



# WELCOME

## Hello Again!

Well, the last newsletter that I sent was way back in March and what challenging, turbulent times have since passed! Although I have been regularly updating you with school news and updates on school story, I thought I'd take the opportunity to send a newsletter as the school year is flying by and it is hard to believe that we only have three more full weeks left of this academic year. It is strange to think that we're nearly at the end of the Summer Term when we would normally be participating in the Y6 Shakespeare Festival, Sports Day and exciting trips out of school, but of course things are very different for everyone at the moment.

I would like to thank everyone for their involvement with the home learning programme. The teaching staff have been very busy managing this and I know there have been a lot of busy pupils too! If you have any feedback regarding this I would really like to hear your comments – please send them to me on the Headteacher email. I would like to stress once again that all families need to find their own balance between home learning, practical and outdoor activities, as well as relaxation time. We ask you to do what you can in a way that is possible for you. Please do not hesitate to ask us for support should you need it.

There has been a lot of successful communication through class dojo and the associated messaging system but I am aware that some parents would like pupils to be able to 'get together' using Zoom. However, I have had direction from the Local Authority that Zoom is not to be used by schools due to security breaches and risks. Key Stage 2 have successfully launched Google Classroom this week and we hope to roll this out to Key Stage 1 shortly.

We continue to provide a provision in school for the children of Keyworkers, vulnerable pupils and children in Receptions, and Years 1 and 6. It has been truly wonderful to welcome these year groups back into school as the building suddenly seems to have life again. A heartbeat beating through the building which is great to see. Our final cohort of pupils return next Monday after which we will not be inviting further waves of pupils back.

Yesterday, the DfE published its long-awaited plan for getting all pupils back to school in September which is the most significant moment for us since lockdown first began in March. Last week, the secretary of state suggested that the government's plan would involve an expansion of group or 'bubble' sizes. So, it is not a surprise that this is the overarching principle at the heart

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

of the **latest guidance** What is a surprise is the flexibility to have groups as large as an entire year group so the leadership team will now consider what the document will mean in practice for our school. It will clearly create a wide range of significant logistical challenges such as staggered starts but DON'T PANIC we are still two months away from the start of the autumn term. I assure you that we will be working hard to create the best conditions possible for our school to be able to welcome pupils back in the autumn term and we will of course keep you informed about our plans and communicate with you regularly.

What is great news for us is that, in recent days, there has been speculation that the government might tell schools to narrow the curriculum and focus wholly or predominately on English and maths. As a school I believe this would be a grave mistake so I am pleased to see it confirmed that schools can continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum from September.

## Moving Up - transition

We recognise the impact that five months out of school will have had on all pupils, and we are desperately hoping to see all our pupils walking back through the school gates in September. In order to best prepare our children to 'move up' to the next year group we are planning our transition programme for September. This means that all current pupils will return to their CURRENT year group in September, in their current classroom and will have their current teacher for a two week period (alternative arrangements will be made for Quartz and Amber classes). During this time the children will have the opportunity to reacquaint with their 'old' teacher and classmates and planned transition activities will be arranged with their 'new' teacher. Children will then move up to their new year groups, teachers and classes on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. We believe that this planned, structured transition will support the children's mental health and wellbeing as it will bring closure and a focus on new beginnings for them (and staff). I know that many parents were worried about moving to new year groups in September so I hope this will reassure you about the plans we have devised. We will be sharing information about your child's new class in September as part of the transition process. During these two weeks transition programme, our new intake visits will take place and new starters will then start Reception week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## Entry to School

The new gate to the rear of school has now been installed and, as a result, there is no access from the staff car park to school.

## Classes for September 2020

In September, we will be having mixed age classes in Y1/2 and in Y5/6. This builds on the success we have had this year in UKS2. A letter was emailed to Reception and Year 1 parents yesterday outlining the rationale and process for creating classes for September. Staff are working hard to ensure the classes are well balanced.

## Hello & Goodbye

As we near the end of the school year we have to say goodbye to staff and welcome others to #teamCHPS. We recently welcomed Miss Vallance back from maternity leave and she is currently working in Foundation Stage supporting transition for our new intake.

In July we will say goodbye to our wonderful (and totally irreplaceable!) Mrs Carney who is leaving to spend more time with her family. Mrs Carney has been a trusted, loyal member of staff for 18 years and we will miss her dearly although we know she will be back on a voluntary basis. We also say goodbye to our lovely Nursery teacher Miss Evans. However, it's not quite goodbye as she will be back in September to support the transition programme in Nursery so we will see her to say goodbye then. Good luck to both staff members and THANK YOU!

After a rigorous and extensive recruitment drive I am delighted to welcome two new members to the teaching staff in September: Miss Whiteside will be covering Mrs Dyson's maternity leave in Year 3 and Mr Jarvis will be joining the Foundation Stage team. Both bring lots of enthusiasm and experience with them and I am sure you will extend a warm #teamCHPS welcome when we open our doors again.

## It's in the news!

[Coronavirus: School safety means two cases and pupils go home](#)  
[Penalty fines for missing school next term](#)

## Just to let Y6 parents know ...

The newsletter is intended to keep parents / carers informed about what is happening at school and future events. As it is delivered by email to current parents, our Year 6 leavers will no longer receive the updates. However, it is always uploaded to our website so please take a peek every now and again and see what's happening at your 'old' school.

Take care and look after each other. We are all missing you so much!

Best wishes,

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:
<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

## 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	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</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>	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
<b>Summer 1</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>INSET days Staff only in attendance</b>	1 Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020 2 Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020 3 Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021 4 Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 5 Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	

## Thinking even further ahead ...

### **NEW!** Term dates 2021 – 22

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<b>Autumn 1</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021
<b>Spring 1</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
<b>Spring 2</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
<b>Summer 1</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Summer 2</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
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