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Issue 19



HEADLINE

Website & App update

The [new look website](#) is now live and we've had lots of positive comments about it. Curriculum newsletters and key year group information are on individual class pages so that they are easy to locate. Key dates are on the website calendar.

We have also launched the app which will allow you to receive important information directly from us quickly and easily. Individual logins have been sent via email so that you can log in by selecting *parent login* on the top black bar or the School Spider app. If you haven't downloaded the free app please search *School Spider* from Google Play or Apple App Store. You will receive an email when there is something you need to complete/read. **Please ensure once you have logged in you have notifications turned on. We will be using this to replace text messaging from September so it's important you do this.**

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 posted on the website.

To receive information related to your child/children, select Parent Login and enter the username and password we sent you. If you have more than one child at school, click on the child's name and it will show all other children in the school so you can switch accounts. **If you have a problem with this [let the office know](#) and we will alter settings in SIMS.**

Your views matter

We are always keen to hear your views. Most parents and carers are happy to let us know at any point if something's gone wrong – and many tell us when things have gone well! However, it's always useful to collect your views on some standard questions – the same questions that Ofsted use during inspections. We ask that you visit a survey which is available via our new website and respond to a series of statements – either agree / agree strongly or disagree / disagree strongly or say that you don't know. The statements include:

- My child is happy at school
- My child feels safe at this school.
- My child makes good progress at this school.
- My child is well looked after.
- My child is taught well.

There is also the opportunity to add any comments you may have. The survey should take you about five minutes – maybe a bit longer if you add lots of comments. The survey opens today and will remain open over the Whit holidays until Sunday 10 June at 9pm.

The results of the survey will be used by school leaders, including the governing board, to shape what we do in the future so your views really do matter. As always, if you've any questions, comments of concerns, do let us know.

Staffing news

- We will be saying a sad farewell to office based Ms Stronach on June 15th! Ms Stronach has been the face of Cheadle Heath for almost 16 years and has been a true and loyal member of #teamCHPS. She always has a smile to share and is patient, kind and generous spirited to all she meets. But, sadly for us, it is now time for a personal change as she is off to pastures new and emigrating to Spain to set up a B&B business! I am sure you will join with me in wishing her the very, very, very best of luck and every happiness in her new adventure. As part of our succession planning, newly appointed Mrs Topping will increase her hours after Whit and will work full time in the office when Ms Stronach leaves.
- Mrs Clare has also tended her resignation and is moving to pastures new at Little Giggles Nursery. Mrs Clare has worked as a midday assistant and cleaner (as well as being an ex-parent at school!) so we wish her all the very best as she starts a new career. Mrs Clare's lunchtime position is currently being advertised.

It's in the news!

[Ofsted admits some 'outstanding schools aren't that good](#)
[One in five requests for SEND assessments refused](#)

School meals price increase

We have been informed by Dolce that school meals are increasing by 5p to £2.25 per child from September 2018.

Reminders

- The **school car park** is for STAFF only. We have over 50 staff and parking is reserved for them. The only exception to this is for parents/carers who hold a disabled Blue Badge. Please display this if you are using the car park.
- Please remember that we are a **nut free school**. We may have pupils who have life threatening reaction to nuts and so we are extremely vigilant about keeping nuts out of school. Unfortunately some children are still bringing foods to school containing nuts - this is often in the form of a chocolate spread such as Nutella or chocolate pancakes. Please remember that these spreads contain hazelnuts and can affect a susceptible child.
- **Reduce – Reuse – Recycle**
We are trying to increase awareness of plastic pollution. The school council will be talking to Mr Henderson and Mrs Haskayne and reporting back to their classes about the environmental impact of recycling and making a plan to develop more recycling in school. One way we can increase this is by having a focus on single use plastics. To help reduce the use of these we would like you to join us by bringing snack and lunchbox items in reusable tubs and where possible, to use paper sandwich bags rather than plastic. Together we can significantly reduce the amount of single use plastic we use and throw away.

If you have any comments or queries you can contact the school office on 428 2476 or email me via headteacher@cheadleheath-pri.stockport.sch.uk

Attendance matters

Regular school attendance is the key to getting a good education. Research shows:

- the higher the percentage of sessions missed across Key Stage 2, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of Year 6
- there is a gradual decrease in achievement as overall absence rates increase
- children with high attendance (97%+) make better progress and our own assessment data shows this
- children who have been absent for long periods tend to make slower academic progress, and the social and emotional aspects of school life are adversely affected in many cases

Our school attendance target is **97%** and I am pleased that five classes achieved this target in May. Here are May's attendance figures:

- **Reception Pearl** : **97.65%**
- **Reception Sapphire**: **93.85%**
- **Year 1 Jet**: **97.62%**
- **Year 1 Ruby**: **94.60%**
- **Year 2 Topaz**: **98.26%**
- **Year 2 Amber**: **96.39%**
- **Year 3 Amethyst**: **96.67%**
- **Year 4 Jade**: **97.89%**
- **Year 4 Opal**: **96.79%**
- **Year 5 Aquamarine**: **92.17%**
- **Year 5 Onyx**: **93.04%**
- **Year 6 Emerald**: **97.22%**

Our overall school attendance for May is **96.03%**. **I know that we can work together to reach our target but talking about attendance ... read on!**

Holidays in term time

We are concerned at the number of absences from school as a result of family holidays or visiting relatives. Please note that no permission for absence for holidays during term time will be given unless there are exceptional circumstances. If a child misses 5 or more school days then an Education Penalty Notice of £60 per parent per child may be issued by the local authority. Already this year the local authority have issued 6 to our families.

Fortnite

Want to know more about Fortnite? It's the game that many of our children seem to be playing at home at the moment. It's difficult for parents to really know what these games are about and what the online safety implications are. If you would like to know more about the steps you can take to safeguard your child and to find out about reporting inappropriate contact between a child and another player, please [click on this link](#) to a very informative website page.

Have a great half term,

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
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
w/b 2 nd July	Maths Week: Problem solving focus		
w/b 2 nd July	Y6 £10 business enterprise week		Y6
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 11th July	Y2 school trip to Lytham St Ann's		Y2 pupils
Thursday 12 th July	End of year disco		
Monday 16 th July	Full Governing Board meeting	4pm	Governing Board
Wednesday 18th July	Y6 market day following the £10 business enterprise		
Thursday 19 th July	Open Evening (3.30 – 5.45pm)	3.30pm	
Friday 20th July	Come & Play at the Halle: musicians look out for more information		
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	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	