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Welcome back

Welcome back to the new school year, it was lovely to hear so many exciting holiday stories. We extend a warm welcome to families new to the school, especially Reception and Nursery pupils, who started school this week. We hope this is the beginning of a happy seven year association with us. This first newsletter has lots of information so please do read it and note any dates. The staff have worked hard planning interesting topics and will be sending home an introductory Curriculum Newsletter shortly detailing all that is happening this term and information about PE, homework etc.

A new school year brings a wealth of activity and opportunities for the children and staff have returned to school happy and enthusiastic about the year ahead. There was a wonderful buzz of excitement and anticipation on Tuesday when everyone returned wearing cheerful smiles. Following our July 2016 [Ofsted](#) inspection, we continue our journey to provide the very best possible education for the pupils in our care. As Ofsted noted, our "curriculum is outstanding" and "is exceptionally well enhanced" and our aim is to provide a forward thinking curriculum with enriched learning opportunities.

Starting off on the right note

The children returned with real pride; they look smart, have been walking sensibly down the corridors and demonstrating super good manners at lunchtime. As a reminder, the doors are opened at 8.45am for response time / fix it time and the external doors are closed at 8.55am. Teachers begin the day by taking the register and school meal orders before starting lessons promptly so it is important that the children are in on time. Being late really upsets the routine and affects how the day goes, so we appreciate your support.

Uniform reminder: please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct school uniform as follows:-

DO WEAR	DON'T WEAR
Black skirt / trousers / shorts / pinafore	Jeans, tracksuit bottoms, leggings, decorated or casual trousers
White polo t shirt (no logo) or white cotton shirt	Crew neck t shirt Sports tops
Sweatshirt or cardigan (logo)	Sports tops / hoodies
White/grey/black socks or tights	Patterned tights.
Black school (leather/leather look)	Trainer/pumps/sports style shoes Ugg style boots Crocs
PE: plain white t shirt and black shorts or cycling shorts. Jumper / hoodie and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor games	Football kits Logo t shirts
OPTIONAL ITEMS	
ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Small stud earrings Hair accessories should be kept to simple hair bands or bobbles in the school colours.	Hoop earrings, rings, bracelets, necklaces
	Extreme hair styles Nail varnish False nails

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Attendance reminder

It's the start of the term and we love it when you're in school! Good attendance at school is essential so we will not authorise ANY absence unless it is truly exceptional. Letters from an employer related to holiday patterns do not class as exceptional. Any family taking pupils on holiday without consent will be referred to the Services for Young People.

Attendance Awards

We continually promote good attendance and Ofsted recognised that we have "been successful in reducing the number of pupils who are persistently absent" but, despite our efforts, "this number is still too high" and "some pupils do not attend regularly enough." If your child isn't here, he/she can't learn. In order to encourage good attendance, each week, month, term and year, Attendance and Punctuality Awards are given out with various prizes ranging from additional playtime for the best classes each week, non uniform for the monthly best class, £100 to spend for the best termly class attendance and at the end of the year the children with 97%+ attendance will enjoy a reward day.

Let's remember our motto ... on time, all day, every day!

2018/19 INSET days

Our remaining statutory INSET days are as follows:

- Thursday 3rd January 2019
- Friday 4th January 2019
- Monday 29th July 2019
- Tuesday 30th July 2019

Whole site expectations

For the safety of both your child and yourself, please use the footpaths and do not walk through the staff car park (even when dropping off for Breakfast Club). We actively encourage families to park and stride from Morrisons. No cars, unless with a disabled sticker, are permitted to use the staff car park as we do not have sufficient spaces to cater for parents and staff. We have very supportive families as neighbours to our school and they continue to 'look after' our school very well. I would ask you to take special care when parking your car on neighbouring roads that you do not block OR partially block our neighbours' driveways. Some of our neighbours are on 24 hours emergency call out and inconsiderate parking could have dire consequences.

New intake parents to lunch

Our Reception children began their school days this week. On Friday 14th September, Reception will be inviting them to a reading workshop followed by an invitation to stay for lunch with their children, marking the end of our transition period. Jenny Yates (Vice Chair of Governors) will be attending to meet the new children, their parents and have lunch.

Nursery

We still have a few Nursery places available for children who are currently three years old. We also have additional hours for those already attending Nursery. Please contact [Mrs Haskayne](#) if you would like further information.

School clubs

Most school clubs will start later this month. There will be a reduced number of after school clubs this term but an increased number of lunchtime clubs as our new sports coach will deliver clubs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime. Information about clubs will be distributed soon.

It's in the news!

[Families 'can't afford to follow healthy diet guidance'](#)
[Back to school: 30 tips from the experts](#)

Welcome Meetings

We would like to invite parents to our annual Information Meeting on Monday 17th September at 3.25pm and repeated again at 5pm in individual classrooms. Class teachers will be looking at the year ahead and how we can best support them as a team. On the day there will be key information about routines, expectations, the curriculum, assessments and dates of events throughout the year alongside a chance to meet the class teacher supporting your child over the next year. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th September.

The purpose of the **Reception** (Sapphire and Pearl classes) meeting is to inform you about the foundation curriculum, hear what your child is currently doing in school and, most importantly, how you can support their work at home. You will have the opportunity to explore the classroom setting and see a slideshow of photos of your child's first few days at school which I'm sure you'll enjoy if your child's response to the question 'What have you done at school today?' is 'Nothing'.

Panto notification

Our annual Stockport Plaza panto visit for Y2 – 6 is on Tuesday 18th December to see Sleeping Beauty. We anticipate the charge being around £13 which will be paid online. A letter will be sent home shortly. Reception and Year 1 seasonal theatre trip will be to Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas' at Sale Waterside on Thursday 13th December.

School uniform

In order to provide a local, easily accessible uniform service for parents, we have commissioned 'Badged' in Davenport to produce and stock our uniform. This is available in store now and is cheaper than previous supplier Gooddies. Uniform can still be ordered from Gooddies [here](#) but delivery takes longer. We do have a small selection of uniform in school which we can sell to you at the office but once this stock level has gone we will not be stocking any uniform on site.

Who's who?

Key Staff September 2018

Ms Christine Meekley	Headteacher
Mrs Tracey Vallance	Deputy Head Teacher / SENDCO
Miss Melissa Harrison	Phase Leader Key Stage 2
Mrs Amnah Iqbal	Phase Leader Key Stage 1
Mrs Tracey Vallance	Phase Leader Early Years
Mrs Emma Topping	School Administrator / Attendance
Mrs Fiona Haskayne	School Business Manager (finance)
Mrs Alyson Carney	Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs Edna Kennedy	Breakfast Club

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Communication matters

We try to find efficient means of communicating with you to share news and events at school and send text messages, update our website regularly, use twitter and class / school story to do so. We try to get things right but, occasionally, there can be miscommunication. 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!

- **Twitter**

We are on twitter @CHPSchool and have 777 followers. We use twitter to inform you about things happening in school and tweet things that we think might interest you so we hope that you will follow us too.

- **Class / School Story**

Every class is on class story which is linked to our whole school Class Dojo behaviour system. Teachers post information and photos of life in their classroom on their closed page so keep popping back to have a look!

- **Text Messages**

We send text messages to keep you informed or pass on information so it is essential that we always have your current mobile number. Such messages are currently sent via Teachers2Parents until our subscription finishes next month and will then be sent through the school website. There is also a messaging system linked to class dojo which you can use to contact staff but this is not a 24/7 service and staff will generally not respond after 6pm. Please note that I rarely use this system as it doesn't have an alert so I may miss messages.

- **Website**

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 remember to keep checking back for updates. Website: www.cheadleheathprimary.com

- **Newsletters**

Our school newsletter goes straight onto the school website and is sent by email to all parents. If you do not receive your newsletter by email, you can always find it from the newsletter on the website or pick it up from the office.

- **Email**

Teaching staff can be contacted via email but please remember it is not a 24 hour service! All staff check their emails once a day and **emails will not be answered after 6pm so please do not email expecting an urgent response.** Follow [this link](#) to the 'contact staff' page on our website.

- **School Office**

[Mrs. Topping](#) is responsible for general school admin, admissions, attendance, school meals, general school issues. [Mrs Haskayne](#) is the school business manager and should be contacted with any questions related to finance including school trips, payment plans, Sims Agora etc. You will come into contact with both members of the office team as they work different hours so the office is open 8.30am – 4.30pm.

- **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.

Who do I call?

Schools are busy places so the table below is intended to help parents with information about who to contact in different situations. If you are unsure about who to contact, we recommend you call the school office on 428 2476, where our office team will be able to point you in the right direction.

Issue	Who to contact	How
Any safeguarding concern	Ms Meekeley is the Safeguarding Lead & Mrs Vallance is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Via the office 428 2476 or email Ms Meekeley Mrs Vallance
Welfare concerns e.g. friendship issues, bullying, cyber issues	The first point of contact would be your child's class teacher	
Concerns about your child's progress or home learning	The first point of contact would be your child's class teacher but please contact the Phase Leader if this does not resolve the issue.	EYFS Mrs Vallance KS1 Mrs Iqbal KS2 Miss Harrison
Uniform Queries	School Admin Officer	428 2476 Mrs Topping
Reporting absence or other queries relating to attendance.	School Admin Officer	428 2476 and follow the instructions on the recorded message
Finance Queries	School Business Manager	428 2476 Mrs Haskayne

FAQs:

When should I contact school?

As soon as you have a concern! If in doubt, please contact us; we would far rather you contacted us for reassurance over something that turns out to be minor than spend time worrying about something.

I know class teachers are very busy. Is it ok to contact them?

Yes, it is absolutely fine to contact a class teacher if you need to. We only ask that you respect the fact that they are teaching during the school day. The vast majority of instances where parents need to contact teachers can be dealt with via a quick email exchange, so feel free to do this in the first instance. Please remember that, we do not expect teachers to reply to messages outside of working hours.

Can't I just contact the Headteacher if I've got a problem?

Yes, you are always welcome to contact me if you feel you need to by emailing or phoning 428 2476. However, in many circumstances it may be more appropriate for another member of staff who has a more detailed knowledge of the issue to respond in the first instance.

How quickly can I expect a response to my queries?

Ordinarily, you can expect a response (dependant on the enquiry) within a working week of 48 hours.

Have a great weekend!

Christine Meekeley & the staff at #teamCHPS

School Terms & Holidays

These calendar dates can also be found on our website [here](#).

Term dates 2018 – 19

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Friday 19 th October 2018
Autumn 2	Monday 29 th October 2018	Wednesday 19 th December 2018 at 2pm
Spring 1	Monday 7 th January 2019	Friday 15 th February 2019
Spring 2	Monday 25 th February 2019	Friday 5 th April 2019 at 2pm
Summer 1	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
Summer 2	Monday 10 th June 2019	Friday 26 th July 2019 at 2pm
INSET days	1 Monday 3 rd September 2018 2 Thursday 3 rd January 2019 3 Friday 4 th January 2019 4 Monday 29 th July 2019 5 Tuesday 30 th July 2019	

Thinking ahead ...

Term dates 2019 – 20

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Tuesday 3 rd September 2019	Friday 18 th October 2019
Autumn 2	Monday 28 th October 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019 at 2pm
Spring 1	Monday 6 th January 2020	Friday 14 th February 2020
Spring 2	Monday 24 th February 2020	Friday 3 rd March 2020 at 2pm
Summer 1	Monday 20 th April 2020	Friday 22 nd May 2020
Summer 2	Monday 8 th June 2020	Friday 24 th July 2020 at 2pm
INSET days	1 Monday 2 nd September 2019 2 TBC 3 TBC 4 TBC 5 Monday 27 th July 2020	