



# WELL DONE

*Merry Christmas*

This is the last Newsletter of the autumn term 2018. It has been a long term, which has been packed with many events and opportunities. This term has been busy with opportunities including Y5 music lessons delivered by Cheadle Hulme School, Y6 residential, school disco, new school council, Christmas Fair, Christmas shows, KS1 theatre trip, monthly EYFS Stay & Play and there are still Christmas parties, the panto & Christmas dinner to come!

The children have performed to 'full houses' this Christmas and every show was so enjoyable. There is nothing quite like a Nativity to signal that Christmas is here. Foundation Stage and KS1 both held Christmas nativities which were very well received and we received many compliments about all the performances. KS2 presented their Christingle with thoughtfulness and solemnity and combined the meaning of Christmas with lots of festive songs. All our productions were amazing and certainly lived up to our hopes and expectations so a big WELL DONE to all the children who acted, danced and sang so well. They certainly showed everyone how talented and special the children at Cheadle Heath are. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff for making these memories so special for the children through their hard work producing the shows. This Christmas has been truly magical and Christmas has certainly arrived at Cheadle Heath! As ever, we truly appreciate, and rely upon, the support from our parental community so, on behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to thank you for your support. 2018 has been a great year and we are hoping that 2019 will have as many significant events to celebrate.

So, we have come to the end of our first term and the time has flown! The children have settled really well into their new classes and become happy, confident learners. There are no homework tasks during the holiday period. Instead, support your child in other ways. Make sure they take part in family events and encourage them to relax and catch up on some reading at home, playing board games, baking, writing thank you notes as all these things will help their English skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing. Plenty of maths skills can be practised, too – planning some TV watching and considering times and durations of programmes, working out what half price is when the sales start.

We wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful, healthy 2019. Whatever you do, make sure you have a happy and healthy Christmas break.

*It's in the news!*

[School bans designer coats to stop 'poverty shaming'](#)  
[Children in special needs education face £1.6bn cash shortfall](#)



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## Supporting those in need

During Advent we asked each class to bring in items for the Chelwood foodbank to help those in need within Stockport and I have been overwhelmed by the response! THANK YOU #teamCHPS! Well done to Coral Class (Y5) for bringing in the largest percentage of tins. You have made a massive difference to those in need.

## Still to come ...

Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and all children are invited to join in, including Nursery. This is also Christmas party day. We combined the two occasions last year so that we did not have excessive waste at the parties and it proved very successful so we are repeating this format again. You are not being asked to send party food in as the party will be games and fun activities and will not include party food. All children can wear their own clothes / party clothes on this last day of term.

## Don't struggle at Christmas...

Don't be in crisis this Christmas; take a number, just in case

- Access and Crisis team – 0161 419 5678
- Stepping Hill Hospital – 483 1010
- NHS (non emergency) 111
- Domestic violence helpline Stockport- 0161 636 7525
- Samaritans Stockport - 0161 432 1221 or 116 123
- Emergency Social care (Children) 0161 217 6028
- Adult Social care – 0161 217 6029
- Citizens Advice weekdays 9am-5pm 0300 330 1153
- Child Sexual exploitation team Stockport (It's - 0161 856 3188
- Food Banks / Food donations :
  - Chelwood Adswold - 486 0043
  - Trussell Trust, Hazel Grove - 487 3370
  - Salvation Army, SK4 476 6539
  - Stockport Loaves & Fishes, The Olive Branch, 2c Castle St, Edgeley 07938 967063
- Stockport Suicide prevention- 116123
- POPYRUS - young suicide 01925 572 444
- TPA - 0161 474 1042
- SLAS - [www.stockport.gov.uk/slas](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/slas) 0161 474 2101
  - Benefit helpline - 0345 608 8545
  - Universal Credit - 0800 328 9344
  - Housing / Homeless 217 6017

## Adverse weather conditions

While we have not had any notification from the Met Office that we are to have snow this side of Santa coming, we thought we would get winter ready. We managed to stay open all last winter and not close for snow days as we could ensure the safety of the site and staff could get into school. However, in the event that we do have to close we ask you firstly to check your texts, twitter and our school website as we will put notices on there in the first instance. We will also notify the Council but there may be a delay in updating the central council website.

## Could it be magic?!

We are having a Family Magic Night on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 so save the date for this magical event. Letters will be distributed shortly but places go fast so book early!

If you have any comments or queries you can contact the school office on 428 2476 or email me via [headteacher@cheadleheath-pri.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@cheadleheath-pri.stockport.sch.uk)

## Have Your Say!

In the last newsletter I informed parents about the term dates consultation for 20-21. There was a Head Teacher's meeting last week where information was given that there had been an unprecedented response to the consultation and over 1,400 responses had been received so far. Although the consultation only asks about the preference between one or two weeks at Whitsun (may half term), there was an indication that the full calendar of dates would be reviewed. The LA will meet with Heads again in January to discuss the consultation further but they want to let the consultation run its full course. The opportunity to respond closes on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 so if you want to avoid an extended Christmas holiday to the 11<sup>th</sup> January in 2021 and a summer term that takes us to the 5<sup>th</sup> August, please go online and have your say! If you skip through the admission questions it is very quick to complete (it is hidden at the back). Head Teachers are proposing that we start on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 rather than the proposed 7<sup>th</sup>, then then finish on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021 instead of 5<sup>th</sup> August. Heads would also like to see the Christmas holiday starting earlier and finishing earlier in order to avoid a very long autumn term. The proposed arrangements can be [viewed here](#) and you can [have your say here](#). You do not need to make any comments against the admissions questions as the form allows you to only report your views just on the term dates if you select the 'Admissions and Term Dates' link at the bottom of the page.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December is 96.26%, which is slightly below our 97% target. Help us to achieve our target by ensuring your child is in school on time, all day, every day! Poor punctuality means your child misses valuable learning time and that lessons are disrupted for other pupils so let's have a real focus on punctuality and attendance next term. Please make sure that children are in school by 08.55 every day and remember that doors open at 08.45 for response time. Well done Onyx Class (Y5) for having the best attendance in the autumn term.

AUTUMN TERM ATTENDANCE 2019					
Sapphire Year R	96.40%	Pearl Year R	95.35%	Jet Year 1	96.94%
Ruby Year 1	94.46%	Amber Year 2	96.74%	Topaz Year 2	97.08%
Amethyst Year 3	96.35%	Quartz Year 3	95.77%	Opal Year 4	95.94%
Coral Year 5	96.12%	Onyx Year 5	97.47%	Garnet Year 6	96.49%
Emerald Year 6	96.94%	<b>Attend today, achieve tomorrow!</b>			

## Save the date!

We've booked next year's panto to see the 10.30am showing of Jack & The Beanstalk at Stockport Plaza on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019! This will be Y2 – Y6 only as we will take Reception & Year 1 to a shorter festive show as per this year.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!  
Christine Meekley & the staff at CHPS

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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
<b>Half term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner (including Nursery) & Parties	Pupils (sorry!)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School finishes at 2pm	
<b>Christmas Holidays: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019</b>		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	INSET (2/5) – school closed to pupils.	Staff only in school
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET (3/5) – school closed to pupils.	Staff only in school
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens for the 2019 spring term	Everyone
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 trip to Liverpool to see the Egyptians	Year 3
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	First Aid Training (Millie's Trust)	Year 5
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y2 Topaz Parent Teacher Meetings 1pm – 6pm	Y2 Topaz
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 Onyx Class to Cheadle Hulme School re science outreach programme	Y5 Onyx
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Emerald Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Emerald Class parents
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 visit to Jodrell Bank	Year 5
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Magic Night with our DJ Nick Barnes – info to be distributed shortly	Everyone
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Y5 Coral Class to Cheadle Hulme School re science outreach programme	Y5 Coral
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Garnet Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Garnet Class parents
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y1 trip to Bodelwyddan Castle	Year 1
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS Stay & Play	EYFS parents
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 SATs meeting @ 5pm	Year 6 parents
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Onyx Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Onyx Class parents
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Y3/4 Residential to Dobroyd Castle (Friday – Sunday)	Year 3 / 4
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' phonics share – come and see phonics in action in school Time TBC	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Coral Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Coral Class parents
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Music Extravaganza 7pm – letter to follow	Musicians
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	PDSA Assembly	
<b>Half term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019</b>		
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Governing Board Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Amethyst Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Amethyst Class parents
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	
w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science week	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Quartz Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Quartz Class parents
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Scholastic book fair in school	Everyone
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Governing Board Resources Committee @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 2 SATs meeting @ 5pm	Year 2 parents
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y6 Crime Prevention Day	Year 6 pupils
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Full Governing Board Meeting @ 4pm	Governors
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade & café 10 – 11.30am	FS / KS1
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Finish for the Easter Holidays @ 2pm	Everyone
<b>Easter Holidays: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Return to school for the summer term	

## 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:
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 2pm
<b>Spring 1</b>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 2pm
<b>Summer 1</b>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 2pm
<b>INSET days</b>	1 Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018 2 Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019 3 Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 4 Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 5 Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	

## Thinking ahead ...

### Term dates 2019 - 20

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

## Thinking even further ahead ...

### Term dates 2020 - 21

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
<b>Autumn 1</b>		
<b>Autumn 2</b>		
<b>Spring 1</b>		
<b>Spring 2</b>		
<b>Summer 1</b>		
<b>Summer 2</b>		
<b>INSET days</b>	1 TBC 2 TBC 3 TBC 4 TBC 5 TBC	

A Local Authority admissions / term dates consultation is currently open 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 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (2) have one week at Whit but finish on 29<sup>th</sup> July. Both options are recommending almost three weeks over Christmas which could prove 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](#).