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Issue 20



WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back!

It is hard to believe that we are now in the final half term of the year; a half term packed full of exciting learning opportunities including Year 6 performing in The Tempest at the Lowry Theatre. We also start to welcome our 2019 Reception pupils into school. This partnership began last week when parents visited school for the new intake meeting and has continued this week as staff met the children in their own homes on their home visits. As we take these first steps in building relationships with our new families, I know that you will make our new families welcome in our school community.

The weather held off for our successful Sports Days before half term. All the events went smoothly and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was great to see Year 6 pupils supporting younger pupils and I was delighted to receive lots of positive feedback recognising their patient, mature and enthusiastic approach. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and support the children.

We are very proud with the mature way that Y6 and Y2 pupils approached the SATs before Whit and the way Y1 pupils completed their phonics screening last week. The results for all assessments will be shared in the end of year reports.

It's in the news!

[I'm in work 'but still struggling to get by'](#)
[Worsening child poverty harms learning, say teachers](#)

Still to come ... Class assemblies

The remaining KS2 class assemblies will be held as follows:

- Wednesday 26th June **Quartz (Y3)** 9.05am
- Wednesday 3rd July **Amethyst (Y3)** 9.05am

Staffing news

- We said a fond (temporary) farewell to Reception teacher Miss Vallance at half term as she started her maternity leave. We hope that she manages to rest during the last few weeks of her pregnancy and we eagerly await baby news soon!
- After Whit we welcomed Mrs. Baker into the office replacing Mrs. Topping as school administrator. Don't worry though, Mrs. Topping hasn't left, she is now the school business manager overseeing the school finances.
- Year 6 Garnet class welcomed Miss Lewis after Whit. Miss Lewis is teaching Year 6 in advance of commencing her new senior leader role as Key Stage 1 phase leader in September.

Sleep issues?

Do you have difficulties with your child's sleeping? If so, you may be interested in a free workshop taking place at 10am on Tuesday 25th June at the Alma Lodge Hotel. The session explores reasons why children may experience sleep issues and provides strategies through a behavioural approach to overcome this.

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Summer Music Extravaganza

Our annual music concert will take place after open evening on Thursday 18th July at 6pm. It takes dedication and perseverance to achieve the standards that our musicians achieve so this concert gives us a chance to showcase their musical talent.

Attendance matters

Regular school attendance is the key to getting a good education. Research shows:

- the higher the percentage of sessions missed across Key Stage 2, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of Year 6
- there is a gradual decrease in achievement as overall absence rates increase
- children with high attendance (97%+) make better progress and our own assessment data shows this
- children who have been absent for long periods tend to make slower academic progress, and the social and emotional aspects of school life are adversely affected in many cases

Our school attendance target is **97%** but only Topaz Class achieved this target last half term:

- **Reception Pearl : 95.76 %**
- **Reception Sapphire: 89.13 %**
- **Year 1 Jet: 94.69 %**
- **Year 1 Ruby: 96.33 %**
- **Year 2 Topaz: 97.73 %**
- **Year 2 Amber: 94.90 %**
- **Year 3 Amethyst: 94.84 %**
- **Year 3 Quartz: 94.35 %**
- **Year 4 Opal: 94.57 %**
- **Year 5 Coral: 95.98 %**
- **Year 5 Onyx: 95.76 %**
- **Year 6 Emerald: 95.84 %**
- **Year 6 Garnet: 95.45%**

Our overall school attendance year to May is **95.86 % which falls short of the national attendance figure and the school target.**

Holidays in term time

We are concerned at the number of absences from school as a result of family holidays or visiting relatives. Please note that no permission for absence for holidays during term time will be given unless there are exceptional circumstances. If a child misses 5 or more school days then an Education Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child may be issued by the local authority. Already this year the local authority has issued 6 to our families.

Remember!

We cannot phone or text you in an emergency unless we always have your up-to-date contact details! Please let us know immediately of any change of your address, mobile or home phone number and email address. You must also make us aware of any significant medical condition of your child, or any change in a condition

Safeguarding: Talking PANTS

The NSPCC [Talk PANTS](#) campaign helps parents of 4-11 year-olds keep their children safe from abuse. Like the Green Cross Code, it takes a potentially tricky subject and gives parents and teachers the tools to talk about it in an engaging and age-appropriate way. Through Talk PANTS children will be able to:

- understand and learn the **PANTS** rules
- name body parts and know which parts should be **private**
- know the difference between **appropriate** and **inappropriate** touch
- understand they have the right to say "**no**" to unwanted touch
- think about who they **trust** and who they can ask for help.

We use the **PANTS** rules in school and talk to the children about the **PANTS** poster and acrostic poem.

Lost Property

The amount of lost property has increased this year and we do not have the facility to keep it in storage for long. It would help if clothing was named so that we can attempt to reacquire lost sweatshirts, shorts, socks, shoes, trousers, bags, gloves and hats with the right children. All lost property is located in a central space – a blue cupboard outside the hall. We are only going to keep unclaimed clothing for two weeks so please check the cupboard regularly if your child's clothing has gone missing.

Reminders

- The **school car park** is for STAFF only. We have over 50 staff and parking is reserved for them. The only exception to this is for parents/carers who hold a disabled Blue Badge. Please display this if you are using the car park.
- **Breakfast Club** - all pupils must be signed into Breakfast Club by a parent / carer and not dropped off or left to walk round the site unattended.
- Please remember that we are a **nut free school**. We may have pupils who have life threatening reaction to nuts and so we are extremely vigilant about keeping nuts out of school. Unfortunately some children are still bringing foods to school containing nuts - this is often in the form of a chocolate spread such as Nutella or chocolate pancakes. Please remember that these spreads contain hazelnuts and can affect a susceptible child.
- Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 have access to fruit and vegetables, daily, for their **snacks**. However, we do ask that the children in Key Stage 2 bring in a healthy option of fruit or vegetables at playtimes should they require a snack. Please note that we do not include items such as cereal bars or pepperoni in this request. Thank you for your support in helping us retain healthy school status.
- Tempting as it might be to stay longer in the school grounds at the end of the school day, please ensure that your children do not climb on equipment before or after school, as there is a health and safety issue.
- **Christmas Theatre Visit:** We are taking **Year 2 to Year 6** (current Y1 – Y5 pupils) to see Jack & the Beanstalk at the Plaza on Tuesday 17th December!

Have a lovely weekend,

Christine Meekley & the staff at CHPS

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Summer 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
Easter Holidays: Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April		
Tuesday 25 th June	Governing Board: Resources Committee @ 3.30pm	Governors
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 2 to Lytham St Anne's	Y2
Wednesday 26 th June	Quartz Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Quartz Class parents
Friday 28 th June	Sapphire Class to Plane Tree Court	Sapphire Class
Monday 1 st July	Year 6 perform at The Lowry Theatre in the North West Children's Shakespeare Festival	Y6 pupils and parents
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 2 Legacy Trail @ Bramall Park	Y2
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y6 £10 business enterprise starts	Y6
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y3 plastic investigators workshop in school	Y3
Friday 5 th July	School World Cup Netball Tournament	
Friday 5 th July	Pearl Class to Plane Tree Court	Pearl Class
Wednesday 3 rd July	Amethyst Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Amethyst Class parents
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 market day (linked to £10 business enterprise)	Everyone
Friday 12 th July	Years 1 – 5 reports due out	
Monday 15 th July	Governing Board: Full Governors summer term meeting @ 4pm	Governors
Tuesday 16 th July	Selected musicians to RNCM	
Wednesday 17 th July	Cheadle Heath Voice Meeting 9 – 10am. Focus: Poverty Proofing the School Day	All welcome
Wednesday 17 th July	Children informed of classes for next academic year	
Thursday 18 th July	Open Evening 4.30 – 6pm followed by summer concert at 6pm	
Monday 22 nd July	Moving Up session	
Wednesday 24 th July	EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic and Activity Day with parents: 11.30am – 2pm	
Thursday 25 th July	Leavers Assembly @ 9.10am	
Friday 26 th July	Schools out for summer. Finish at 2pm	All pupils
29 th July & 30 th July	INSET 4 / 5: Staff only in school	Staff only

School Terms & Holidays

These calendar dates can also be found on our website [here](#).

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	Thursday 17 th October 2019
Autumn 2	Monday 28 th October 2019	Friday 20 th December 2019 at 2pm
Spring 1	Tuesday 7 th January 2020	Friday 14 th February 2020
Spring 2	Monday 24 th February 2020	Friday 3 rd April 2020 at 2pm
Summer 1	Monday 20 th April 2020	Thursday 21 st May 2020
Summer 2	Monday 8 th June 2020	Friday 24 th July 2020 at 2pm
INSET days	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 2nd September 2019 Friday 18th October 2019 Monday 6th January 2020 Friday 22nd May 2020 Monday 27th July 2020 	