



STAY & READ

Wow another week has flown by! Newsletter issue 1 (07.09.18) was only read by 56% of people it was sent to so please do check your inbox and take a peek as it contains lots of useful information pertinent to your child at school.

Stay & Read

We are holding our first 'Stay & Read' week next week where we are encouraging parents / carers / child minders from all year groups to come into school at the start of the day and spend time reading with their child in class. The sessions will be every day 8.45am - 9.15am and are intended as a drop in. You are not expected come every day (although very welcome!) but if you could drop in on just one day I am sure it will be mutually beneficial to you and your child.

Attendance reminder

It's the start of the term and we love it when you're in school! Following updated guidance from the Local Authority it is timely to remind everyone about holidays in term time and other leave of absence. The following information is not a change to our school practice, which is in line with the advice and policies promoted by Stockport Council across all the schools in Stockport, but a reminder and reflects changes in the law in recent years

The Legal Position Schools are now only allowed to authorise leave of absence from school if they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances. The effect of this means that it is very unlikely that permission for pupils for leave of absence for holidays will be granted. Schools may also require evidence to be provided before agreeing to authorise any exceptional leave of absence.

Education Penalty Notices Parents should be aware that if holidays or other leave of absence are taken during term time without permission they may be issued with Education Penalty Notices by the Local Authority. Education Penalty Notices are fixed penalty fines of £60 (rising to £120 if unpaid within 21 days) per parent per child by Stockport Council.

Requests for Leave of Absence Parents are strongly requested to take holidays during the school holidays. If you wish to request Leave of Absence for any reason we ask you to do so by completing a Leave of Absence request form the office at least four weeks before the start of the proposed leave.

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!

Cheadle Heath Primary School

A GOOD school where the "curriculum is outstanding" and "is exceptionally well enhanced." (Ofsted - July 2016) #teamchps, in the heart of the community.

Is your child ever late for school?

- 5 minutes late a day = 3 days of school lost in a year
- 10 minutes late a day = 6.5 days of school lost in a year
- 15 minutes late a day = 10 days of school lost in a year
- 20 minutes late a day = 13 days of school lost in a year
- 30 minutes late a day = 19 days of school lost in a year
- 19 days lost in a school year is likely to lead to one whole grade lower in national school tests across all subjects

Remember! We follow clear government guidance and will not authorise holidays or absence in term time unless in exceptional circumstances. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without authorisation.

It's a date!

Your child has taken home an A4 calendar planner which sets out key dates right up to next July. Stick it on the fridge or somewhere you can see it and please take note of the dates! This planner is also on our website under term dates.

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

Welcome Meetings

Don't forget it is 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 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'.

Prospective parents open morning

Wednesday 10th October & Wednesday 14th November Come along at either 9.30am or 10.30am on the above dates to meet the EYFS staff / Headteacher and have a look at our EYFS department. We will answer any questions you may have and the Headteacher will be available if you would prefer a more private discussion. No need to book - just turn up!

Can you spare an hour?

Could you give up an hour or a morning a week to help teachers change reading books, help stick work into children's books or help in the library? The teachers would really (really, really, really!) appreciate your help. If you can, please contact [Mrs. Vallance](#), [Mrs. Iqbal](#) or [Miss Harrison](#).

Parking! Again!

For the safety of our children, please use the footpaths and do not walk through the staff car park (including at Breakfast Club drop off). We actively encourage families to park and stride from Morrisons and 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.

Already this term, I have received a number of complaints and photos from residents on Heathside Road about parents parking their cars over the entrance to their driveway. We have very supportive families as neighbours to our school and they continue to 'look after' our school very well. Car parking is a real concern and we you to be considerate when parking on neighbouring roads and ensure that you do not block or partially block our neighbours' driveways.

We also ask you not to park over the entrance to Churchley Road as it is extremely dangerous because many children, some unaccompanied, use this passage and you may well not see them.

Thank you for helping keep our children safe.

It's in the news!

[Fresh call for smacking to be outlawed in the home](#)

Panto notification

A letter for the Y2 – 6 theatre visit to see Sleeping Beauty at Stockport Plaza on Tuesday 18th December has been distributed today. The cost is £12 (£1 cheaper than 2017!) A letter for the Reception and Year 1 trip will to Raymond Briggs' 'Father Christmas' at Sale Waterside on Thursday 13th December will be distributed soon.

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

Letters sent home this week

- Y2 – 6 theatre visit to Stockport Plaza
- Y4 letter re: Dobroyd Castle Residential Trip
- Football Club letters
- A4 annual planner
- Parking letters (Breakfast Club only)

Have a great weekend!

Christine Meekley & 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 3rd 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	