



HEADLINES

Reading Rocks!

It was great to see so many parents in school reading at the start of the day with their child / children last week. Thank you for your support in helping your child learning to read and develop a love of reading. Feedback from the new 'Stay & Read' sessions was really positive so we will be holding another Stay & Read week in December

In school we have extended 'love of reading' sessions which are aimed at encouraging the children to read for pleasure and allows them time to enjoy their chosen texts.

Alongside this, teachers hear groups of children read as a guided session with an adult. This is called reciprocal reading and is something we introduced last year to raise standards in reading in school. Reciprocal reading allows us to focus on particular skills required to aid reading for particular age groups and are used in reading as specific objectives and a focus for each group. Age related expectations for each year group can be found on the school website so take a peek!

All children also have a book banded reading book. We have recently invested heavily in extending the book band range to incorporate a wider selection of genres and challenging reads to support more able pupils and develop vocabulary. In addition to this, we encourage children to read at home. Topic related books are always a good idea as this has a great impact in lessons.

New Head Pupils

We have started this term by appointing a Head Boy and Girl. These positions are newly created this year and the children were elected by staff following an application and interview. The role will be repeated each term in order to give more pupils the chance to be elected into this role of responsibility. You may come across them as they carry out duties such as showing people around school, collecting tickets at performances and organising charity events in school. They also wear a badge proudly on their sweater. I am delighted to announce that the Head Pupils for the autumn term are Annabel and Alfie.

It's a boy!

Mrs Ismail (Y5) is delighted to announce the birth of her baby boy, Elijah Ali Thomas Ismail, who was born on Monday 17th September weighing 6lb 14oz. Congratulations to the Ismail family!

Change of date

Due to a clash of dates, we have moved the Christmas Fair forward to Friday 30th November. The [annual overview](#) and the calendar of the website have been updated to reflect this change and activities leading up the Fair have been altered.

It's in the news!

[Head teachers explain funding protest to parents](#)
[Is homework pointless?](#)

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Welcome Meetings

Unfortunately our annual Information Meetings on Monday 17th September weren't well attended with only 2 parents attending in some classes. As a result, we are reviewing this and considering bringing our first parents' evening forward next year in order to incorporate the two events. We have tried having two sessions to support working parents but the sessions are still poorly attended. We want to give parents the information that they want to hear so that we can work in partnership to maximise the best possible outcomes for your children so please do give us feedback so that we can develop this essential parental engagement.

Home Learning

Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 & 6) pupils have changed the style of homework being set in preparation for secondary school. They have taken home a homework sheet for this half term. Regular practice of counting, times tables, corresponding division facts, addition / subtraction facts and regular reading, are all essential homework tasks as well as those outlined on the sheet. Fluency and confidence in these areas are vital for success in the primary years. Topic one newsletters have been distributed so please refer to the newsletter for key dates. You can always check the website calendar for any dates too.

Open morning for 2019 intake

At this time of year, we are taking a considerable number of enquiries for children starting school or Nursery in 2019. The closing date for Reception places is January 2019 so decisions have to be made this term. We will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents on Wednesday 10th October and Wednesday 14th November at 9.30am and 10.30am. We will be talking about the whole school as well as Early Years so that parents get a real flavour of what Cheadle Heath Primary School is like. Places do not need to be booked in advance so if you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to come along.

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](#).

Harvest 2018

We will be celebrating Harvest in school on Tuesday 2nd October. Due to limited hall capacity this is an in house event only for pupils. Our vicar Rev. David Brewster will be leading the celebration and the children will be singing Harvest songs. Our harvest collection this year will, once again, be for local charity Chelwood Food Bank which is in Adswold. Please send in Harvest contributions in time for the service next week. Chelwood request the following: UHT milk, tinned meat, packet rice, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned soups, pasta sauces / curry sauces, tinned vegetables such as peas, carrots, sweetcorn, squash, coffee, tea, toiletries such as toilet roll, shampoo, body wash & sanitary items are always needed.

School Spider App

It is really important that you download the school spider app before parents' evening because we will be using our new website as our booking system this time. The date and time to make an appointment for the October parents' evenings will be notified to you in advance so that everyone can access the available appointments from that time. The app is a grey background with a black spider showing two eyes and is called 'School Spider.' In addition to booking appointments through the app, there are other features we will use it for in time including online surveys and forms including school trip/club bookings etc. and text messages (replacing Teachers2Parents in October). The app can be downloaded from the App Store or from where you download your other apps.

Reception parents: your personal log in code will be distributed shortly once we have migrated your confirmed details over to our system so don't panic!

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings are an opportunity to enable parents to meet with teachers and address concerns. The consultations will be taking place on Wednesday 17th October from 3.30pm to 7.50pm and on Thursday 18th October, 3.30pm to 5.50pm. Please make every effort to attend as the partnership between school and home is a crucial part of your child's primary education. We ask that you don't bring children to these meetings as there will be no supervision and we do not invite them to be part of the discussion. Thank you to all the parents who respect this request and make arrangements for child care. Appointments will be made on the Parent Area of the school website or via the app. Passwords have been issued to all parents but will be distributed to Reception parents shortly. Appointments can be made from Monday 8th October at 3.30pm and close on Monday 15th October at 3.30pm.

Reminders

- Please remember the school car park is for staff only. A number of parents are repeatedly parking in an already congested area. Please help us keep our children safe.
- If you haven't received an [A4 calendar planner](#) with dates til July 2019 please collect one from the office.
- Any requests for absence should be submitted via the Leave of Absence Request Form available from the school office. Please do not email with requests.
- We hope that all children wear our school uniform proudly. The wearing of a watch and stud earrings is fine but, for safety reasons, these must be removed (or earrings taped over) during PE and games and long hair must be tied back. Please ensure your children come to school in current school uniform and PLEASE, PLEASE put your child's name in their sweatshirts and other property.
- Remember to follow us on Twitter @CHPSchool for updates, news & information.

Letters sent home this week

- Reception & Y1 theatre trip letter @ Sale Waterside

Best wishes,

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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Autumn Term 2018 diary dates

The autumn term is always very busy (and long!) so there are many important events to enter into your diary. The diary dates are updated on each newsletter as, inevitably, additions and occasional changes do occur. Any amendments are indicated in red so that they are easy to identify.

Date	Event	Who for
Friday 28 th September	School nurse drop in from 9am with the school nurse	All parents
Tuesday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival – in house with Rev David Brewster	Pupils only
Tuesday 2 nd October	EYFS Stay & Play 8.45 – 9.30am	All EYFS parents
Friday 5 th October	Year 6 medical checks with school nurse	Y6 pupils
Friday 5 th October	Reception & Y1 movie night @ 3.30am	Reception & Y1 pupils
Tuesday 9 th October	Onyx class to Cheadle Hulme School as part of the science outreach work	Y5 Onyx
Tuesday 9 th October	Governing Board Pupil Support Committee @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 10 th October	Prospective Parents (2019 intake) Open Morning 9.30am and –10.30am	Prospective Parents
w/b Monday 15 th October	Operation Eagle Eye week – road safety with Years 2, 4, 5 and Y6	
Monday 15 th October	Parents invited to school for book share before parents' evening	Y1 – 6 parents from 2pm
Tuesday 16 th October	Coral class to Cheadle Hulme School as part of the science outreach work	Y5 Coral
Tuesday 16 th October	Emerald & Garnet classes to Beauty & the Beast @ Stockport Academy	Y6 pupils
Wednesday 17 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 8pm	Parents
Thursday 18 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm	Parents
Half term: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October		
Monday 29 th October	Governing Board Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee @ 3.30pm	Governors
Monday 5 th November	Y2 pirate exit day – watch out for more information on class story	Year 2
Wednesday 7 th November	NHS to administer flu vaccine to Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Time: afternoon	Reception – Y5 pupils
Wednesday 7 th November	Tempest school photographer in to take individual & family group photos	
Thursday 8 th November	School Disco – details to follow	All pupils
w/b Monday 12 th November	Anti bullying week. Monday – wear anything blue to school	
Wednesday 14 th November	Prospective Parents (2019 intake) Open Morning 9.30am and –10.30am	Prospective Parents
Thursday 15 th November	EYFS Stay & Play 8.45 – 9.30am	All EYFS parents
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need cake sale (organised by the School Council)	
Friday 16 th November	Wear silly socks to school (preparation for the Christmas Fair): details to follow	
Friday 16 th November	Parents invited to come and see learning logs in action Time: TBC	Parents
Friday 23 rd November	Wear crazy hats / sunglasses (preparation for the Christmas Fair)	
Friday 23 rd November	Museum takeover day (in school)	Year 5
Tuesday 27 th November	Full Governing Board meeting 4pm	Governors
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fair – look out for details from Sarah Davies soon!	3.30 – 5.30pm
Monday 3 rd December	Christmas Tree decorating assembly – details to follow	Pupils
w/b Monday 3 rd December	Stay & Read Week	
Wednesday 5 th December	Y6 Residential trip to Robinwood (Wednesday til Friday)	Y6 Pupils
Tuesday 11 th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity: 10.30am	EYFS parents
Tuesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 2pm	KS1 parents
Wednesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 10.30am	
Wednesday 12 th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity: 2pm	
Thursday 13 th December	YR & Y1 to Sale Waterside to watch production of J. Briggs' Father Christmas	
Monday 17 th December	Key Stage 2 Christingle Service in school 2pm & repeated at 6.30pm	Pupils & parents
Tuesday 18 th December	Sleeping Beauty Panto @ Stockport Plaza	Year 2 - 6
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner (including Nursery) & Parties / School finishes at 2pm	Pupils (sorry!)
Christmas Holidays: Thursday 20th December – Wednesday 2nd January 2019		
Thursday 3 rd January 2019	INSET (2/5) – school closed to pupils.	Staff only in school
Friday 4 th January	INSET (3/5) – school closed to pupils.	Staff only in school
Monday 7 th January	School reopens for the 2019 spring term	Everyone

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Monday 3rd September 2018 2 Thursday 3rd January 2019 3 Friday 4th January 2019 4 Monday 29th July 2019 5 Tuesday 30th 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
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