



# HEADLINE

*Welcome back to a new term. We hope you enjoyed the holidays & are ready for a new term of learning!*

We have been extremely busy since we returned to school after the Christmas break continuing our second topic and embedding our English and maths learning. Staff had a very productive INSET day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January thinking about Attachment, Trauma and Resilience.

## *Save the dates!*

- We've booked next year's panto to see the 10.30am showing of Dick Whittington at Stockport Plaza on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020! This will be Y2 – Y6 only as we will take Reception & Year 1 to a shorter festive show as per last year.
- Y6 will be participating in the North West Children's Shakespeare Festival and will be working alongside other schools to perform on stage at The Lowry on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Y6 teachers Miss Harrison and Mr Cleverley went on a two day residential to Menai last week to live and learn the script and start planning for what will be an awesome experience for all.
- Calling current Y5s ... the Y6 residential will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Letter to follow shortly.

## *Health matters*

- **Water bottles ...** It is very important that you ensure your child brings a water bottle to school so that they can have a drink when they need one. All children should have a bottle in school every day so please bring one every day. We have water fountains where they can be refilled.
- **Tis the season of bugs ...** an increasing number of children have coughs, colds and sickness at this time of year. Please do not to send your child into school if they are unwell as we want to avoid germs and infections spreading. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, then they must remain off school for 48 hours after the last occurrence as these illnesses are highly infectious.
- **Headlice ...** Please check your child/rens hair on a weekly basis. We have received reports of headlice in some classes. If you require any advice on the most effective ways of treating headlice, please telephone the school nurse Liz Donegan on 0161 426 5719.
- **Measles ...** There have recently been a number of adult cases of measles in the Local Authority. We have been advised to remind parents about the importance of the MMR vaccination and the need for children to have two doses.

## *Can you spare an hour?*

Could you give up an hour to help teachers change reading books, stick work into children's books or help in the library? The teachers would really appreciate your help. If you can, please contact [Mrs. Vallance](#), [Miss Lewis](#) or [Miss Harrison](#).

## *It's in the news!*

[Period poverty: Schools urged to order free menstrual products](#)

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## Snow

While we have not had any notification from the Met Office that we are to have snow imminently, 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.

## Attendance

Well done to Opal for an amazing 97.19% attendance last term. It is a tremendous achievement! Unfortunately only 4/13 classes achieved above the national average of 96% so let's hope that this increases during the spring term.

We still have a worrying number of 'Persistent Absentees' who have attendance of less than 90%. The Local Authority are issuing a record number of fines and are following up in court those who don't pay. There is a direct correlation between attendance and success at school. It may seem a long way off but it is worth noting that 90% of young people with attendance rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all.

It is important to get our children into good habits and ensure they are receiving the education they are entitled to.

*Remember, following clear government guidance, we do not authorise holidays in term time unless **exceptional circumstances can be proved**. We publish our term dates well in advance so no excuses! Please do not book family holidays in term time!*

## Cheadle Heath Voice

The next Cheadle Heath Voice meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. 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. I appreciate that it can be difficult for parents to attend daytime meetings so, in order to ensure we gain the opinions of as many parents as possible, I will send a reminder message on school story the week before to ask for any suggestions from parents who cannot attend the meeting. I will also distribute notes from each meeting in the next newsletter to keep all parents informed.

### Did you know?

#### Writing the date in 2020

Usually, when writing the short date, we write dd/mm/yy, but this year could cause a problem. Only writing the year as '20' leaves a potential for fraud because there is space where other digits could be added on i.e. 21/01/20 could have '17' added on, so that it reads 21/01/2017.

Throughout this year, to minimise the risk of fraud, it is advisable to use the full year date when signing and dating documents / cheques etc.

## Communication Update

We are always looking to improve, or streamline, ways in which our families communicate with the school and vice versa. We encourage direct communication channels with key members of staff, who are often your first point of contact.

- **Direct Email**

All staff have email addresses which can be found on our website. Please direct your email to only one member of staff as sometimes responses can slip through the net when two or more staff are emailed as it can be unclear who the email is directed at or who should be responding! You may wish to cc other staff in to keep them informed of your communication.

- **Text Messaging Service**

In order to continue to provide an efficient, clear communication pathway to parents, we continue to send texts via the Eduspot messaging service.

- **Dojo Messaging**

Just a reminder that staff will not, in general, reply to direct messages sent via the dojo app. This is because it is unmanageable and was used as a 24/7 messaging service by parents which took away from teaching and learning time and impeded on staff work life balance. If you do need to contact staff please do so via other means of communication – either after school, via the office where a message will be passed on the person you need, or via email.

- **Website**

Our [school website](#) is a really good source of information about school and school events. The website is updated regularly so remember to keep checking back for updates. If there is any other way in which you would like to be informed of information, please let us know!

## Whole site expectations

Following Christmas, when some children received scooters & bikes as presents, it is timely to remind you that scooters and bikes are **not allowed** on the playground. **All pupils must dismount at the school gates** and walk to the cycle shed where they should be supervised by a parent. We encourage all children cycling to school to wear a bike helmet. It isn't a fashion statement but a lifesaving necessity.

**Parking:** For the safety of both your child and yourself, please use the footpaths and **do not walk through the staff car park** (even when dropping off for Breakfast Club). We actively encourage families to park and stride from Morrison's or Tile Mountain. No cars, unless with a disabled badge or by prior agreement, are permitted to use the staff car park as we do not have sufficient spaces to cater for parents and staff. This includes the top of the car park and the car park at neighbouring Pendlebury Centre.

*Stay warm!*

*Christine Meekley & the staff at CHPS*

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## Spring Term 2020 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               |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January  | Y4 to Manchester Airport   | Y4 pupils             |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January  | Multi Cultural Market in school  | Y5 / 6 pupils         |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January  | Year 6 SATs meeting @ 5pm  | Year 6 parents        |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January   | Governing Board Pupil Support Committee Meeting @ 4pm                            | Governors             |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January   | Amber Class Assembly @ 9.05am  | Amber Class parents   |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January   | YR to Rainbow88 to celebrate Chinese New Year                                    |                       |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January  | Y5/6 to Chester Zoo  | Y5 / 6 pupils         |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February  | Girls Primary Active Day   |                       |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February   | Parents' phonics share – come and see phonics in action in school Time TBC       |                       |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February   | Ruby Class Assembly @ 9.05am   | Ruby Class parents    |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February   | Governing Board Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee @ 4pm                  | Governors             |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February  | Safer Internet Day   | Everyone              |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February  | Cheadle Heath Voice Meeting – 9am  | All welcome           |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February  | Y4 Residential to Robinwood Dobroyd Castle (Friday – Sunday)                     | Y4 pupils             |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February  | Y5/6 Athletics Final   |                       |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February  | Diamond Class Assembly @ 9.05am  | Diamond Class parents |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February  | Music Extravaganza 6.30pm – letter to follow                                     | Musicians             |
| <b>Half term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020</b> |  |                       |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February  | EYFS Stay & Play   | EYFS parents          |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February  | Cheadle Hulme School delivering Spanish lessons to Y4 x 4 weeks                  | Y4 pupils             |
| w/b Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | Stay & Read Week 8.45 – 9.15am   | All parents           |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March  | Topaz Class Assembly @ 9.05am  | Topaz Class parents   |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March  | 1 x Y5 to Cheadle Hulme School re science outreach programme                     |                       |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March   | World Book Day   |                       |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March   | Y6 to Crucial Crew   | Y6 pupils             |
| w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> March  | Science week   |                       |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | Governing Board Resources Committee @ 3.30pm                                     | Governors             |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | Jet Class Assembly @ 9.05am  | Jet Class parents     |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | 1 x Y5 to Cheadle Hulme School re science outreach programme                     |                       |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March   | Opal Class Assembly @ 9.05am   | Opal Class parents    |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March  | EYFS Stay & Play   | EYFS parents          |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March  | Scholastic book fair delivered.  | Everyone              |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March  | Vision Screening for Reception   | Reception pupils      |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March  | School Choir participating in Cheadle Hulme School Spring Term Concert           | Choir                 |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March  | Y4 Stone Age Day   | Y4 pupils             |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March   | Parents' Evening   |                       |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March  | Parents' Evening   |                       |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March   | Full Governing Board Meeting @ 4pm   | Governors             |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April   | Easter Bonnet Parade & café 10 – 11.30am<br>Finish for the Easter Holidays @ 2pm | FS / KS1              |
| <b>Easter Holidays: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>       |  |                       |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</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 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. <del>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019</del></li> <li>3. <del>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</del></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> |   |