



HEADLINE

Stay Safe

We want our children to be happy and healthy learners. For older children, walking to and from school, perhaps with friends, can be a good way to incorporate some physical activity into the school day. It's also a way to develop independence as they approach secondary school.

If your child walks, scoots or cycles to and from school without an adult, please do make sure you regularly check that they understand how to stay safe.

Are they crossing roads in a safe way?

It can be easy to become distracted, perhaps with their friends or, even more likely, if they're using a mobile. Make sure you're confident your child knows the importance of crossing roads safely.

Do they know what to do if they encounter a stranger who's behaving suspiciously?

Perhaps when you were growing up, the message was 'Stranger danger'. However, this message doesn't recognise that sometimes approaching a stranger is a way to stay safe – if your child were to get lost, seeking help would be better than becoming more lost, for example. A new campaign is promoting a new message: '[Clever never goes](#)'. Does your child know to never go off somewhere with an adult (whether a stranger or not)? Does your child have ideas about what to do if an adult is following them?

If you've any specific questions, comments or concerns, please do ask.

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is of huge importance to us here at Cheadle Heath Primary. If you ever have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact the designated safeguarding leads; Ms Meekley or Mrs Vallance

Turning Advent Around

For the vast majority, Advent is a time of opening windows on a calendar and watching the children's faces as they devour a piece of chocolate! It's a magical time in school and great to see the excitement build as we get closer to Christmas. However, this year, we are going to do a reverse Advent. That is, rather than Advent being a season of 'taking', we are trying to turn it around to be a season of 'giving' something back to those less fortunate than us.

During Advent we are asking each class to bring in a tinned food item which we can put into the foodbank to help those in need within Stockport. A recent report confirmed that over 9,000 children live in poverty in the Stockport area so it would be great to bring some Christmas cheer into the lives of these families. From Monday 3rd December, each class will be collecting food items so please send a tin or two in with your child throughout December and let's watch each class pile grow. The class with the biggest percentage collected will receive a prize.

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Have your say!

A Local Authority admissions / term dates consultation opened this week to determine primary & secondary school holiday dates for 2020/21. Whilst this seems a long time away, it is your chance to have your say. The consultation is proposing two options – (1) finish for summer on 5th August 2021 (2) have one week at Whit but finish on 29th July. Both options are recommending almost three weeks over Christmas which could prove very challenging for parents to organise and manage childcare. Please do have your say and make any additional comments. The proposed arrangements can be [viewed here](#) and you can [have your say here](#).

Christmas Fair Donation Days

Our Christmas Fair donation days started with a bang and excitement is mounting with the Fair only a week away! Your donations make a huge difference and we thank you in advance but please remember, donation days are optional.

Day	Theme	Contribution
Friday 23 rd November	Crazy hats / sunglasses	Chocolate
Friday 30 th November THE BIG DAY!! Christmas fair 3.30 – 5.30pm	Christmas themed clothes and / or accessories	YR / Y2 / Y4 / Y6 –Cakes Y1 / Y3 / Y5 – small toiletries or gifts for gift bags for a 'Mum's Present' stall

Parent Council

In the last two newsletters I have asked for parents / carers to volunteer to be a class representative on the Parent Council. Although it hasn't run for the last two years due to lack of representatives, it has been successful previously and has been influential in helping us deal with issues which concern parents, changes which need making and new initiatives which are brought in. We meet twice a term for just an hour, usually at 2.15pm. So far we still only have two parents/carers come forward (from Y2 Topaz and Y4 Opal). If you are interested in representing your child's class, please contact me via email by the end of next week. We need at least six parents on the council for it to go ahead.

If we do not get sufficient volunteers to run a Parent Council, an alternative consideration could be more of an open meeting (rather than a commitment to being a class representative) each half term starting at 9am with coffee and cake and a more open forum. [Let me know](#) your thoughts!

Robinwood Residential

I am delighted that the LKS2 Robinwood trip is going ahead. Since opening the trip up to Y3, we have reached the minimum number to be able to proceed but there are still 7 places left so if any Y3/4 parents are interested please sign up on Sims Agora ASAP. As the trip is now confirmed can parents please make arrangements to pay the second payment of £50. The third and final payment is due on 10th December but will be extended by a week. If you have any questions please see Miss Mansfield, Miss Harrison or me.

Phonics Update

Thanks to all the Reception parents / carers who came to the phonics workshop last half term. We will be holding phonics mornings shortly where you will be able to see phonics in action in the classrooms.

Reception have now completed Phase 2 of the Letters and Sounds phonics programme and will be moving on to Phase 3 next week, children have been taught the phonemes (sounds) for a number of letters (graphemes), which phoneme is represented by which grapheme and that some phonemes are called digraphs and are represented by more than one letter e.g. /ll/ as in b-e-ll. We use Jolly Phonics actions to help children remember these phonemes. Before half term, every child took home a full set of the Phase 2 graphemes. Please practise these every day and keep them in their book bag for us to add to. As we progress through the year we will be adding new cards and taking away the ones they are securely recognising and applying. We will also be including Tricky Words and High Frequency Words as we feel it is appropriate for your child.

In Phonics your child will be taught how to pronounce the phonemes correctly to make blending easier. Sounds should be sustained where possible (e.g. sss, fff, mmm) and, where this is not possible, 'uh' sounds after consonants should be reduced as far as possible. (e.g. try to avoid saying 'buh', 'cuh').

- Set 1: s a t p
- Set 2: i n m d
- Set 3: g o c k
- Set 4: ck (as in sock) e u r
- Set 5: h b f ff ll ss

We have also been learning Phase 2 'tricky words' which are words which are not decodable. The Phase 2 tricky words are **I, no, go, to, the, into** please help your child to read these by recognition. Now the children have knowledge of some letters and their sounds, try to encourage them to write words independently. This might just be the initial sound of a word. Let them write something important to them. This could be a label for their drawing, a list or a letter to a friend.

Please don't hesitate to ask the EYFS staff if you have any questions.

What a charitable bunch!

We raised a super £132.46 from our cake sale for Children In Need on Friday 16th November. Well done everyone!

Letters sent home this week

- Pobble letter
- Y3 school visit

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
Half term: Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October		
Thursday 22 nd November	Y5 / 6 Dodgeball @ Stockport Academy	Y5 / 6 Dodgeball team
Friday 23 rd November	Christmas Fair Countdown: Wear crazy hats /sunglasses in exchange of chocolate	
Tuesday 27 th November	Full Governing Board meeting 4pm	Governors
Tuesday 27 th November	Y5 / 6 Hockey @ Stockport Academy	Y5 / 6 Hockey team
Wednesday 28 th November	Quartz to the People's Museum as part of the School Linking Project with St John's	Year 3
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fair Countdown: wear festive clothes / accessories	Quartz Class
Friday 30 th November	Christmas Fair	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
Wednesday 5 th December	Health Drop In with the School Nurse from 9am (no need to book, just turn up)	All parents
Thursday 6 th December	KS1 making pop up Christmas cards with Paul Johnson	KS1 pupils
Thursday 6 th December	Amethyst Class to the People's Museum with St John's school (linking project)	Amethyst Class
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Workshops	
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

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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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Monday 2nd September 2019 2 TBC 3 TBC 4 TBC 5 Monday 27th July 2020 	