations in science. We love science!

Y1 had a fantastic start to Spring Term 2 too and were very excited to launch their 3rd theme 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' with a visit from Animal Club. Hannah brought with her a few of the 25 animals she owns including beetles, geckos, snakes and a rabbit. The children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed holding and stroking each of the animals and finding out about each species. As you can see, everyone is excited for their new theme!

As it is a new half term, it is time to refocus on **POSITIVITY**. In my role I regularly talk to children about their emotions and am always keen to stress that there aren't any 'bad' emotions. Guilt, sadness and anger all have a valuable part to play in what makes us human and we learn that we can accept negative emotions and process them in a healthy way. We talk a lot in school about the fact that our brains are capable of changing and, to encourage this growth mind-set, we use the phrase 'I can't do it YET.' So, do encourage your child to try new activities and develop new skills. Talk to them about their strengths to increase their confidence and positive attitude. Helping others, being kind, recognising and appreciating moments of happiness all feed positivity and shared positivity can have an even greater impact. So, laugh together, hug and do things that spark joy in order to develop positive thinking and improved mental health.

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World Book Day 2024

World Book Day is coming soon - Thursday 7th March - and we are having a whole school author theme: Anthony Browne! We will be hosting a vocabulary parade during the afternoon to showcase our DIY costumes so children are invited to create a tabard to show off their chosen word and can either decorate it with things linked to their word or can come dressed as their word. If you would like some large paper please let your child's class teacher know and we can supply it. So, get your thinking hats on and pick a "juicy" word that will not only make for a fun and unique costume, but also one that others might not already know.

Note: Nursery will be participating on Tuesday 5th March

Earrings Reminder

As we start the new half term, I want to send a reminder out about the Stockport & National Policy on the wearing of earrings in PE lessons and for extracurricular physical activity. As a maintained school, we MUST act in line with employer guidance/policy which is as follows:

Personal effects, including jewellery:

- All personal effects should be removed.

Earrings:

- Pupils unable to remove earrings for the first 6 weeks of a new piercing, are required to make them safe by taping, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection, but must be able to remove them after the 6 weeks has lapsed. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball).
- Please note:
 - Taping is not suitable in any activity where contact with either another person or equipment is highly likely to / will occur e.g. invasion games, dodgeball
 - Taping cannot be used when swimming & all earrings should be removed
 - Taping may be done at home for younger children or prior to the lesson for older pupils. Staff are not required to remove or tape earrings for pupils.

Family Physical Challenge

We invite you to take part in the 'Play to Paris' family challenge. This event invites you and your family to take part in a physical competition from home! You and your family will work together to achieve 60 x 30 minute blocks of activity in a race against other families in the Stockport community. All families completing the 'race' will receive an award and the top 3 families will receive extra prizes of sporting equipment. Now, our families have been the winners for the last two years so let's see if we can maintain our winning streak! Just click on this link to sign up: [The Family Challenge Entry Form \(google.com\)](#)

Nursery September 2024

There is still time - until 31st March 2024 - to apply for a Nursery place for your child at Cheadle Heath Primary School. If your child was born between 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021, please [APPLY HERE](#). We will be able to offer a limited number of 30-hour places for eligible families. These are allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you require, and are eligible for, a 30 hour place you must provide your 30-hour code with your application form. To find out more about childcare options available to you please visit Stockport's Family Information Service. **Please note, we ARE NOT having an Easter intake in Nursery.**

We will be hosting a prospective families open morning for Nursery on Monday 4th March between 10 – 11am where you and your child can come to Nursery and stay & play so spread the word ...

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Nursery Open Morning

Are you looking for a Nursery place for September 2024? Come & visit our Nursery & join us for a Stay & Play open morning - MONDAY 4th MARCH 10 - 11am

Parents' Evening

Our second Parents' Evening of the year are taking place on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March. We will be having a book share in the hall on Monday 25th March from 2pm until the end of the day where you can come into school and look through the work with your child. Booking for Parents' Evening will be live through the school spider app or via the Parent Area of our website from 6pm on Monday 18th March. Please note:

- if you are having a SEND meeting with your child's teachers and Mrs Vallance, you do not need to book a separate parents evening
- appointments are for parents / carers only

Have a great weekend,

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHP

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Key Dates for Spring Term 2024: Monday 8th January – Thursday 28th March

Friday 23 rd February	Friends of Cheadle Heath Meeting in school at 2pm KS2 after school FREE cricket club starts (until Easter) – THIS IS NOW FULLY BOOKED
Monday 26 th February	Dodgeball team in the Stockport Borough finals
Tuesday 27 th February	Y5 visit to Jodrell Bank CIST workshop for Y6 in school Reception – Mini athletics festival in school @ 1.30pm
Thursday 29 th February	UKS2 football tournament at Stockport Academy
Friday 1 st March	MMR vaccine catch up – please book this important immunisation
Monday 4 th March	Prospective Nursery families Open Morning / Stay & Play session from 10 – 11am
Tuesday 5 th March	Nursery World Book Day – come dressed as a word (see above) KS2 SATs meeting for Y6 parents 5pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – come dressed as a word (see above) World Book Day Immersive Storytelling with Miss Shelmerdine
Friday 8 th March	U11s Y6 football team @ 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 Sunset Club Science Theme Night – bookings are open now so don't delay, book today
Thursday 14 th March	Parks Class (Y3/4) netball match v Lark Hill Primary D-I-S-C-O fever time again
w/b Monday 18 th March	Y6 practice SATs week Booking opens for parents' evening slots at 6pm
Tuesday 19 th March	KS2 Netball festival at Stockport Academy 3.45 – 5.15pm
Wednesday 20 th March	CIST Easter Workshops for Year 2 Y5 to Cheadle Hulme School – Music Outreach Concert
Thursday 21 st March	Big RE Day Y3/4 to All Hallows Church for the Easter Storytrail
Friday 22 nd March	Friends of Cheadle Heath Meeting in school at 2pm
Monday 25 th March	Book Share in the hall prior to Parents' Evening – drop in anytime from 2pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents' Evening until 6pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents' Evening until 6pm
Thursday 28 th March	EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade – 2.15pm in the playground End of the Spring term. School closes at 3.15pm for the Easter Holidays. Full Governing Board Meeting 4/6 at 4pm

Easter Holidays: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April 2024

Key Dates for Summer Term 2024: Monday 15th April – Friday 26th July

Monday 15 th April	Peter Kennedy Shakespeare launch with Y6
Tuesday 16 th April	EYFS Stay & Play – Reception 8.45 – 9.45am / Nursery 2.15pm – 3.15pm
Wednesday 17 th April	LKS2 Football @ Stockport Academy
Friday 19 th April	KS2 Cross Country 3.45pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	Y5 outreach science lesson at Cheadle Hulme School Y5 to CHS to watch The Little Mermaid production
Wednesday 24 th April	Class photos
Thursday 25 th April	Maths team to Stockport Academy for national maths challenge – 9 – 11am
Friday 26 th April	Friends of Cheadle Heath Meeting in school at 2pm
Tuesday 30 th April	CIST Workshops for Year 2: What does it mean to belong to a faith community? Nursery – Mini athletics festival in school @ 1.30pm
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed
Wednesday 8 th May	Stay & Read – come into the classroom and read with your child 8.45 – 9.15am
Thursday 9 th May	Stay & Read – come into the classroom and read with your child 8.45 – 9.15am
Friday 10 th May	Stay & Read – come into the classroom and read with your child 8.45 – 9.15am Friends of Cheadle Heath Meeting in school at 2pm
w/b Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs
Tuesday 14 th May	Y5 outreach science lesson at Cheadle Hulme School
Wednesday 15 th May	Reception Height & Weight checks Full Governing Board Meeting 5/6 at 4pm
Thursday 16 th May	Y3 football match – Lark Hill v Cheadle Heath
Friday 17 th May	UKS2 rounders match @ Cheadle Heath
Friday 24 th May	School Closes for Whit at normal time of 3.15am

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Term dates 2023 – 24

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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	Tuesday 29 th October 2024	Thursday 19 th December 2024
Spring 1	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring 2	Tuesday 25 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 Monday 28th October 2024 3 Thursday 2nd January 2025 4 Friday 3rd January 2025 5 Monday 24th February 2025 	