



HEADLINE

Sporting Success

Our three gymnastics teams returned from the Stockport gymnastics competition last Tuesday triumphant with every pupil being a fine ambassador for the school. The KS1 team (Y1/2) were placed 1st in the competition and the Y5/6 team achieved both 1st and 2nd place in their age group with individual pupils receiving podium positions for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place! Amazing! As Tuesday's competition was the first leg of the tournament we had to wait until this week to be informed that the Y5/6 team were awarded 1st place overall and will now proceed to represent the borough of Stockport in the Greater Manchester Winter Games final. Congratulations all!

Adverse weather conditions

After the heavy snowfall overnight, here is a timely reminder of our bad weather procedures. 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, if closure is unavoidable we will do all we can to inform parents as soon as possible through: school website (notices will be on the homepage), text messages, @CHPSchool on Twitter and the Stockport Council website, although please be aware that there may be a delay in this central website being updated.

It's in the news!

[Screen time 'may harm toddlers'](#)
[The state of Camhs is a national disgrace!](#)

RESPECT Charter Reminder

In the autumn term Stockport Local Authority launched the 'RESPECT' charter which I informed parents about in newsletter issue #5 (19.10.18) and issue #6 (31.10.18). Copies were distributed to parents via email but, as it is the start of a new year, I feel that it is timely to remind parents of the charter, which is on prominent display around school

The rationale behind the policy is that as a school (and council), we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work and that all members of the school community and visitors should demonstrate mutual respect. The Respect Charter works alongside the Respect Policy, a policy which highlights our expectations for adult members of the school community. A respectful approach is something we believe is fundamental to a safe and protective environment for your children, and - as adult role models - we need to demonstrate this same quality of respect ourselves.

The Charter and Policy were developed for schools throughout Stockport by a number of organisations working in partnership, as indicated by the different logos at the top of the documents. Please take time to read the Charter and Policy as, in doing so, it will enable us to work positively in partnership together to ensure that Cheadle Heath Primary continues to be a safe place for everyone to learn and work. Copies can be found [on our website](#) or by following this route: Website > Our School > School Policies > Files to download

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Communication Update

We are always looking to improve, or streamline, ways in which our families communicate with the school and vice versa. We encourage direct communication channels with key members of staff, who are often your first point of contact.

- **Direct Email**

All staff have email addresses, which can be found on our website or the curriculum newsletters. However, please direct your email to only one individual member of staff as sometimes responses can slip through the net when two or more staff are emailed and it is unclear who the email is directed at or who should be responding! You may wish to cc in other staff to keep them informed of your communication.

I know it can be frustrating if you do not receive a satisfactory response from school, and we really want to avoid causing frustration or confusion. There is a complaints procedure online that parents can follow if after contacting the school, you remain unhappy with the outcome. As always I value your feedback. If you have any thoughts on how the school can improve its communication with parents, carers and families, please email me at:

headteacher@cheadleheath-pri.stockport.sch.uk

- **Text Messaging Service**

Due to the issues we are having with the current messaging service, we have reverted back to the previous text service (previously called Teachers2Parents before changing its name to Eduspot). We hope that this will enable us to continue to provide an efficient, clear communication pathway to you.

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, 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!

SimsAgora

SIMS Agora will be changing its name to SIMS Pay from 1st February. This will mean you'll see changes to logo, product name references and the site's URL. But don't worry about needing to know what the URL is from the outset, as you will be redirected to the new site and they recommend you update your site bookmark after the change.

NSPCC Number Day

On the 1st February we will be taking part in the [national NSPCC Number Day](#). The aim of the day is to raise money for this vital charity as well as having lots of fun with maths throughout the day. The charity are asking children to bring to school coins of a low denomination. We are therefore asking for 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins ONLY to be brought to school that day. On the day itself we will use the coins for all sorts of different maths activities both inside and out. It's maths but not as you know it! At the end of the day we will collect up the coins and send them to the NSPCC. #everychildisworthfightingfor

Staffing news

It is with sadness that I inform you that Ms Stonier will be leaving us at February half term and moving to pastures new. I thank Ms Stonier for her hard work in developing our forest school area and her commitment to outdoor learning and wish her well in her new adventures. We will shortly be advertising for two Teaching Assistants.

Sickness

Unfortunately it's that time of year when there are a lot of bugs about. If your child is unwell, it is essential that you phone into school each day. Please do not email the Headteacher or admin addresses as these are not always checked first thing in the morning. We do, however, check the voicemail for any messages left by parents. If a child is missing from school, it raises a safeguarding concern and we are duty bound to involve the Education Welfare Officer.

Term Dates

Next year's term dates are on the reverse of this newsletter. Please make close reference to these when booking holidays as family holidays are always unauthorised and are likely to result in a fine from the Local Authority. The dates are also available on the school website for your reference. Please note that five INSET days have yet to be added onto the calendar but we aim to have these finalised in the next couple of weeks. Please remember that punctuality is essential to learning. Any child arriving after 9.10am will be marked as unauthorised (U) and repeated incidents will result in a fine.

Letters sent home this week

- Music letter re payment of this term fees.

Stay warm!

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
Friday 1 st February	Y3/4 Residential to Dobroyd Castle (Friday – Sunday)	Year 3 / 4
Friday 1 st February	NSPCC Number day	
Monday 4 th February	Parents' Phonics share for Year 1 Parents – come and see phonics in action in your child's classroom 9am – 9.20am	Y1 parents
Tuesday 5 th February	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
Tuesday 5 th February	Parents' Phonics share for Year 2 Parents	Y2 parents
Wednesday 6 th February	Coral Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Coral Class parents
Wednesday 6 th February	KS2 Music Extravaganza 7pm – children to arrive at 6.45pm	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	Parents' Phonics share for Reception Parents	Reception Parents
Tuesday 12 th February	Governing Board Pupil Support Committee Meeting @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 13 th February	Onyx Class Assembly @ 9.05am REARRANGED DATE	Onyx Class parents
Half term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019		
Monday 25 th February	Y1 Church Visit	pm
Tuesday 26 th February	KS1 Ukulele musicians playing in assembly. Parents welcome. 2.30pm	KS1 Ukulele musicians
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
Friday 15 th March	FAMILY BINGO EVENT 5pm – 7pm. Details to follow.	Everyone
Tuesday 19 th March	Governing Board Resources Committee @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 20 th March	Garnet Class Assembly @ 9.05am REARRANGED DATE	Garnet Class parents
Thursday 21 st March	DISCO – details to follow	
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents' Evening until 7.30pm (Last appointment 7.20pm)	
Thursday 28 th March	Parents' Evening until 6pm (Last appointment 5.50pm)	
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 3rd September 2018 2 Thursday 3rd January 2019 3 Friday 4th January 2019 4 Monday 29 th July 2019 5 Tuesday 30 th July 2019	

Next academic year ...

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	

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.