



WELCOME

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you enjoyed the holidays & are ready for a new term of learning!

Save the dates!

- We've booked next year's panto to see the 10.30am showing of Jack & The Beanstalk at Stockport Plaza on Tuesday 17th December 2019! This will be Y2 – Y6 only as we will take Reception & Year 1 to a shorter festive show as per last year.
- Y6 will be participating in the North West Children's Shakespeare Festival and will be working alongside other schools to perform on stage at The Lowry on 1st July 2019. Miss Harrison (Y6) went on a two day residential to Menai last week to live and learn the script and start planning for what will be an awesome experience for all.
- Calling current Y5s ... the Y6 residential will be Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th December 2019. Letter to follow shortly.

Health matters

- **Water bottles** ... It is very important that you ensure your child brings a water bottle to school so that they can have a drink when they need one. All children should have a bottle in school every day so please bring one every day. We have water fountains where they can be refilled.
- **Tis the season of bugs** ... an increasing number of children have coughs, colds and sickness at this time of year. Please do not to send your child into school if they are unwell as we want to avoid germs and infections spreading. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, then they must remain off school for 48 hours after the last occurrence as these illnesses are highly infectious.
- **Headlice** ... Please check your child/rens hair on a weekly basis. We have received reports of headlice in some classes. If you require any advice on the most effective ways of treating headlice, please telephone the school nurse Liz Donegan on 0161 426 5719.

Dolce School Meals

Please pre-order your child's school meal to ensure your child has a meal they enjoy at lunchtime. If you have preordered your child's school meal and they arrive to school late they will still be guaranteed their choice of meal. You can pre-order daily, weekly or half termly from home or in the school office where the office team are more than happy to help you use Live Kitchen.

Adverse weather conditions

While we have not had any notification from the Met Office that we are to have snow imminently, 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.

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Attendance

Well done to Onyx for an amazing 97.4% attendance last term. It is a tremendous achievement! It is also really pleasing that nine other classes also achieved above the national average of 96%. I would like to thank the large number of families who have supported us in improving the attendance of our pupils and who really value every day spent in school.

We still have a worrying number of 'Persistent Absentees' who have attendance of less than 90%. The Local Authority are now issuing a record number of fines and are following up in court those who don't pay. There is a direct correlation between attendance and success at school. It may seem a long way off but it is worth noting that 90% of young people with attendance rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all.

It is important to get our children into good habits and ensure they are receiving the education they are entitled to.

*Remember, following clear [government guidance](#), we do not authorise holidays in term time unless **exceptional circumstances can be proved**. We publish our term dates well in advance so no excuses! Please do not book family holidays in term time!*

Whole site expectations

Reminder: Following Christmas, when lots of children received scooters & bikes as presents, it is timely to remind you that scooters and bikes are **not allowed** on the playground. **All pupils must dismount at the school gates** and walk to the cycle shed where they should be supervised by a parent. **We encourage all children cycling to school to wear a bike helmet**. It isn't a fashion statement but a lifesaving necessity.

Parking: 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 Morrison's or Tile Mountain. 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. This includes the top of the car park and the car park at neighbouring Pendlebury Centre as we have received a complaint this week about their staff being blocked in by cars and a horse box. We also have very supportive families as neighbours to our school but it seriously inconveniences them when their driveways become obstructed or partially obstructed by parents parking their cars. I ask everyone 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 call out and inconsiderate parking could have dire consequences.

Can you spare an hour?

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

Dojo Message Reminder

Just as a reminder, last term the Governing Board unanimously agreed to turn off the messaging system linked to class dojo. Whilst this decision was agreed, we have found that we cannot turn the messaging system off per se unless we stop parental access to the app (which we don't want to do) Therefore we have agreed to continue sharing the app but staff will not, in general, be replying to any messages sent directly via the dojo app. The reasons behind this decision is that it was becoming unmanageable and being used as a 24/7 messaging service for parents which takes away from teaching and learning time and also dramatically impedes on staff work life balance. If you do need to contact staff please do so via other means of communication – either after school, via the office where a message will be passed on the person you need, or via email.

It's in the news!

[Ofsted pledges new ranking for schools in tough areas](#)

Cheadle Heath Voice Launch

Before Christmas I advised parents that, as only four volunteers came forward, the Parent Council would not be relaunched this academic year. I proposed a more open, half termly meeting (rather than a commitment to being a class representative) as an alternative way to gather feedback from parents about what is working well in school and potential areas where we can improve which I am going to trial to see the level of interest.

Every parent is invited to be part of the Cheadle Heath Voice and you are welcome to attend any meeting. Pre-school children are welcome and we will provide refreshments and a warm, welcoming environment where everyone's opinion is valued. I appreciate that it can be difficult for parents to attend daytime meetings so, in order to ensure we gain the opinions of as many parents as possible, I will send a reminder message on school story the week before to ask for any suggestions from parents who cannot attend the meeting. I will also distribute notes from each meeting in the next newsletter to keep all parents informed.

The first date of the Cheadle Heath Voice is at 9am on Thursday 7th February ... hope to see you there!

Letters sent home this term

- Garnet Class letter (today)
- Y6 boosters letter (today)
- Chinese Restaurant Visit (Reception)
- Various after school club letters

IMPORTANT!

The Local Authority have extended the application date for September 2019 Reception admission to midnight on Sunday 20th January. This applies to children already in our Nursery and to siblings, even if one child already attends our school.

Best wishes

Christine Meekley & the staff at CHPS

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Spring Term 2019 diary dates

Please put these dates in your diary! Any additions, changes or amendments are indicated in red so that they are easy to identify.

Date	Event	Who for
Tuesday 22 nd January	Y5 Coral Class to Cheadle Hulme School re science outreach programme	Y5 Coral
Tuesday 22 nd January	LKS2 residential meeting @ 3.30pm and repeated at 5.30pm. This meeting is for parents of children attending the LKS2 residential visit that takes place from 1 st – 3 rd February. The meeting is 3.30pm and repeated at 5.30pm in the school hall. It is important that all parents attend to receive information, itinerary & paperwork. Children can attend too.	Y3/4 residential
Wednesday 23 rd January	Y1 trip to Bodelwyddan Castle	Year 1
Friday 25 th January	EYFS Stay & Play	EYFS parents
Monday 28 th January	Year 6 SATs meeting @ 5pm	Year 6 parents
Wednesday 30 th January	Onyx Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Onyx Class parents
Friday 1 st February	Y3/4 Residential to Dobroyd Castle (Friday – Sunday)	Year 3 / 4
Monday 4 th February	Parents' phonics share – come and see phonics in action in school Time TBC	
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
Wednesday 6 th February	Coral Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Coral Class parents
Wednesday 6 th February	Music Extravaganza 7pm – letter to follow	Musicians
Thursday 7 th February	Launch of Cheadle Heath Voice. 9am in school	All parents
Friday 8 th February	PDSA Assembly	
Thursday 7 th February	Reception trip to Rainbow88 for Chinese New Year Celebration	Reception
Friday 8 th February	Non uniform day in support of Millie's Trust	Everyone
Monday 11 th February	Y1 Church Visit	pm
Tuesday 12 th February	Y1 Church Visit	pm
Tuesday 12 th February	Governing Board Pupil Support Committee Meeting @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 13 th February	Garnet Class Assembly @ 9.05am REARRANGED DATE	Garnet Class parents
Half term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019		
Tuesday 26 th February	Governing Board Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 27 th February	Opal Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Opal Class parents
Monday 4 th March	Year 4 First Aid Training in school	Y4 pupils
Wednesday 6 th March	Amethyst Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Amethyst Class parents
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
w/b 11 th March	Science week	
Wednesday 13 th March	Quartz Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Quartz Class parents
Thursday 14 th March	Scholastic book fair in school	Everyone
Tuesday 19 th March	Governing Board Resources Committee @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 28 th March	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 2 nd April	Year 2 SATs meeting @ 5pm	Year 2 parents
Wednesday 3 rd April	Y6 Crime Prevention Day	Year 6 pupils
Wednesday 3 rd April	Full Governing Board Meeting @ 4pm	Governors
Friday 5 th April	Easter Bonnet Parade & café 10 – 11.30am	FS / KS1
Friday 5 th April	Finish for the Easter Holidays @ 2pm	Everyone
Easter Holidays: Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April		
Tuesday 23 rd 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:
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	

Next academic year ...

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	1 Monday 2 nd September 2019 2 TBC 3 TBC 4 TBC 5 Monday 27 th July 2020	

Thinking even further ahead ...

Term dates 2020 - 21

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Autumn 1		
Autumn 2		
Spring 1		
Spring 2		
Summer 1		
Summer 2		
INSET days	1 TBC 2 TBC 3 TBC 4 TBC 5 TBC	

The Local Authority admissions / term dates consultation to determine primary & secondary school holiday dates for 2020/21 is now closed.

Dates will be distributed as soon as they are published.