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HEADLINE

Website

Our new website is now live! The domain name remains the same so take a peek at <http://cheadleheathprimary.co.uk>

We will shortly be launching the communication platform for parents. This will allow you to receive important information directly from us quickly and easily.

You will receive your individual logins shortly and can login via our website by selecting parent login on the top black bar or the School Spider app. In the meantime you could download the free app from Google Play or Apple App Store by searching School Spider.

You will be able to do the following in the parents' area:

- Book parents' evenings
- Complete online surveys and forms (in time these will include school trip/club bookings)
- Smartphone messages (app only)

You will receive an email when there is something you need to complete, if you are logged into the app you will also receive notifications so please turn notifications ON!

Using the app

When you download the app, select our school using the dropdown bar. Once you have done this you can access recent news/gallery/blogs/calendar items we have posted on the website.

To receive information related to your child/children, select Parent Login and enter the username and password we send you.

If you have more than one child at the school, click on the child's name and it will show all other children in the school so you can switch accounts.

You will receive notifications informing you what you need to complete, use the icons on the bottom row to respond.

You can watch [this YouTube tutorial](#) on the app for more information.

Please ensure once you have logged in you have notifications turned on. We will be using this to replace text messaging so it's important you do this.

It's in the news!

[Fat-shaming children at school is no way to fight obesity](#)
[Parents to receive advice on teaching nursery rhymes](#)

Holidays in term time

We follow the recommendations from the Department for Education and actively discourage parents to take holidays in term time as it has a detrimental effect on learning and gives mixed messages to learners. If a child has unauthorised absences, there is the likelihood that parents will be issued with a penalty notice from Stockport Local Authority.

The National Association of Headteachers (NAHT) has recently produced this additional guidance:

- The Education (pupil registration) (England) (amendment) Regulations 2013, which came into force on 1 September 2013, made it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless 'exceptional circumstances' prevail.
- The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional circumstances' are that they are 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short'.
- Term times are for education. This is the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Head teachers will rightly prioritise attendance. The default school policy should be that absences will not be granted during term time and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.
- If an event can be reasonably scheduled outside of term time then it would not be normal to authorise absence for such an event – holidays are therefore not considered 'exceptional circumstances'.

GDPR

I am sure that many of you will know that there is new legislation coming into force about the type of information we handle in school about children, parents and staff. This is called GDPR and it is coming into force on 25th May, the last day of this half term. We are going to let you know what data we keep, how we keep it, why we keep it, who we share it with and how long we keep it. We will be doing this through a new Privacy Notice that will be placed on our website which we will signpost you to. Your rights will be explained within the Privacy Notice. We will be reviewing our consent forms and the information we request off you. If any changes are made we will send new forms out for completion.

Staffing news

Following a thorough recruitment process, I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed three high quality teachers to join our teaching staff in September. Congratulations to Mr. Cleverley and Miss Hughes who will join our KS2 department and Miss Dyson who will be joining our KS1 team. All three were very strong candidates. They had exemplary references, delivered great lessons when they were observed teach and performed strongly at interview. I am sure that they will make an excellent contribution to our school and I hope you will all join me in wishing them all the best for their future at #teamchps.

We say a sad but fond farewell to Y1 teacher Miss Archer at the end of the summer term as she moves to a school nearer her home in Trafford. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her every success & happiness. She will be missed!

Online Safety Update

We like to keep parents as up to date as possible about online safety. The internet is an inevitable part of our young people's lives and it is our responsibility to ensure they use it as safely as possible. [This link](#) takes you to an article about 10 new and dangerous smart phone Apps your child could be using. You may also be interested in [this parent guide](#) for keeping children safe online. It covers everything from online gaming, cyber-bullying and smart-TV streaming to inappropriate content and social media. Help us keep our children safe.

Times Tables Update

You may have read about government plans to introduce a [times tables assessment](#) for children in Year 4 which will be compulsory in 2020. The [cost](#) of this new test is estimated to exceed £5.2million. Whether you think the new test to be necessary or useful, knowing your times tables can really help, not only in Maths lessons but in everyday life. We've been carrying out our own assessment of our pupils' times tables recall in the form of a short test of 25 questions each term.

- **Year 2:** In the spring term Y2 were taught the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, in-line with [national age-related expectations](#), using activities linked to counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. Children developed an understanding of the language associated with multiplication and how it can also mean groups of and lots. Further work was done in understanding multiplication through the use of arrays (image of pictures with equal rows and columns) and repeated addition (i.e. $5 \times 2 = 10$ is the same as $2+2+2+2+2=10$ and 5 groups/lots of 2). In a recent test, 20/47 (43%) pupils achieved 20+out of 25 and only 28% achieved full marks.
- **Year 4:** By the end of Year 4 children are expected to be able to recall all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 and our test checks 25 random facts. 64% of children in Y4 got 20+ questions correct & 32% scored 25/25. This was an increase from the spring term but still lots of practise is needed to meet the expected standard.
- **Year 5:** In the latest test, 81% pupils achieved 20+out of 25 and 30% achieved full marks.
- **Year 6:** In the latest test, 79% pupils achieved 20+out of 25 and 48% achieved full marks. Again, this was a big increase on spring term data.

We'll need to work hard to ensure our Year 4 children (current Y2s) are fully prepared for the times table assessment that is planned in 2020 and that, year on year, Year 6 leave primary school with a thorough grasp of their times table facts.

You can practise time tables together at home by:

- counting things that link such as 2p coins for $\times 2$ and 5p coins for $\times 5$, and 4 wheels on a car so 4 wheels (1 car), 8 wheels (2 cars), 12 wheels (three cars) etc.
- count forwards, backwards in 3s, 4s or whatever
- look for patterns in the times tables (like the digits all add up to 9 when you multiply by 9)

Best wishes, Christine Meekley staff at CHPS

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.

Summer term 2018 diary dates

Date	Event	Time	Who for
Monday 7 th May	Bank Holiday – school is closed!		
Tuesday 8 th May	Y2 topic share with parents	2.40pm	Y2 families
Wednesday 9 th May	Y1 topic share with parents	2.40pm	Y1 families
Wednesday 9 th May	Selected Y4 pupils to Stockport Academy for maths session	1.25pm	Nominated Y4 pupils
Thursday 10 th May	Reception & Year 1 Movie Night	3.15pm	YR & Y1 only
Friday 11 th May	EYFS Stay & Play	8.45 am	EYFS parents
w / b Monday 14 th May	Y6 SATs week	See timetable	Y6 pupils
Friday 18 th May	Royal Wedding Street party – wear red, white & blue or your best 'Sparkle like Markle' outfit		All pupils
Friday 18 th May	Rounders Tournament		Y5/6 pupils
Tuesday 22 nd May	Sports day – KS2 9.15am / KS1 1.30pm		Y1 - 6
Wednesday 23 rd May	EYFS Sports Day	TBC	
Wednesday 23 rd May	Y4 (Jade) class assembly	9.05am	Jade class parents
WHIT HOLIDAYS: Monday 28th May – Friday 8th June			
w/b Monday 11 th June	Y1 Phonics screening week	-	Y1
Tuesday 12 th June	Y5 science at Cheadle Hulme school		Y5 group 2
Wednesday 13 th June	NSPCC day in school		All pupils
Wednesday 13 th June	New Intake Meeting (parents of new starters in September 2018)	6.15pm	Reception 2018
w / b 18 th June	Themed week: 100 years of inspirational women		Y1 – Y6
Monday 18 th June	EYFS Stay & Play	8.45 am	EYFS parents
Tuesday 19 th June	Y5 science at Cheadle Hulme school		Y5 group 1
Wednesday 20 th June	Y4 (Opal) class assembly	9.05am	Opal class parents
Tuesday 26 th June	Governing Board Meeting: Resources	3.30pm	Governing Board
Wednesday 27 th June	Y3 (Amethyst) class assembly	9.05am	Amethyst Class parents
Wednesday 27 th June	Governing Board Meeting: Teaching, Learning & Assessment	3.30pm	Governing Board
Thursday 28 th June	Y5/6 football team in football final at Stockport Academy	3.30pm	Y5/6 football team
w/b 2 nd July	Maths Week: Problem solving focus		
Tuesday 3 rd July	Y2 trip: Legacy Trail at Bramhall Park		Y2
Wednesday 4 th July	Y5 (Onyx) class assembly	9.05am	Y5 Onyx parents
Thursday 5 th July	Y7 transition day		Y7 off site
Friday 6 th July	Y6 starring in Hamlet Production at Lowry		Y6 and parents
Wednesday 11 th July	Y2 Class trip to Lytham St Ann's	All day	Y2 pupils
Thursday 12 th July	End of year disco		
Monday 16 th July	Full Governing Board meeting	4pm	Governing Board
Thursday 19 th July	Open Evening (3.30 – 5.45pm)	3.30pm	
Monday 23 rd July	Moving up session	TBC	
Wednesday 25 th July	EYFS Teddy Bear's Picnic	2pm	
Friday 27 th July	Leavers' Assembly	9.15am	Y6 family and friends
Friday 27 th July	School's out for summer	2pm	Everyone!

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:
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
Remaining INSET days	3 Thursday 3 rd May 2018 4 Monday 30 th July 2018 5 Tuesday 31 st July 2018	

Term dates 2018 - 19

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
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	Monday 7 th 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 2 Thursday 3 rd January 2019 3 Friday 4 th January 2019 4 Monday 29 th July 2019 5 Tuesday 30 th July 2019	