



HEADLINES

New Head Pupils

We have started this half term by appointing a Head Boy and Girl, linked Deputy positions and Prefects. These positions were newly created last year and the children were elected by staff following an application and interview. You may come across them as they carry out duties such as showing people around school, collecting tickets at performances and organising charity events in school. They also proudly wear a badge on their sweater. I am delighted to announce that the Head Pupils are Meadow and Olliver and the Deputies are Ismail and Charlotte. The elected prefects are: Erin, Vicky, Magda Mae, Jackson, Diesha, Jessica, Harrison, Niamh and Eva. Knowing these pupils, I am sure they will all do an excellent job of representing Cheadle Heath, being good role models and carrying out important jobs for the year.

Christmas Fair Donation Days

The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 29th November at 3.30 – 5.30pm. In order to give the Fair as much variety as possible, we ask for donations in the run up to the event. We have a theme for each of the days, but we don't expect any money to be spent on dressing up and **please remember that donation days are entirely optional**. Remember, we will gladly take any good as new books, games, toys, teddies and these can be dropped at reception anytime. Thank you for your support for what promises to be another festive spectacular!

The first two countdowns have been really well supported so THANK YOU for your contributions towards the fair. The next scheduled date is TOMORROW when we are asking for chocolate donations for the chocolate tombola.

Day	Theme	Contribution
Friday 22 nd November	Crazy hats / sunglasses	Chocolate
Friday 29 th November	Christmas themed clothes (or a splash of red /green) and accessories	YR / Y2 / Y4 / Y6 –Cakes Y1 / Y3 / Y5 – small toiletries or gifts for gift bags for a 'Mum's / Dad's / Carer's Present' stall

Book Fair Competition

The autumn term Book Fair will be in school from Thursday 21st November until Wednesday 27th November and more details will be distributed soon. We work hard to instil a love of reading in the children so, in advance of the book fair, we are holding a competition and invite pupils to design a poster to encourage other children to read.

RULES:

- Posters should be eye catching, bright and exciting.
- Entries to Mrs Beynon by Monday 25th November
- Entries must have the child's name /class clearly on the back.

PRIZES:

- 1st prize is a £20 voucher to spend at the book fair and a lucky runner up from EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 and will each receive a £5 voucher.

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Cheadle Heath Voice Feedback

Five parents came to the first Cheadle Heath Voice meeting of 2019/20 on Tuesday 5th November. Aspects discussed were:

- 1) **Site security**
- 2) **Parental Questionnaire feedback**
- 3) **Gem Badges**
- 4) **Aspire Believe Achieve motto**

1) Site security

Site security was discussed and proposals were presented to those present related to how we hope to increase site security i.e. introduce a video entry system on the Churchley Road gate and install a new gate at the side of the building to ensure pupils are safe on the playground, are unable to leave the grounds and restrict access from the staff car park to the building. Discussions centred on having a video entry system or a solar panel to the intercom and it was discussed that the costs were higher because of getting power to the gates. Inevitably the installation of a gate near the car park will mean there will be no access to families who are late from the car park and no access will be permitted, as in line with the current instruction.

2) Parental Questionnaire feedback

I presented a very general overview of feedback from the recent questionnaire and expressed that I was pleased with the 45 responses gained. 87% of families felt that their child / children are happy in school and 89% are safe in school. The results are very positive and full details will be presented in a later newsletter. Discussion centred on some parental comments about poor communication in school. Those present felt that communication was strong and that the use of messages, email, the website and class / school story as well as twitter enable parents to feel knowledgeable about school. I did suggest that there may be too many different sources of communication which is potentially confusing to new parents so will develop a booklet for new families to introduce the different apps and communication systems used. Some parents were unaware that curriculum newsletters are now placed on the class pages on the school website so staff will direct parents to their individual class pages so that they can view up to date content and supporting curriculum material.

3) Gem Badges

We discussed the changes to the gem badges and how moving to 97%+ of green dojos to achieve a gem badge was a positive step as it encourages pupils and motivates pupils. Consistency amongst staff was discussed and I assured parents that staff were aware of this.

4) Aspire Believe Achieve motto

I asked those present to think about how we could develop the new Aspire Believe Achieve motto in school in addition to the certificates and weaving the words as a golden thread through the curriculum. They will reflect and feed back at the next meeting.

Next meeting: 6th February 2020

It's in the news!

[800,000 more children from working households living in poverty since 2010](#)

Safeguarding: internet matters

Internet Matters Please [click on this link](#) from [internet matters](#) for a newly published guide to supporting primary aged pupils with safe use of the internet. It covers areas which include: what are kids doing?; what risks do they face?; seeing inappropriate content; sharing too much information; screen time and cyberbullying.

Instagram Threads Threads is a relatively new app released by Instagram so that users can privately share images, videos etc. between a close friends list. Although we have not heard pupils discussing threads, given that Instagram is hugely popular, it is worth knowing about. Click on [this link](#) for more information.

Reminder!

A reminder that all doctors and dentist appointments need to be booked outside of the school day. Recently we have had an unprecedented number of pupils leaving school early for appointments which is extremely disruptive.

How to listen to a child read

- 1) Find a comfy place to sit & ensure you can both see the book.
- 2) Talk a little bit about the book - have they read any of it before? What happened? If not, look at the cover together and discuss what you notice?
- 3) Allow the child to start reading when ready.
- 4) Try not to interrupt them if they make a mistake; allow them time to spot their own mistakes and self correct.
- 5) If they don't self-correct, ask them to take a look at that bit again and re-read. Provide a prompt if needed.
- 6) Listen out for the following:
 - expression: do they vary how it sounds depending on what the words are?
 - word recognition: how quickly they can recognise and read the words on the page.
 - rhythm/phrasing: how do they group the words they are reading? Single word or in groups of 2 or 3 or even longer phrases?
 - smoothness: does the reading flow well or does it sound choppy? Do they use punctuation well? Ensure they stop at full stops and don't run on into the next sentence.
- 7) Other ways to read
 - Paired reading-take it in turns to read sentences or sections of text
 - Echo reading-you read a sentence or section of text and then the child reads it back to you

Best wishes.

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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Autumn Term 2019 diary dates

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.

Thursday 21 st November	Book Fair	
Friday 22 nd November	Christmas Fair Countdown: chocolates in exchange for wearing sunglasses and crazy hats	everyone
Friday 22 nd November	Paul Johnson (book art) working with Year 4	Year 4
Tuesday 26 th November	Shakespeare launch in school with Mr Kennedy	Y5/6 pupils
Wednesday 27 th November	Amethyst Class Assembly	Amethyst parents
Wednesday 27 th November	Half of Y5 to Cheadle Hulme School as part of the science outreach work	TBC
Thursday 28 th November	Y5/6 sportshall athletics competition @ Aquinas	Y5/6 team
Friday 29 th November	Y6 height & weight check	
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Fair see details above	
Monday 2 nd December	Christmas Tree decorating assembly	Pupils
w/b Monday 2 nd December	Stay & Read Week	
Tuesday 3 rd December	Full Governing Board meeting 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 4 th December	Y6 Residential to Robinwood (Wednesday - Friday)	Y6 Pupils
Wednesday 4 th December	Half of Y5 to Cheadle Hulme School as part of the science outreach work	TBC
Tuesday 10 th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity: 10.30am	EYFS parents
Tuesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 2pm	KS1 parents
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 10.30am	
Wednesday 11 th December	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Nativity: 2pm	EYFS parents
Monday 16 th December	Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5/6) Christingle Service in school 2pm & repeated at 6.30pm	Pupils & UKS2 parents
Monday 16 th December	Choir to Royal Northern College of Music	TBC
Tuesday 17 th December	Jack & the Beanstalk Panto @ Stockport Plaza (am)	Year 2 – 6 pupils
Thursday 19 th December	YR & Y1 to Sale Waterside to watch production of Mr Poppers Penguins (am)	YR & Y1 pupils
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner (including Nursery) & Parties / School finishes at 2pm	
Christmas Holidays: Monday 23rd December – Monday 6th January 2020		
Monday 6 th January 2020	INSET (3/5) – school closed to pupils.	Staff only in school
Tuesday 7 th January	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:
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"> 1. Monday 2nd September 2019 2. Friday 18th October 2019 3. Monday 6th January 2020 4. Friday 22nd May 2020 5. Monday 27th July 2020 	

Next academic year ...

Term dates 2020 – 21

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