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Issue 10



# KEEP SAFE ONLINE

## Staying Safe Online

Tuesday was National Internet Safety Day so we had lots of in class learning and an assembly on this year's theme ' Together for a better internet'. In assembly we talked about how we can work together to help children be happy, healthy and creative in all that they do online. We also discussed ways in which we can make the Internet a safer place including improving security measures with online games such as Tik Tok, Fortnite and Roblox. It is worth remembering that most sites including Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram have guidance around age restrictions and specify that users should be 13 years old or older. Does your child have an account?! If so, just have a think about how safe they are online.

To help with practical support with devices at home, O2 in partnership with NSPCC offer a [free service](#) over the phone, 0808 800 5002, or in one of their stores.

We have lots of guidance on our website: Safeguarding > Internet Safety for lots of additional information and guidance. Here are some useful weblinks:

- [NSPCC NetAware](#)
- [Childnet International](#)
- [Think u Know](#)
- [Kidscape](#) - 'Preventing Bullying, protecting children'
- [Netmums](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) online safety tips, advice and resources to help children stay safe online
- [Connect safely](#)
- [Guidance for Parents re Instagram](#)

## Have you...

moved house? ... changed your phone number? ... got a new email address? If so, please ensure we have the correct contact details for your child.

## World Book ~~Day~~ Week 2020

Roll Up Roll Up ... on Monday 2nd March we will be launching our Circus Week which will include our annual celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 5th March!

You may be aware that we like to have a whole school WBD theme to really generate community spirit and this year we are delighted to announce our chosen theme is **The Circus**. The English team in school are planning many exciting activities for the week and the children will be immersed in engaging Circus themed texts which will amaze and astound them. We also have other exciting events planned for different year groups from circus skills to balloon making.

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March we invite the children to come to school dressed in bright colours to represent the fun of the circus. They will be given the WBD voucher which they can then trade in for a brand new book in all good book shops (they may also use it at the next school book fair).

We know the children will enjoy the week and produce some amazing English work which will be displayed around the school for all to enjoy!

*Miss Harrison, English Lead*

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## Cheadle Heath Voice Minutes

The Cheadle Heath Voice took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February and it was great to see new faces supporting school and talking about issues and areas of improvement.

Agenda points were:

- Site security
- communication
- What do you want to know more about that you don't know about!
- AOB

We discussed the following in more detail:

### Site security

We discussed the site entry and exit points and the use of the staff car park which is dangerous to pupils. I informed those present that we were looking at putting a video entry pad on the Churchley Road gates and keeping these closed and locked in the day and installing a gate across the back of school in order to secure the site for pupils. All present agreed that these were good, positive safeguarding improvements and should be actioned as a priority. We also discussed what the parental view would be about restricting access to one gate only and, if we did this, which would be the most suitable. Following a lengthy discussion we concluded that it would hinder parents and cause a blockage so the current two entry points will remain open but the Churchley Road point will be accessed by intercom only for any late arrivals / appointment pickups. Watch this space for more news soon about the new gate security.

### Communication

Although communication has been discussed on many occasions, we discussed it again and all present agreed that communication in school is very good although recognised that there are many communication channels which can be confusing. I outlined that the main channels are the dojo app (which parents find really useful), email and text and that Twitter is mainly a marketing tool and a quick source of information giving. At present it seems that streamlining some of the communication channels into one source is not an option as they do different things.

### What do you want to know more about that you don't already know about!

The conclusion of this conversation was that you'd like the opportunity to get into school more and see the learning in action. Whilst we do have phonics session and open maths sessions, a more general 'come and see' was discussed so this is something we will look at for the summer term.

### Any Other Business

A parent brought up about homework in relation to the change of format this year and the reduction in amount given. Homework is always a contentious issue! Some parents love it, others hate it! We have tried various methods of home learning over the years including the more formalised 'Learning Log' approach in which home learning was categorised into three rotating weekly elements of Practice Makes Perfect, Creative and Talk Time. However we reviewed and reduced the home

learning expectations last year in order to consolidate class learning. Although as a school we recognise that homework can play a positive role in consolidating learning, we also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. Whilst homework is valuable, it should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out-of-school clubs and organisations that play an important part in the lives of many children. Therefore, we will not be increasing homework at present for pupils (although Y6 do see an increase leading up to transition to secondary school).

**Next meeting date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 9am

*Remember, 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.*

## 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](#) or [Miss Harrison](#).

## Respect Reminder ...

I understand that parents may have alternative views to the school's, but I would like to remind everyone that as a school we aim for everyone to behave in line with the school & Local Authority's RESPECT agenda where we treat each other with mutual consideration and understanding. It is natural to wish to resolve any differences of opinion; however, it is important that our school premises remain a calm, supportive and safe environment for our children and that adults are not seen to use inappropriate behaviour to settle disagreements.

## It's in the news!

[Children who sit too much 'more likely to get depressed'](#)

## Term Dates

Next year's term dates are on the reverse of this newsletter. Please make close reference to these when booking holidays as family holidays are always unauthorised and are likely to result in a fine from the Local Authority. The dates are also available on the school website for your reference. Please note that five INSET days have yet to be added onto the calendar but we aim to have these finalised in the next couple of weeks. Please remember that punctuality is essential to learning. Any child arriving after 9.10am will be marked as unauthorised (U) and repeated incidents will result in a fine.

*We break for half term tomorrow so see you on 24<sup>th</sup>!*

*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
<b>Half term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020</b>		
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
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 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 ...

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<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>	