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Attendance review

As part of a recent review we have considered our approach to how we celebrate good attendance. We are fortunate that the vast majority of our families support good attendance and that our attendance figure is quite high (last academic year our school attendance figure was 95.60%) although this is still behind our 97% target.

We have previously given awards out for 100% attendance each term or each year but we are aware that where a child only has an absence due to illness or a music exam for example, they are penalised. Equally we have had a few children drag themselves to school when ill because they do not want to miss out on their attendance mark! We want to celebrate attendance but without penalising those children who are unlucky enough to be ill. Therefore, starting this term we will be celebrating 97%+ attendance as well as 100% awards. All children with **over 97% attendance** will be entered into the monthly draw for a family prize (last month was a trip to bowling for up to 6 players and this month it is a voucher for a family meal at Pizza Express) and the annual attendance reward treat in the summer term will be for children with **over 97% attendance**. We will continue to encourage attendance with the monthly non-uniform day for the class each month with the highest attendance and term with £50 for the class to buy new wet play activities for their classrooms.

Did you know?

The Edgeley Cluster of schools (including Alex Park, Cale Green, Adswold, Lark Hill, Ladybridge, St Matthew's and Bridge Hall) work together to share good practice, engage in joint ventures and work on ways in which we can support one another as a team of schools. One aspect we have been developing is inter-school moderation whereby our staff meet up in year groups each half term to discuss writing, to learn from one another and moderate children's work towards an agreed standard.

Goodbye and thank you

It is always sad when a member of staff leaves but even more so when you can see the impact their presence has had on the school community. It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that teaching assistant Lucy Mitchell has made the decision to not return to work after her maternity leave. Mrs Mitchell has worked in early years and KS1 and was instrumental in setting up our forest school area, an area which the children love to work in. Mrs Mitchell is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her second baby in June and will not return when this maternity period finishes in March. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her all the very best of luck as she becomes a full-time mummy for a few years. We will most certainly miss her! Don't worry about forest schools though because Ms Stonier is still here and is enjoying taking groups out into the forest school area.

Safer Internet Day 2018

#SID2018 is on 6th February with the theme 'Create, Connect & Share Respect: a better internet starts with you!' Pupils will be taking part in different activities to support their learning of this important subject with the following focus:

- What we use the Internet for (KS1)
- What is / is not safe to share online (KS1)
- What to do if we are not sure about the internet (KS1)
- Using emails safely (KS2)
- Social networking and safe profiling – including use of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat, Oovoo, etc. (KS2)
- 'Chatting' with care (KS2)
- Responsible and safe use of the internet (logins, email, photography, password protection, personal information and self-protection). (KS2)
- Using text and picture messaging (KS2)
- Behaving responsibly (KS2)

We will be launching the day with a safer internet assembly and will be watching videos from [CEOP](#). CEOP help young people who are concerned about on-line images and communications.

We have updated our school guidance on the school website: Safeguarding > Internet Safety for lots of additional information and guidance. Here are some useful weblinks:

- [NSPCC NetAware](#)
- [Childnet International](#)
- [Think u Know](#)
- [Kidscape](#) - 'Preventing Bullying, protecting children'
- [Netmums](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.
- [Connect safely](#)
- [Guidance for Parents re Instagram](#)

Are you clued up to keep your child safe online?

Tanya Cross, the LA PSHE lead, will be delivering an **online safety workshop** for parents/carers on **Tuesday 27th March at 2pm - 3pm**. This is an opportunity to help keep your child safe in the online virtual world and to ask questions on this subject.

In the meantime you could ...

- Think about having a technology basket that sits on the stairs and all technology is placed in the basket as children go up to bed!
- Check the privacy setting on all devices and within apps used by the children in your household.
- Read the [Digital Parenting Magazine](#) which provides a range of information about supporting your child to stay safe online.

It is worth remembering that most sites including, Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram have guidance around age restrictions and specify that users should be 13 years old or older. Does your child have an account?! If so, just have a think about how safe they are online.

Partnership with CHS

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Cheadle Hulme School as part of their outreach developments. CHS students and staff visit our school and run a range of activities. Some of our musicians recently participated in a musical master class when students and staff from CHS came to our school to work alongside our musicians; our school band is getting an injection of new life from the support given by Mr Hall as he helps develop the band, Y3 are learning German each week and we are in the planning stage of developing digital leaders and maths classes on site here utilising the skills and experience of their 6th formers. In addition, Y5 are currently participating in a 'Science Outreach Programme' where our pupils visit Cheadle Hulme School for a series of practical science lessons. This is supported by [The Oglesby Charitable Trust](#) who support the school's commitment to inspire young people to study science.

Have you...

moved house? ... changed your phone number? ... got a new email address? If so, please ensure we have the correct contact details for your child.

Sports Funding Update

What is the Primary PE and Sport Premium?

[PE and Sport Premium funding](#) is an initiative that aims to help increase and improve the PE and sporting opportunities for children. It was first provided in the 2013/14 academic year and the current government has pledged to continue this funding until 2020.

Previously all primary schools receive a lump sum of £8,000 plus £5 per pupil aged 5 or over on roll but this was doubled in the last year so our grant allocation for 2017 – 2018 is approximately £14,300. The funding is ring-fenced, meaning that it can only be spent on the provision of PE and sport and we are required to publish details of how we invest our funding.

We pride ourselves on being a happy and healthy place to learn so we have developed a provision plan to ensure the funding is invested, as opposed to 'spent', to maximise the long term impact of our PE provision for pupils and staff. The funding is invested in various ways and the impact of initiatives is closely monitored through assessment of children's skills, staff and pupil feedback, uptake of clubs etc. Our [2016/17 PE provision](#) plan is evaluated with impact from last year's investment and our 2017/18 PE provision plan detailing proposed investment is also published on our website.

It's in the news!

[NSPCC calls for immediate action on children's online safety](#)
'Help us to keep music alive in schools in these challenging times'

Best wishes

Christine Meekley & the 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.

Spring Term 2018 diary dates

Date	Event	Who for
Monday 5 th February	Reception Parents invited in school to observe phonics sessions @ 9am	Reception parents
Tuesday 6 th February	Year 2 Parents invited in school to observe phonics sessions @ 9am	Year 2 parents
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer internet day - Create, Connect & Share Respect: a better internet starts with you!	
Wednesday 7 th February	Y4 Onyx Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Y4 Onyx parents
Wednesday 7 th February	Governing Board Pupil Support Committee meeting 3.30pm	Governors
Thursday 8 th February	Year 1 Parents invited in school to observe phonics sessions @ 9am	Year 1 parents
Tuesday 13 th February	Year 1 Parent end of topic share @ 2.40pm	Year 1 parents
Wednesday 14 th February	Y5 Aquamarine Class Assembly @ 9.05am – rearranged date	Y5 Aquamarine parents
Thursday 15 th February	Year 2 Parent end of topic share @ 2.40pm	Year 2 parents
Friday 16 th February	Chinese New Year cookery day with the Happy Bakedays team	

Half Term Holidays

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February

Tuesday 27 th February	Y2 African Drumming Workshop	Y2 pupils
Tuesday 27 th February	Governing Board Teaching, Learning & Assessment Committee meeting 3.30pm	Governors
Tuesday 27 th February	Y2 SATs meeting for parents @ 3.30pm	Y2 parents
Wednesday 28 th February	Y6 SATs meeting for parents	3.30pm &
Thursday 1 st March	Y5 after school club starting steel drums at Stockport Academy – places limited	Y5
Thursday 1 st March	Y2 & Y6 SATs meeting for parents @ 5.30pm	Y2 & Y6 parents
Thursday 1 st March	World book day – watch this space! Details coming soon!	
Monday 5 th March	Teacher led after school clubs start for 4 weeks (excluding band, cookery, Spanish & football)	
Wednesday 7 th March	Y4 Opal Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Y4 Opal parents
Tuesday 13 th March	Y5 (Group 1) science outreach at Cheadle Hulme School	Y5 (Group 1)
Wednesday 14 th March	Y4 Jade Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Y4 Jade parents
Thursday 15 th March	D – I – S – C – O!	
Tuesday 20 th March	Y3/4 gymnastics team to the Manchester Winter Games	Y3/4 gymnastics team
Tuesday 20 th March	Y5 (Group 2) science outreach at Cheadle Hulme School	Y5 (Group 2)
Tuesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 20 th March	Governing Board Resources Committee meeting 3.30pm	Governors
Thursday 22 nd March	Parents' Evening	
Tuesday 27 th March	Parent Workshop: Keeping your child safe online 2 – 3 pm	All parents invited
Wednesday 28 th March	Y3 Amethyst Class Assembly @ 9.05am	Y3 Amethyst parents
Wednesday 28 th March	Full Governing Board meeting 4pm	Governors
Thursday 29 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade	
Thursday 29 th March	Finish at 2pm for Easter holidays	

Easter Holidays

Friday 30th March – Monday 16th April

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
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

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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	