

12th October 2017

Issue 4



HEADLINE

Parents' Evening next week

Please remember that the first Parents' Evening of the year is being held on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We hold it early in the term to give you a chance to meet your child's teacher properly, find out how your child is getting on in their new year group and so that any concerns can be addressed swiftly.

Y1 – Y6 parents are invited to look at their child's work books on Monday 16th October from 2.15pm. If you can't come to this 'book look' your child's English and maths books will be available for you to look at on the night. Staff will also be sharing the national age related expectations for your child's current year. It is very important that we meet with all parents, and we know the value to your child of that time to talk with you. Therefore, we ask that children do not attend the appointment as it is a time for you to speak with the teacher and there will be no supervision in the corridors or hall. If you have any problems booking your child's appointment, Ms Stronach is on hand to assist you. Please visit our school office or contact her on 428 2476.

At Parents' Evening you will be asked to check the data information we have on record and in particular the emergency contact numbers. There have been occasions when parents have provided a mobile as an emergency number and the mobile has been switched off / changed.

A few gentle reminders ...

- If your child has had a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last occurrence. This is standard procedure for schools and is in place to prevent the spread of these contagious illnesses.
- Please make a regular habit of checking your child for head lice. Unfortunately it is a common and frequently occurring issue in school and must be treated immediately. However, a full day's absence should not be taken to treat head lice and will not be authorised.
- Please do not allow children to play on the climbing frame in the Early Years playground and the tyres before and after school. This is not permitted as the supervision we normally have for this equipment is not in place at these times.

Flu immunisation

For those in Reception up to Year 4, who have given consent to have the nasal flu immunisation, we would like to inform you that this will be taking place on 6th November 2017. Please return flu letters ASAP – you need to indicate 'Yes' or 'No' regarding the immunisation being administered.

Nursery

We still have a few Nursery places available for children who are currently three years old. We also have additional hours for those already attending Nursery. Please contact [Mrs Haskayne](#) if you would like further information.

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Behaviour Policy update

As you are aware, we introduced a new behaviour policy in March 2017 which had a new clear set of sanctions for those displaying unacceptable behaviour in school. However, we recognise that the overwhelming majority of our children follow our school rules and behave appropriately at break times and in class. As a result we are introducing the Cheadle Heath 'Gem' Badge which will positively reinforce good behaviours, recognise those children who **always** do the right thing and help to maintain a culture where following the rules is the norm. We hope that all the children in Reception to Y6 will strive to achieve a Gem Badge and that they will value their badge once it has been achieved. By working together we can ensure that Cheadle Heath remains a safe and happy place to learn. So how will this work?

- Children who only have green dojos each half term achieve a Gem Badge which will be awarded in the last achievement assembly of each term (19.10.17)
- Gem badges will be earned on a half termly basis and a different colour represents each half term.
- A child can collect up to six Gem Badges each year.
- Children who do not receive a Gem Badge are able to earn one the following half term by showing excellent behaviour.

In addition to the gem badges we have introduced Magic Monday postcards so look out for the postman to see if your child has been recognised for shining brightly in school. When they receive a postcard their name is written on a star and displayed in the corridor.

Unfortunately we have a number of children who are repeatedly missing lunchtimes because they are in R&R. Parents of these pupils will be informed about this at Parents' Evening next week.

We are aiming for impeccable behaviour and our consistent approach is helping us to achieve this aim. Our behaviour policy is readily available to parents on our website here.

Prospective parents open morning

It was great to welcome so many prospective parents to our first open morning on Wednesday. The feedback was lovely and I felt very proud showing our visitors round. The next open morning is Wednesday 15th November from 9.30am where staff will be on hand to answer any questions. There is no need to book - just turn up!

We are very much a 'family' school: we cultivate and nurture attitudes of support, respect and care in all our activities and relationships and for all our children. Equally important is learning. We set high standards in everything we do and strongly believe in the importance of the **core skills** of reading, writing and mathematics. At Cheadle Heath, we also believe that primary school education is an experience that all children should enjoy to the full. We therefore offer a broad and balanced curriculum: drama and music are strengths in our school and we celebrate our many diverse backgrounds. This helps our children to become positive and active citizens.

Safeguarding: O2 NSPCC

I would like to bring a new helpline to your attention which has been launched by the [NSPCC](#) in conjunction with O2. It focuses around **Online Safety** and is a source of advice for parents. You can phone the helpline with queries about setting up parental controls on your computer and other devices, how to adjust privacy settings, understanding social networks and to voice concerns about online gaming. We do provide lots of advice around online safety on our website under the Safeguarding > [esafety tab](#), however, sometimes you may prefer to speak to someone so you can use this helpline (**0808 800 5002**)

Can you spare an hour?

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

Attendance

Here's the year to date attendance for each class:

• Reception	Pearl:	95.39%
• Reception	Sapphire:	97.19%
• Year 1	Jet:	97.96%
• Year 1	Ruby:	97.28%
• Year 2	Topaz:	98.76%
• Year 2	Amber:	99.03%
• Year 3	Amethyst:	98.30%
• Year 4	Opal:	96.64%
• Year 4	Jade:	97.21%
• Year 5	Aquamarine:	98.05%
• Year 5	Onyx:	97.73%
• Year 6	Emerald:	97.82%

	2017	2016
This gives us an overall attendance figure of	97.64%	
• Attendance year to date:	97.64%	96.82%
• September attendance:	97.74%	96.95%
• Best class year to date:	Amber 99.03%	98.14%

Last year, the whole-school average was 95.63% but, as you can see, we're already off to a cracking start this year. Let's aim to beat our previous figure by being *on time, all day, everyday!* **Please remember that holidays in term time will not be authorised unless it is truly exceptional. This is not the local authority or school decision but the law! Please do not book holidays when your children should be at school learning!**

It's in the news!

[Too many new pupils not school ready](#)
[Too many heads lack the courage of their convictions on school discipline – and pay the price](#)
[Teaching to the test gives 'hollow understanding'](#)

Midday Assistants needed

We need two new midday assistants! If you are interested in being part of this valuable team please see Ms Stronach or Mrs Carney who will give you further details.

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Clubs

Clubs have started now and children are enjoying a wide variety of extracurricular activities. We are currently offering:

1. Get Crafty on Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm
2. Recorder club on Mondays 3.15 - 4.00pm
3. Code Club on Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm
4. Football Club (Y1-3) Monday 3.15 - 4.15pm.
5. Football Club (Y4-6) Friday 3.15 - 4.15pm.
6. Music & Movement Tuesdays
7. Cookery Thursdays
8. Spanish Thursdays

Please let us know in advance if your child is unable to attend a club - this is for safeguarding reasons and to ensure we know where the children are. Children in KS2 look out for Ms Meekley & Mrs Vallance's 'Couch to 5K' (C25K) running club which is starting in February! There, it's in print now so we are committed (better start training!)

Website

Our website is a useful source of communication and Ofsted commended us for its clarity and ease of finding information. However, we are not complacent and want to know if you would find anything else useful.

Contacting staff

The easiest and most effective way to contact the teaching and office staff is by phone (0161 428 2476) or by email. Please remember that we would prefer to hear from you at the earliest opportunity whenever there is a problem. Teachers are always willing to meet with parents when a problem first comes to light. Our aim is to resolve it as quickly as possible and, whenever possible, on the same day to prevent the problem developing. If you need to contact the class teacher and are unable to see them in the morning, please phone the school office and the teacher will give you a call. A note can also be written in the home school diary.

You can email a member of the teaching staff but please be aware that this is not a 24 hour service and emails (and dojo messages) will not be answered after 6pm! Email addresses can be found on our website under the Contact Us > [Staff 2017 - 18](#) tab.

*Thank you for your continued support,
Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS*

School Terms & Holidays

These calendar dates can also be found on our website [here](#).

Term dates 2017 - 18

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2017	Thursday 19 th October 2017
Autumn 2	Monday 30 th October 2017	Tuesday 19 th December 2017 at 2pm
Spring 1	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	Friday 16 th February 2018
Spring 2	Monday 26 th February 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018 at 2pm
Summer 1	Monday 16 th April 2018	Friday 25 th May 2018
Summer 2	Monday 11 th June 2018	Friday 27 th July 2018 at 2pm
INSET days	1 Monday 4 th September 2017 2 Friday 20 th October 2017 3 Thursday 3 rd May 2018 4 Monday 30 th July 2018 5 Tuesday 31 st July 2018	

Term dates 2018 - 19

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Autumn 1	Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Friday 19 th October 2018
Autumn 2	Monday 29 th October 2018	Wednesday 19 th December 2018 at 2pm
Spring 1	Thursday 3 rd January 2019	Friday 15 th February 2019
Spring 2	Monday 25 th February 2019	Friday 5 th April 2019 at 2pm
Summer 1	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019	Friday 24 th May 2019
Summer 2	Monday 10 th June 2019	Tuesday 30 th July 2019 at 2pm
INSET days	1 Monday 3 rd September 2018 Remaining INSET days to be confirmed	

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Autumn Term 2017 diary dates

The autumn term is always very busy (and long!) so there are many important events to enter into your diary. The diary dates are updated on each newsletter as, inevitably, additions and occasional changes do occur. The amendments are indicated in red so that they are easy to identify.

Date	Event	Who for
Monday 16 th October	Parents invited to school for book share before parents' evening	Parents from 2pm
Tuesday 17 th October	Governing Board Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee @ 3.30pm	Governors
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 8pm	Parents
Wednesday 18 th October	Y6 trip to the Manchester Football Museum to see author Matt Oldfield.	
Wednesday 18 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm	Parents
Friday 20 th October	INSET (2/5) – school closed to pupils.	
Half term: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October		
Tuesday 31 st October	Governing Board Pupil Support Committee 3.30pm	Governors
Thursday 1 st November	Y5 pupils to Stockport Academy to see dress rehearsal of High School Musical.	Y5 pupils
Friday 3 rd November	EYFS Stay & Play 8.45 – 9.30am	All EYFS parents
w/b Monday 6 th November	KS1 topic share will be this week – date to be confirmed	
Monday 6 th November	NHS to administer flu vaccine to Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 Time: TBC	Reception – Y4 pupils
Tuesday 7 th November	Y5 (group 1) to Cheadle Hulme School: science workshop	Y5 pupils
Wednesday 8 th November	Tempest school photographer in	
Thursday 9 th November	Reception Phonics Workshop for pupils and parents 3.30pm in the hall	Reception
Monday 9 th November	Governing Board Resources Committee 4pm	Governors
Friday 10 th November	Anti bullying wear blue day	
w/b Monday 13 th November	Anti bullying week	
Tuesday 14 th November	Y5 (group 2) to Cheadle Hulme School: science workshop	Y5 pupils
Tuesday 14 th November	Y2 visit to the Mosque	Y2 pupils
Wednesday 15 th November	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9.30 – 11.30am	Prospective Parents
Friday 17 th November	Silly Sock day (in preparation for the Christmas Fair)	Everyone
Tuesday 21 st November	Full Governing Board meeting 4pm	Governors
Wednesday 22 nd November	Y6 Crime Prevention Day in school	Y6 pupils only
Thursday 23 rd November	School Disco – details to follow	
Friday 24 th November	Crazy hats & sunglasses day (in preparation for the Christmas Fair)	
Friday 24 th November	Parents invited to come and see learning logs in action Time: TBC	Parents
Tuesday 28 th November	Y6 proposed trip to Imperial War Museum	Y6 pupils only
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Tree decorating assembly – details to follow	Pupils
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair – look out for details from Sarah Davies soon!	3.30 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 6 th December	Music Evening	
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity: 10.30am	EYFS parents
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 2pm	KS1
Wednesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity (Ruby, Jet, Amber & Topaz): 2pm	
Wednesday 13 th December	EYFS Nativity: 2pm	EYFS parents
Thursday 14 th December	Aladdin Panto @ Stockport Plaza	Year 2 - 6
Monday 18 th December	Reception & Y1 to see 'The Bear' @ Sale Waterside Theatre	
Monday 18 th December	Key Stage 2 Christingle Service in school 2pm	Pupils & parents
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner (including Nursery) & Parties / School finishes at 2pm	Pupils (sorry!)
Christmas Holidays: Wednesday 20th December – Tuesday 2nd January 2018		
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	School reopens for the 2018 spring term	Everyone