



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a good summer holiday and managed to get out on the days the sun made an appearance! The children have been excitedly telling their friends about their activities and holiday trips. We extend a warm welcome to families new to the school, especially Reception and Nursery pupils, who started school this week. We hope this is the beginning of a very happy seven year association with the school. This first newsletter has lots of information at the beginning of this new school year. The newsletter helps keep you up to date with all that is happening in school so please read it carefully and note any dates. The staff have worked hard planning interesting topics and will be sending home a welcome 'Curriculum Newsletter' shortly detailing all that is happening this term and information about PE, homework etc.

A new school year brings a wealth of activity and opportunities for the children and staff have returned to school happy and enthusiastic about the year ahead. There was a wonderful buzz of excitement and anticipation on Tuesday when everyone returned wearing cheerful smiles. A year on from our latest Ofsted inspection, the report can be found [here](#), we continue our relentless journey to provide the very best possible education for the pupils in our care. Our aim is to provide a forward thinking curriculum with enriched learning opportunities as we continue the journey to outstanding. With the quality of teaching in our school, we are confident that we can achieve this. We are committed to delivering an enriched curriculum to give the children first hand experiences, bringing subjects to life and providing interest, enjoyment, enthusiasm and motivation for learning and school life. Ofsted reported the "curriculum is outstanding" and "is exceptionally well enhanced."

Cheadle Heath Primary is a truly 'comprehensive' school. Children come from a wide range of backgrounds which creates a vibrant school community. With hard working, well behaved and happy children, the continued support of families and the commitment and dedication of a professional staff, our school will continue to achieve our mission to provide the best possible education for all the children of Cheadle Heath. Threaded through the Ofsted report is the fact that we have high aspirations for our pupils. We do and we strive for them to believe in themselves, be resilient and aspire to be the very best they can be.

Next steps ...

Our priorities for improvement during 2017/18 include:

- Measuring the impact of changes to English and Maths teaching focusing particularly on greater depth and challenge
- Ensuring rigorous use of data and progression is consistently applied across school
- Continuing to develop the resilience of learners
- increase opportunities for writing at the middle & higher ability range
- Improving the attendance of persistent absentees

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Starting off on the right note

As a staff, we are keen to promote a positive attitude so we are really embedding the growth mindset work that we started last year. The children returned with real pride in our school – they look smart, have been walking carefully down the corridors and eating lunch with good manners.

We ask for your assistance in ensuring children arrive in the school playground not before 8.40am but not after 8.55am when the external doors are closed. Teachers begin the day by taking the register and school meal orders. The important input to the lesson begins straightaway in every class. Being late really upsets the routine and affects how the day goes, so we appreciate your support.

Uniform reminder: please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct school uniform as follows:-

- Black skirt / trousers / shorts / pinafore
- White polo shirt
- Sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- White/grey/black socks or tights
- Black shoes - NO TRAINERS

Children should not wear jewellery or nail varnish. Hair accessories should be kept to simple hair bands or bobbles in the school colours.

It's in the news!

[Too many new pupils not school ready, say head teachers](#)
[School bans skirts to make uniform 'gender neutral' for transgender students and combat complaints about 'decency'](#)
[Gender specific toys: do you stereotype children?](#)
[Uproar over John Lewis children's range](#)

Attendance reminder

It's the start of the term and we love it when you're in school! Good attendance at school is essential so we will not authorise ANY absence unless it is truly exceptional. [Letters from an employer related to holiday patterns will not class as exceptional.](#) Any family taking pupils on holiday without consent will be referred to the Services for Young People.

Attendance Awards

Each week, month, term and year, Attendance and Punctuality Awards are given out with various prizes ranging from additional playtime for the best classes each week, non uniform for the monthly best class, £100 to spend for the best class attendance and at the end of the year the class with the best overall attendance chooses a special day.

We continually promote good attendance and Ofsted recognised that we have "been successful in reducing the number of pupils who are persistently absent" but, despite our efforts, "this number is still too high" and "some pupils do not attend regularly enough." If your child isn't here, he/she can't learn and receive the outstanding curriculum we deliver.

Let's remember our motto ... on time, all day, every day!

2017/18 INSET days

Historically one of our training days in the school year has to be in May. This is so that it fits with polling, which is nearly always the first Thursday in May. It's not ideal for anyone because it follows the May Day bank holiday and is just before the Key Stage 2 SATs week. Our five statutory confirmed INSET days are as follows:

- 1 Monday 4th September 2017
- 2 Friday 20th October 2017
- 3 Thursday 3rd May 2018
- 4 Monday 30th July 2018
- 5 Tuesday 31st July 2018

SEAL ~ New Beginnings

As we start the new school year, our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) theme focuses on **New Beginnings**. We have new members of staff in varying roles making a new beginning at #teamchps so we extend a warm welcome Miss Mansfield, Mr Foster and Miss Williams alongside lots of new children transferring to our school and our two new Reception classes.

'I make someone feel welcome' is the first SEAL statement to launch the theme. New beginnings allows children the opportunity to discuss and reflect on how they or others may feel in a new situation or setting. This SEAL theme offers children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community, and to contribute to shaping a welcoming, safe and fair learning community for all. During the theme, the key areas of learning are empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation. Through discrete SEAL lessons, circle times and across the curriculum, children explore feelings of happiness and excitement, sadness, anxiety and fearfulness, while learning (and putting into practice) shared models for calming down and problem-solving.

New Beginnings supports the development of a learning community in each classroom where all members feel that they belong. Class contracts, produced at the start of the year, allow children to contribute to how they feel they can achieve a safe and fair learning community.

Whole site expectations

For the safety of both your child and yourself, please use the footpaths and do not walk through the staff car park (even when dropping off for Breakfast Club). We actively encourage families to park and stride from Morrisons. No cars, unless with a disabled sticker, are permitted to use the staff car park as we do not have sufficient spaces to cater for parents and staff. We have very supportive families as neighbours to our school and they continue to 'look after' our school very well. I would ask you to take special care when parking your car on neighbouring roads that you do not block OR partially block our neighbours' driveways. Some of our neighbours are on 24 hours emergency call out and inconsiderate parking could have dire consequences.

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New intake parents to lunch

Our Reception children began their school days this week. On Friday 15th September, Reception will be inviting a guest to come and have lunch with them, marking the end of our transition period. The Acting Chair of Governors, Jenny Yates, will be coming to meet the new children, their parents and have lunch with them.

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.

School clubs

Most school clubs will start later this month. Information about clubs will be distributed soon.

Welcome letters & meetings

Our annual 'Welcome Meeting' is on Monday 18th September at 3.20pm and repeated again at 5pm in individual classrooms.

The purpose of this meeting for **Key Stage 1 and 2** is to give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and discuss routines, expectations and the curriculum. Individual appointment times are not available as this meeting is for all parents in the class. You will be able to discuss your individual child's progress and targets at parents' evening in October.

The purpose of the **Reception** (Sapphire and Pearl classes) meeting is to inform you about the foundation curriculum, hear what your child is currently doing in school and, most importantly, how you can support their work at home. Staff will discuss how reading and phonics are taught and how you can help with your child's reading. You will have the opportunity to examine a range of books, explore our facilities, ask any questions about the teaching of reading process and collect advice booklets. You will also see a slideshow of photos of your child's first few days at school which I'm sure you'll find illuminating if your child's response to the question 'What have you done at school today?' is 'Nothing'.

As this is the beginning of a new school year, teachers will soon be sending out welcome letters. These letters give detailed information about the routines of the class, this term's topic, when PE kit is required and other information the teachers think you need to know.

Panto notification

Our annual Stockport Plaza panto visit for Y2 – 6 is on Thursday 14th December to see Aladdin. We anticipate the charge being around £13 which will be paid online. A letter will be sent home shortly.

Reception and Year 1 seasonal theatre trip will be to 'The Bear' at Sale Waterhouse on Monday 18th December.

Response / fix it time

Research shows that feedback between teachers and pupils is essential for progress, i.e. the teacher knowing what the child knows and needs to know next. This allows teachers to plan and amend teaching sequences for individual and groups of children. Dialogue between teacher and learner is key to learning, where the learner constructs knowledge through the interaction. Pupil response to marking is important in this dialogue and time should be set aside for it. Our doors are opened at 8.45am for children to come straight into school anytime between 8.45am and 8.55am, go straight to their classrooms and respond to any marking in their books.

Teachers will not start teaching any earlier but they will take the register promptly at 8.55am which will ensure that lessons start promptly. The children will enter the building via their usual door and a teaching assistant will be on the door to welcome them. We hope that this learning dialogue between children and staff will help develop positive teacher-learner relationships which will encourage the children to value their own work and have great impact on the children's progress.

Online uniform ordering

Our website for ordering school uniform is now live. Our online web address is cheadleheath.gooddies.co.uk - there is no need to enter www. When you log on you need to set up your own account which is on the left hand side of the screen. You can log onto the web store and purchase uniform and make payment either through PayPal or Sage Pay using credit or debit cards. Gooddies will deliver to the school free of charge in named bags or direct to your home address at an extra cost.

They don't have much embroidered stock in school although we do carry a selection of sizes so you can always check with the office before ordering. Gooddies sweep their website twice on the 15th and 30th each month and all orders received before these cut off days will be delivered within 10-15 working days either to the school or home address as requested. You will be able to log in to your account at any time to check the progress of the order and once they have despatched they will email you so that they know when the order is due to be delivered.

Recap of the term so far ...

The teachers worked so hard during the holidays preparing their classrooms ready for the new term so huge thanks to them for their enthusiasm and dedication and also to Phil, our temporary caretaker, and the cleaning team for getting school sparkly clean. Staff officially returned on Monday for an INSET training day and school opened to pupils on Tuesday.

On Monday Year 6 pupils arrived at school and departed within half an hour! They have had a fun but wet week on their residential at Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre enjoying a range of activities including canoeing, orienteering, climbing and abseiling! We look forward to welcoming them back in school next week and thank Miss Harrison, Mrs Williams and Miss Shackleton for accompanying the trip.

Communication matters

We send you text messages to keep you informed, update our website regularly & tweet daily. We try to find efficient means of communicating with you to share news and events at school. We try to get things right but, occasionally, your child might not bring home a letter if they have dropped it or if they have been absent (or the teacher forgot to distribute it!) We do try our best and I appreciate that errors can be frustrating, however, if you have missed a message, please be patient and understanding as we always try to rectify errors!

- **Twitter**

We are on twitter @CHPSchool and have over 700 followers. We use twitter to inform you about things happening in school and tweet things that we think might interest you so we hope that you will follow us too. **Please be aware that there will NOT be individual class twitter accounts this year as information was being duplicated from class story and there was an overload!**

- **Class / School Story**

Reception to Year 6 are on class story which is linked to our whole school Class Dojo behaviour system. Teachers will post information and photos of life in their classroom on this page so keep popping back to have a look! It is information specific to that class / year and is an effective method of keeping in touch so download the free app.

- **Text Messages**

Linked to the above there is a messaging system which you can use to contact staff but please note that I rarely use this method as it doesn't have an alert so I may miss messages. Class teachers check this as well as emails so you can send brief messages this way.

We also send text messages via Teachers2Parents to keep you informed or pass on information so it is essential that we always have your current mobile number. You will not be able to reply to the texts.

- **Website**

Our school website is always the best source of information about school and school events. The website is updated regularly so remember to keep checking back for updates. Website: www.cheadleheathprimary.com

- **Newsletters**

Our school newsletter goes straight onto the school website and is sent by email to all parents. Your email address will not appear at the top. If you do not receive your newsletter by email, you can always find it from the newsletter link on the website or pick it up from the office.

- **Email**

Teaching staff can be contacted via email but please remember it is not a 24 hour service! All staff check their emails once a day and **emails will not be answered after 6pm so please do not email expecting an urgent response.** Follow [this link](#) to the 'contact staff' page on our website.

- **School Office**

[Ms Stronach](#) is responsible for general school admin, admissions, school meals and is usually the fount of all knowledge relating to school issues! [Mrs Haskayne](#) is the school business manager and holds the purse strings! She should be contacted with any questions or concerns related to finance including school trips, payment plans, online Sims Agora etc. You will come into contact with both members of the office team as they work different hours so that the office is covered from 8.30am – 4.30pm.

- **Talk to us!**

I am keen that as a school we are open and approachable and that an 'open door' policy is not just something we claim but also practice day by day. If you have ANY concerns about your child, his / her class teacher is the first port of call as they are most likely to have the necessary information and in partnership be able to help address any concerns and it maybe that you arrange a follow-up meeting as well. I would ask that unless it is an emergency (such as a family bereavement /serious illness) that you arrange to see members of staff after school and not at the start of the school day as staff have many children to care for. I encourage you talk to class teachers, Phase Leaders and myself about good things that are taking place as we always appreciate such feedback.

Next week ...

- Year 4 start swimming next Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Any parent volunteers please see Miss Mansfield or Mr Foster.
- Wednesday is Roald Dahl Day so look out for information on this on class story.
- Our PPA enrichment programme recommences for KS1 on Wednesday and for KS2 on Thursday
- Author Yuval Zommer is coming into school for a workshop and book signing with Years 2 and 3 on Thursday
- Reception parents are invited to lunch on Friday

Did you know?

We're here to help! If you have any ideas, suggestions, queries or would like to volunteer to help in school please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher! The following senior staff are also available if you need to address a particular issue ~

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| • SENCO | Mrs. Vallance (Deputy Head) |
| • Foundation Stage | Mrs. Vallance |
| • KS1 (Y1 – 2) | Mrs Iqbal |
| • KS2 (Y3 – 6) | Miss Harrison |

Have a great weekend!

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	

Thinking ahead ...

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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 2 TBC 3 TBC 4 TBC 5 TBC	