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Welcome back!

WOW! It's the final half term of the year – how time has flown! This half term is jam packed full of lots of learning and activities including Year 6 performing in Hamlet at The Lowry Theatre. This is the half term when we welcome our 2018 Reception pupils into school, a partnership which began last week when we welcomed their parents to school for the new intake meeting and which is continuing this week as staff meet the children in their own homes on their home visits. As staff take these first steps in building relationships with our new families, I know that you will make our new families welcome in our school community.

We are very proud with the mature way that Y6 and Y2 pupils approached the SATs before Whit and the way Y1 pupils completed their phonics screening last week. The results for all assessments will be shared in the end of year reports.

Last week we welcomed the NSPCC into school to deliver important safety assemblies and workshops. The children participated with enthusiasm and our non-uniform day raised £229 for this worthy cause.

Thinking about the NSPCC...

[Think U Know](#) is a great website for helping keep children and young people safe online. There are pages that cover children aged 5-8, 8-10, 11-13 and 14+. There are also really useful pages for [parents/carers](#). The NSPCC also has [great guidance](#) to the social networks your child might be using. Finally (for now!), Vodafone has been particularly supportive of parents with their [Digital Parenting magazine](#) which is available as a downloadable pdf.

Here are some websites you may find useful:

- [NSPCC NetAware](#)
- [Childnet International](#)
- [CEOPS](#): CEOP help young people who are concerned about on-line images and communications.
- [Kidscape](#): Preventing Bullying, protecting children
- [Netmums](#): The network offers information to parents about parenting on a national level. Amongst the topics are child welfare, maternity, playgroups, child health and child safety.
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#): E-safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe on the internet.

You may have read about a 9 year old girl who has been [admitted into rehab for addiction to gaming](#), in particular the popular video game of the moment, 'Fortnite'. We have received some information about the game which you may find useful. Please [click on this link](#) to find out what you need to know about the online game.

It covers:

- What steps parents can take to safeguard their child?
- Reporting inappropriate contact between a child and another player?

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Fortnite has an advisory rating of 12+ for its frequent scenes of mild violence, meaning it is deemed unsuitable for children under the age of 12. As with all games of this type, children younger than 12 are engaging with the game. Therefore, it is important that you are aware of all the safety concerns around Fortnite so that you can facilitate safer gameplay for our children.

Head Lice

We have had a number of head lice cases reported. Please check your child's hair. If your child has lice, you'll notice small, brown insects the size of sesame seeds moving around or nits that look like they're cemented on to individual hairs. For more information [look here](#).

Your views matter

Thank you to those who took part in our recent survey. Only 22 parents responded which is a lower response than usual. Perhaps this was due to the survey being over the holidays or maybe because it was through the new website and not everyone has downloaded the app yet. The responses will be analysed and any recommendations reviewed and incorporated into our future plans.

Please do download the school spider app as, from September, we will be using this for our texts and moving away from Teacher2Parents (Eduspot).

School App

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.**

It's in the news!

- [Addictive video games may change children's brains in the same way as drugs and alcohol, study reveals](#)
- [School asks parents to buy toilet roll](#)
- [Children starting school unable to speak or use toilet, Ofsted head warns](#)

Summer Term Class assemblies

KS2 class assemblies will be held as follows this term:

- Wednesday 20th June **Opal (Y4)** 9.05am
- Wednesday 27th June **Amethyst (Y3)** 9.05am
- Wednesday 4th July **Onyx (Y5)** 9.05am

Summer Music Extravaganza

Our annual music concert will take place after open evening on 19th July at 6pm. It takes dedication and perseverance to achieve the standards that our musicians achieve so this concert gives us a chance to showcase their musical talent.

Remember!

We cannot phone or text you in an emergency unless we always have your up-to-date contact details! Please let us know immediately of any change of your address, mobile or home phone number and email address. You must also make us aware of any significant medical condition of your child, or any change in a condition

School Council elections

It's nearly time for children to consider if they would like to stand for election for our new School Council. With two representatives from each class, chosen democratically by their peers, all children at Cheadle Heath Primary are encouraged to take an active part in pupil voice. Elections for our new school council will take place after half term and candidates will have the opportunity to give their election speech to their class before voting commences. Class teachers will give specific dates out. What makes a good school councillor has been considered by our current school council.

- *Communicating with others – pupils and adults.*
- *Having good listening skills to know what to contribute in meetings.*
- *Thinking of realistic ideas to suggest in meetings.*
- *Considering other people's views even if you don't agree with them.*

If your child would like to stand, perhaps you could help them to prepare a speech. Hints for their speech include:

- What skills & abilities would a good school councillor have?
- What are they particularly good at that would help them to be a great school councillor?
- What do they think would make the school better?
- What could they do that people would really like?
- Think of things that are realistic, maybe that they could do themselves, rather than having to ask other people to do?

Good luck to all children who decide to stand in the elections. If you choose not to stand in the election then you should consider the importance of voting, especially with the general election coming soon.

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Reminders

- Tempting as it might be to stay longer in the school grounds at the end of the school day, please ensure that your children do not climb on equipment before or after school, as there is a health and safety issue.
- **End of the day collection:** Some children are being collected after our 3.15pm finish time. Although we appreciate that occasionally you may be unavoidably delayed, for some children they are regularly late being collected from school. Please ensure you are ready to collect your child on time
- 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.
- We have been informed by Dolce that **school meals are increasing** by 5p to £2.25 per child from September 2018.
- **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.

Just a thought...

We are thinking of introducing a 'Head Pupil' role in September. Consideration is being given to selecting two Y6 pupils each term to take on this role (similar to a Head Boy and Head Girl role but without identifying the gender and thus restricting the selection process). The nominated pupils would be selected following whole staff input, as opposed to the school council which is selected by the pupils, and they would also sit on the school council. Two per term would mean 6 over the year. The aim of this Head Pupil role is to give responsibility and recognition to those who are always super ambassadors for the school. What are your thoughts? Drop me [an email](#) and let me know!

Holidays in term time

We are concerned at the number of absences from school as a result of family holidays. 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 8 EPNs to our families.

Have a great week,

Christine Meekley staff at CHPS

Summer term 2018 diary dates

Date	Event	Time	Who for
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 / Y6 £10 business enterprise week		
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 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 18 th July	Y6 market day following the £10 business enterprise		
Thursday 19 th July	Open Evening (3.30 – 5.45pm)	3.30pm	
Friday 20 th 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 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	