



# HEADLINE

## Fun in the snow!

Since the last newsletter we had a challenging day of snow! As most of the staff were able to get into school, no more snow was forecast and our site was safe to access, we were able to remain open. The decision to stay open or closed is individual to each school and is predominantly informed by unique circumstances rather than location. My thanks to the staff who endured long queues of traffic and tricky conditions to get to school and Mr Henderson who shovelled and moved snow continually to ensure site safety; it was a fabulous team effort. Once in school, we took full advantage of the snowy conditions. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing in the snow and certainly benefitted from the fresh air and snow play. It was a day the children will remember for a long time!

Please remember that if you are unable to get to school because of poor weather conditions, we still ask you to phone in to report the absence. Our safeguarding procedures remain the same and our first job of every day is to ensure we know the whereabouts of ALL our pupils, whether they are at school or home.

## Staying Safe Online

Last week was National Internet Safety Day so we had lots of in class learning and an assembly on this theme. In assembly we talked about ways we can improve security measures with online games such as Tik Tok, Fortnite and Roblox in order to make the Internet a safer place. It is worth remembering that most sites including Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram have guidance around age restrictions and specify that users should be 13 years old or older. Does your child have an account?! If so, just have a think about how safe they are online.

We have e-safety and digital literacy end of year expectations for your child's year group which will be added to our curriculum section of the website shortly.

To help with practical support with devices at home, O2 in partnership with NSPCC offer a [free service](#) over the phone, 0808 800 5002, or in one of their stores.

We have lots of guidance on our website: Safeguarding > Internet Safety for lots of additional information and guidance. Here are some useful weblinks:

- [NSPCC NetAware](#)
- [Childnet International](#)
- [Think u Know](#)
- [Kidscape](#) - 'Preventing Bullying, protecting children'
- [Netmums](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.
- [Connect safely](#)
- [Guidance for Parents re Instagram](#)

## Have you...

moved house? ... changed your phone number? ... got a new email address? If so, please ensure we have the correct contact details for your child.

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## Cheadle Heath Voice Minutes

The Cheadle Heath Voice took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February and, whilst only four parents attended, it was an enjoyable, insightful hour.

The meeting opened with those present discussing what they considered the strengths of the school to be which included: wide opportunities on offer, high quality staff, external space for Forest Schools etc., good communication & charity giving.

We discussed the following in more detail:

### Communication

It was agreed that communication in school is very good but that there are too many communication channels which can be confusing. I outlined that the main channels are the dojo app (which parents find really useful), email and text and that Twitter is mainly a marketing tool and a quick source of information giving. We will look to streamline some of the communication channels later this term.

### Swearing at the gates

It was raised by a parent in advance of the meeting that it is intimidating and inappropriate when parents swear and use raised voices at their children at the start and end of the day. Whilst it was discussed that this takes place outside the school gates, the general consensus of opinion was that adults should be setting an appropriate standard to the children. We encourage everyone on site to support the school ethos.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9am

*Remember, 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.*

## You said, we did!

Thanks to everyone for filling in the recent phonics observations feedback forms. We really appreciate your support and positive feedback. Last year the feedback after KS1 topic share was that parents would like to have the more opportunities to see what happens in the classrooms so we have introduced stay and read and phonics share this year. We'll continue to plan appropriate opportunities for you to come into school to experience school life and we continually review the way we share information with parents in order to deliver best practice for our children so watch this space!

### It's in the news!

[Government's flagship 30-hour free childcare offer 'entrenches disadvantage', MPs say](#)

## What's on in the community?

In February, Edgeley Community Church are continuing to hold events which everyone is invited to go to feel free to join in or invite friends and family.

- Sunday 17th Feb 3 - 8pm Mana Potion (varieties of games to play)
- Tuesday 19th February 12-1:30pm Make It! Bake It!

## Staffing news

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Vallance (YR) is expecting her first baby, which is due in early July. Parents will be informed when a replacement teacher has been appointed.

Congratulations to Miss Leanne Binding and Mrs Sheila Rand on their appointments as new midday assistants. We are delighted that they have joined the midday team and are settling into their new roles well.

Great news! Ms Stonier is no longer leaving school at half term but will be starting a new role as part of our new exciting mental health initiative. She will be working alongside Mrs Jarvis and within KS1 for the remainder of the year.

Our school business manager Mrs Haskayne will be moving to a new role in a new school shortly so we wish her well in her new adventure and thank you for helping balance our books for the last 9 years! We will be recruiting a new SBM shortly.

## World Book Day 2019

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March! You may be aware that we like to have a whole school WBD book and theme to really generate community spirit and this year we are delighted to announce our chosen book is **Freefall**. The English team in school are planning many exciting activities for the day and the children will be immersed in books. Here's what you need to do to help us make the day a success:

- We are asking all staff and pupils to dress on the day in pyjamas. We have chosen the bedtime stories theme so that everyone can be included and no additional expense is necessary for the day.
- During the day we'd like everyone in school to carry a book with them all day. When a reading alarm sounds everyone is going to stop and read for 2 minutes so please send your child to school with his / her favourite or current reading book
- We will also be having a book swap so the children can bring in unwanted books in good condition and swap with another.

## Year 2 entry procedures

A message was posted on class story last Friday reminding parents about the entry procedures for Year 2. I thank everybody for supporting these procedures which are put in place in the interests of safety for all children on site.

## Respect Reminder ...

I understand that parents may have alternative views to the school's, but I would like to remind everyone that as a school we aim for everyone to behave in line with the school & Local Authority's RESPECT agenda where we treat each other with mutual consideration and understanding. It is natural to wish to resolve any differences of opinion; however, it is important that our school premises remain a calm, supportive and safe environment for our children and that adults are not seen to use inappropriate behaviour to settle disagreements.

*We break for half term today so see you on 25<sup>th</sup>!*

**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
<b>Half term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019</b>		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 Church Visit	pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	KS1 Ukulele musicians playing in assembly. Parents welcome. 2.30pm	KS1 Ukulele musicians
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Governing Board Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Opal Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Opal Class parents
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 First Aid Training in school	Y4 pupils
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
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief – wear red and bring a contribution	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	FAMILY BINGO EVENT 5pm – 7pm. Details to follow.	Everyone
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Governing Board Resources Committee @ 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Garnet Class Assembly @ 9.05am REARRANGED DATE	Garnet Class parents
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	DISCO – details to follow	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Cheadle Heath Voice 9am	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening until 7.30pm (Last appointment 7.20pm)	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening until 6pm (Last appointment 5.50pm)	
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:
Spring 1	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Spring 2	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 2pm
Summer 1	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Summer 2	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 2pm
INSET days	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	

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Autumn 2	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 2pm
Spring 1	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Spring 2	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 2pm
Summer 1	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
Summer 2	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 2pm
INSET days	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:
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.