



HEADLINES

Merry Christmas

This is the final Head Lines before the Christmas break. We hope you have a lovely Christmas holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next year (when I'll probably still be typing '2019' for a few weeks afterwards!) Thank you to everyone for all of your support, thanks, words of encouragement and amazing children who have individually and collectively shone at this year's Christmas Nativities and presentations. This term has been very busy with opportunities including science lessons and choir rehearsals delivered by Cheadle Hulme School, Y6 residential, school disco, new school council, Christmas Fair, Christmas shows, theatre trips, monthly EYFS Stay & Play and there are still Christmas parties & Christmas dinner later today!

Purchasing new devices?

For anyone purchasing new devices for the children at Christmas time, here's a short update with useful, relevant and up to date links.

Family Agreement

The holidays are a good time to sit down with children and manage expectations. Some children will spend as much time online and playing games as they possibly can, so [this is a link](#) to a family agreement template from Childnet so that you can have a balance between family time and socialisation.

Parental Controls

There are so many devices, each with their own unique way of setting up parental controls and restrictions. The functionality of the devices can be daunting with chat, game downloads, in-app purchases, third party apps (such as social media, Netflix) etc. so we always advise two things. (1) look up the device on YouTube using a simple 'how to' query, e.g. 'how to restrict in-app purchases on Playstation 4'. (2) Internet Matters has a one-stop shop for setting up devices which can be found [here](#).

Advice by age

Internet Matters give advice according to the age of the children 0-5, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+ which can be found [here](#).

Gaming

As gaming is likely to be high on the agenda for many children this holiday period, CEOP have a simple [parental guide](#) which is worth a look at. Internet Matters also has a useful gaming hub with lots of [invaluable information here](#).

YouTube

Did you know that there is a new YouTube app and site for children (below 13) which is quite good for younger children?

App: <https://youtube.com/kids/>

Web: <https://www.youtubekids.com/>

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.

Don't struggle at Christmas...

Don't be in crisis this Christmas; take a number, just in case

- Access and Crisis team – 0161 419 5678
- Stepping Hill Hospital – 483 1010
- NHS (non emergency) 111
- Domestic violence helpline Stockport- 0161 636 7525
- Samaritans Stockport - 0161 432 1221 or 116 123
- Emergency Social care (Children) 0161 217 6028
- Adult Social care – 0161 217 6029
- Citizens Advice weekdays 9am-5pm 0300 330 1153
- Child Sexual exploitation team Stockport (It's - 0161 856 3188
- Food Banks / Food donations :
 - Chelwood Adswold - 486 0043
 - Trussell Trust, Hazel Grove - 487 3370
 - Salvation Army, SK4 476 6539
 - Stockport Loaves & Fishes, The Olive Branch, 2c Castle St, Edgeley 07938 967063
- Stockport Suicide prevention- 116123
- PAPYRUS - young suicide 01925 572 444
- TPA - 0161 474 1042
- SLAS - www.stockport.gov.uk/slas 0161 474 2101
 - Benefit helpline - 0345 608 8545
 - Universal Credit - 0800 328 9344
 - Housing / Homeless 217 6017

Adverse weather conditions

While we have not had any notification from the Met Office that we are to have snow this side of Santa coming, we thought we would get winter ready. 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, in the event that we do have to close we ask you firstly to check your texts, twitter and our school website as we will put notices on there in the first instance. We will also notify the Council but there may be a delay in updating the central council website.

Did you know ...

I am often asked what staff do on an INSET day. Some parents think it is an extra day off for staff! It's not! An **INSET day**, originally an acronym for *IN-Service Training day*, is one of five days on which pupils do not attend school but staff are required to attend for training. We usually have a whole school focus linked to our school priorities and plan these well in advance.

Remaining INSET days this academic year are as follows:

- Monday 6th January 2020
- Friday 22nd May 2020
- Monday 27th July 2020

These dates, alongside the 2019 – 20 and 2020 – 21 dates, are also on [our website](#) – our school > term dates.

Remember!

We break up for Christmas today at 2pm. Staff have an INSET day on Monday 6th January so the children will not return to school until Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 13th December is 95.47% (it was 96.26% for the same period last year), which is below our 97% target. Help us to achieve our target by ensuring your child is in school on time, all day, every day! Poor punctuality means your child misses valuable learning time and that lessons are disrupted for other pupils so let's have a real focus on punctuality and attendance next term. Please make sure that children are in school by 08.55 every day and remember that doors open at 08.45 for response time. Well done Opal Class (Y4) for having the best attendance in the autumn term.

AUTUMN TERM ATTENDANCE 2019					
Sapphire Year R	94.28 %	Pearl Year R	96 %	Jet Year 1	95.33 %
Ruby Year 1	93.93 %	Amber Year 2	97.05 %	Topaz Year 2	94.30 %
Amethyst Year 3	95.18 %	Quartz Year 3	94.75 %	Opal Year 4	97.19 %
Jade Year 4	96.44 %	Diamond Year 5/6	95.47 %	Garnet Year 5/6	95.82 %
Emerald Year 5/6	95.13 %	Attend today, achieve tomorrow!			



So, we have come to the end of our first term and the time has flown! The children have settled really well into their new classes and become happy, confident learners. As ever, we truly appreciate, and rely upon, the support from our parental community so, on behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to thank you for your support. 2019 has been a great year and we are hoping that 2020 will build on our successes. There are no homework tasks during the holiday period. Instead, support your child in other ways. Make sure they take part in family events and encourage them to relax and catch up on some reading at home, playing board games, baking, writing thank you notes as all these things will help their English skills of speaking and listening, reading and writing. Plenty of maths skills can be practised too – planning some TV watching and considering times and durations of programmes, working out what half price is when the sales start.

We wish you a very happy Christmas and peaceful, healthy 2020. Whatever you do, make sure you have a happy and healthy Christmas break.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Christine Meekley & the staff at CHPS



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 	