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## Attendance matters

It's the start of the term and we love it when you're in school! Good attendance at school is essential so we will not authorise ANY absence unless it is truly exceptional. Letters from an employer related to holiday patterns do not class as exceptional. Any family taking pupils on holiday without consent will be referred to the Services for Young People.

Term dates, holidays and INSET days can be found on the school website calendar as well as at the back of this newsletter. Please ensure that you and all other family members make reference to this when booking holidays, as absences for holidays are unauthorised. If you require your child to be absent from school due to exceptional circumstances, please complete the Leave of Absence form which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the school website here. We request that you do not email with a request as we need a hard copy for our audit trail. Last year we achieved the National Average of 96% overall attendance which was great but we didn't meet our school target of 97%. I would really like us to work together again this year to aim to meet our school target.

We promote good attendance and Ofsted recognised that we have "been successful in reducing the number of pupils who are persistently absent" but, despite our efforts, "this number is still too high" and "some pupils do not attend regularly enough." If your child isn't here, he/she can't learn. In order to encourage good attendance, each week, month, term and year, Attendance and Punctuality Awards are given out with various prizes ranging from additional playtime for the best classes each week, non uniform for the monthly best class, £100 to spend for the best termly class attendance.

Let's remember our motto ... on time, all day, every day!

## Homework

At a Cheadle Heath Voice meeting last year we asked what you like most about our school and what you think we might be able to improve. We do also welcome your suggestions for improvements – whilst we can't always act on all the suggestions, we do always read and consider them. One area that comes up regularly is homework. Some of you want more, some of you want less. Some of you like the Creative homework, some of you think it takes too much time.

We have listened to what you tell us and have decided to change the format of homework this year, reducing it from the Talk Time, Creative and Practice makes Perfect to reinforcing more basic English, maths, spelling / phonics and times tables concepts. We've reminded teachers to make sure homework is purposeful and reviewed the guidelines as to how long we recommend your child spends on their homework – the new guide is no more than 30-40 minutes for all aspects of homework. We've reflected on the Creative element and know some parents and children enjoy this aspect so we will look at introducing a termly creative challenge. We hope that this will lead to a better balance to suit more pupils (and parents) and hope the new changes will mean continued happy and healthy learning at home as well as at school.

# Cheadle Heath Primary School

A GOOD school where the "curriculum is outstanding" and "is exceptionally well enhanced." (Ofsted - July 2016) #teamchps, in the heart of the community.

## Sporting news...



At the end of each year, schools are invited to apply for their [School Games Mark](#). The School Games Mark rewards schools for their commitment to and development

of competition, school sport and physical education. We're very proud to announce that our application has been verified and we have been awarded **GOLD** award. The aim of the school games awards are to keep competitive sport at the heart of schools and provide more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best. We have been striving for gold for a couple of years but the aspect that we needed to develop was pupil leadership so I am delighted that we have achieved gold! There is a platinum award which is open to schools who have achieved Gold award for the previous four years so we will now work hard to maintain our gold status by encouraging children to participate in sporting activity; providing a variety of different sports; partaking in competitions; involving children in leadership activities and having many local links with external clubs and establishments. Thank you to staff who have accompanied children to these events or run after-school clubs this year. Thank you also to Mrs Callaghan who provides excellent administration of our clubs and sporting events and competitions. Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported at our event and, finally, well done to all pupils who have tried out a new physical activity either at an after-school club or as part of a competition or participation event and to those children who represented our school so well last year.

## Harvest

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Lower Key Stage 2 will be leading our 2019 Harvest Festival by considering those around us who have very little food. We encourage the children to give thanks for everything they receive and to take time to think of those who have much less. We also ask them to take action and consider bringing in a food donation for The [Chelwood Foodbank](#) in Adswold. Chelwood is an independent foodbank, serving the population of Stockport. They are not affiliated with any of the national foodbanks and rely solely on donations generously given by local people. We are asking for donations of non-perishable foods to be brought to school from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and will send out a reminder and further details nearer the time. Thanks in advance for your support.

## Things to note ...

- I am attaching the 'Cheadle Heath Primary Respect Charter' which was a document for parents produced in association with the Local Authority. Unfortunately we had a few examples of unacceptable conduct from parents on the last year so it is timely to draw everybody's attention to this document again.
- Holiday dates for this academic year are attached. 2020-21 dates are also included but please note that they are subject to an additional five INSET days.
- A4 calendar planners detailing key dates up to July 2020 have been distributed today. Pop it on the fridge or somewhere you can see it and please take note of the dates! This planner is also on our website under term dates.

## Who do I call?

Schools are busy places so the table below is intended to help parents with information about who to contact in different situations. If you are unsure about who to contact, we recommend you call the school office on 428 2476, where our office team will be able to point you in the right direction.

Issue	Who to contact	How
Any safeguarding concern	Ms Meekley is the Safeguarding Lead & Mrs Vallance is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Via the office 428 2476 or email <a href="#">Ms Meekley</a> <a href="#">Mrs Vallance</a>
Welfare concerns e.g. friendship issues, bullying, cyber issues	The first point of contact would be your child's class teacher	Face to face at the end of the day or via phone or email
Concerns about your child's progress or home learning	The first point of contact would be you child's class teacher but please contact the Phase Leader if this does not resolve the issue.	EYFS <a href="#">Mrs Vallance</a> KS1 <a href="#">Miss Lewis</a> KS2 <a href="#">Miss Harrison</a>
Uniform Queries	School Admin Officer	428 2476
Reporting absence or other queries relating to attendance.	School Admin Officer	428 2476 and follow the instructions on the recorded message
Finance Queries	School Business Manager	428 2476 <a href="#">Mrs. Topping</a>

## FAQs:

- **When should I contact school?**  
*As soon as you have a concern! If in doubt, please contact us; we would far rather you contacted us for reassurance over something that turns out to be minor than spend time worrying about something.*
- **I know class teachers are very busy. Is it ok to contact them?**  
*Yes, it is absolutely fine to contact a class teacher if you need to. We only ask that you respect the fact that they are teaching during the school day. The vast majority of instances where parents need to contact teachers can be dealt with via a quick email exchange, so feel free to do this in the first instance. Please remember that we don't expect teachers to reply to messages outside of working hours.*
- **Can't I just contact the Headteacher if I've got a problem?**  
*Yes, you are always welcome to contact me if you feel you need to by emailing or phoning 428 2476. However, in many circumstances it may be more appropriate for another member of staff who has a more detailed knowledge of the issue to respond in the first instance.*
- **How quickly can I expect a response to my queries?**  
*Ordinarily, you can expect a response (dependant on the enquiry) within a working week of 48 hours.*

## Have a great weekend!

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

# Autumn Term 2019 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.

<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Big Languages Day: whole school focus on languages	All pupils
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Big Write Day	
<b>w/b Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Stay & Read Week / Stay & Play in EYFS on Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	All parents / carers
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Governing Board Pupil Support Committee @ 4pm	Governors
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	UKS2 anti social behaviour workshop	
<b>W / b Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Road Safety Week focus – various year groups participating in road safety activities	
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents invited to school for book share before parents' evening	Y1 – 6 parents from 2pm
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Prospective Parents (2020 intake) Open Morning 9.30am	Prospective Parents
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival led by LKS2 (Y3/4)	All pupils plus LKS2 parents
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm	Parents
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	INSET 2 / 5: Staff only in school	Staff only
<b>Half term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	NHS to administer flu vaccine to Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Reception – Y6 pupils
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Big DT Day	Whole school
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Governing Board Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee @ 3.30pm	Governors
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Cheadle Heath Voice – 9am – 10am ALL WELCOME	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Tempest school photographer in to take individual & family group photos	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	EYFS Stay & Play 8.45 – 9.30am	All EYFS parents
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Big Remembrance Day	
<b>w/b Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Anti Bullying week: Change Starts With Us	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Governing Board Resources Committee	
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	UKS2 to Imperial War Museum	
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Prospective Parents (2020 intake) Open Morning 9.30am	Prospective Parents
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Emerald Class Assembly	Emerald parents
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Reception & Y1 movie night @ 3.30am	Reception & Y1 pupils
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Jade Class Assembly	Jade Parents
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Amethyst Class Assembly	Amethyst parents
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Half of Y5 to Cheadle Hulme School as part of the science outreach work	TBC
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Christmas Fair – look out for details from Sarah Davies soon!	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Christmas Tree decorating assembly	Pupils
<b>w/b Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Stay & Read Week	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Full Governing Board meeting 4pm	Governors
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y6 Residential to Robinwood (Wednesday - Friday)	Y6 Pupils
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Half of Y5 to Cheadle Hulme School as part of the science outreach work	TBC
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity: 10.30am	EYFS parents
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 2pm	KS1 parents
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 10.30am	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity: 2pm	EYFS parents
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6) Christingle Service in school 2pm & repeated at 6.30pm	Pupils & UKS2 parents
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Choir to Royal Northern College of Music	TBC
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Jack & the Beanstalk Panto @ Stockport Plaza (am)	Year 2 – 6 pupils
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	YR & Y1 to Sale Waterside to watch production of Mr Poppers Penguins (am)	YR & Y1 pupils
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner (including Nursery) & Parties / School finishes at 2pm	
<b>Christmas Holidays: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>		
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>	INSET (3/5) – school closed to pupils.	Staff only in school
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School reopens for the 2020 spring term	Everyone

## 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:
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019	Thursday 17 <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>	Tuesday 7 <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> April 2020 at 2pm
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Thursday 21 <sup>st</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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <del>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019</del></li> <li>2. Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019</li> <li>3. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</li> <li>4. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020</li> <li>5. Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020</li> </ol>	

## Next academic year ...

### Term dates 2020 – 21

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2020
<b>Spring 1</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>INSET days</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</li> <li>2 TBC</li> <li>3 TBC</li> <li>4 TBC</li> <li>5 TBC</li> </ol>	