



Cheadle Primary School Newsletter 1 – 08.09.17



Welcome back to all at Cheadle Primary School!!

I really hope that you have enjoyed a well-deserved summer break with your fantastic children!! This last year absolutely raced by and, as always, at CPS there have been lots of changes already and some exciting new plans for the future!

So – before we begin, may we take this opportunity on behalf of each and every one of us to extend our sincere thanks for all the wonderfully kind gifts and cards that we received at the end of the school year? Your kindness and generosity was so very much appreciated and we could not have been more grateful. We are extremely lucky to be part of such a kind and loving school community – thankyou everyone.

Firstly, our thoughts at the end of this very first week back are with last year's brilliant Year 6 children. They travelled on to High School and began the next stage of their school journey and will soon have completed their very first week. I know they will continue to give of their very, very best and we feel sure that they will achieve much success and be happy!

Similarly, a very warm welcome is extended to our youngest children who have joined us in our Nursery and Reception classes. We are so looking forward to getting to know you and your families! Welcome indeed to Cheadle Primary School! We know you will be very happy with us!

Nursery	Mrs Cathy Barker, Mrs Carol Shenton
Reception 1	Miss Kim Lomas, Mrs Julie Kinsey
Reception 2	Miss Hannah Stubbs, Mrs Rachel Plant, Miss Kate Szczepanski ,Mrs Kathy Wozniak
Year 1	Mrs Catherine Bell, , Mrs Lynn Beck, Miss Julie Plant
Year 1	Miss Lauren Adams, Miss Katie Bentley
Year 2	Mrs Nikki Walker, Mrs Jan Ebling, Mr Marco Morganti
Year 2	Mrs Stacey Goldstraw-Davies, Ms Rachael Stone, Miss Claire Burton
Year 3	Mrs Gemma Halliwell, Mrs Gemma Mackinnon, Mrs Louise Wright, Mrs Suzi Riley
Year 3	Mrs Debbie Satongar, Mrs Adele Starr
Year 4	Mrs Nikki Hulse, Mrs Caroline Paddock
Year 4	Mr Ian Walmsley, Mrs Sheila Bentley
Year 5	Miss Sharon Farmer, Miss Gemma Plant, Miss Julie Lawton
Year 5	Mrs Alex Price, Mrs Sharon Oliver, Mrs Amy Vickers
Year 6	Miss Sophie Lockett, Mrs Michelle Wilkes
Year 6	Miss Rachel Carr, Miss Nichola Riley
Specialist Support Staff and PPA cover – Mr Mike Prescott, Mrs Hazel Weddell	

Please note that some teaching support staff will be working across various classes and not just with one class.

Smart New Uniform and PE Kits - Thank you to all our families for supporting us with the recent changes to school uniform this year. Every single child looks simply tremendous in their new uniforms. They really do look very smart indeed and it has helped to set the very highest of expectations from the start of our new academic year! Our thinking is that if we look smart we think smart!

Thank you to those families who have been patient and are waiting on orders for jumpers, cardigans and PE kit. We really appreciate the trouble you have gone to and we understand that your items will soon be available from Something Special very soon.

Transforming Cheadle Primary School – We are extremely pleased with the work that has been done on our buildings during the summer break and we are sure that the children will love our brightly painted and very colourful and newly carpeted corridors and our fantastic toilet refurbishments for Year 3 and 4 children – we hope that they have told you about them but, if not, please ask them what they think and when you are next in school, please take a look. Look out for the wonderful photos on the corridor walls too!

A government funded loan scheme has been used to replace the majority of our lighting throughout the school with much more energy efficient LED fittings. The lighting is much brighter and looks more modern and will save us money – a win-win situation all round!

Particular thanks to our site team and our cleaning team who have battled their way through the chaos to get the school clean and tidy ready for us all to start the new academic year. It has not been an easy task by any means and they all take such a huge pride in doing a great job – well done and a massive thank you!!

We have had some repairs done to the roof on the Nursery and so far no leaks – excellent!

We have got some exciting new playground equipment on order and this will hopefully be installed at the latest during October half term – manufacturing of the items is ongoing. The children will absolutely love the new challenges this equipment will provide at break times and during PE lessons. We have used PE Grant government funding for this and hope to further develop our outdoor areas in the future.

We continue to bid for funding to assist us with our projects and improvements so that we can use our own limited budget in the best way that we can and we have the full support of our governing board to continue to improve our working environment for everyone at CPS.

Our parent governor, Lucy Fower, says “I managed to have a little sneak preview of some of the fantastic work that has been going on during the summer holidays at our school. I was blown away by the transformation. From brand new carpets in the corridors to funky, bright coloured walls. The school is looking cool and modern and the future of the school is looking very bright in more ways than one!”

We are really excited about sharing our changes with you and very much hope that you will come along and see these when you pop in for your ‘Meet the New Class Teacher’ meetings next Tuesday at 3.30pm.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back in person and ask that you please do your very best to attend. These meetings are crucial as we work together with you our parents to ensure the positive communication links continue year on year and from Day 1! As you know from the press and the chaos with SATs testing again this year, the new age related requirements are much harder for children to achieve and we do need to work together to make sure our children do their very best. Thank you in advance and look forward to seeing you soon.

Medication and Guidance -Just a quick reminder that if your child has a medical care plan or requires medication in school, that you pop into the office to update and inform us of any changes to your child's needs. Similarly, can we also remind families that we do have children on site with nut allergies and we very kindly ask that no food stuffs that contain any nuts are brought onto the school premises and that with any sickness or diarrhoea, children are kept away from school until they are 48 hours clear?

New changes to practice and provision and the Medication Guidance for Schools now means that we are no longer able to administer NON-PRESCRIPTION medicines.

We have done our very best to help families who may be concerned about their children struggling during the school day, but, unfortunately, unless medication has a prescription label we can no longer give this to your child. We do apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding with this change.

Snack Time/Morning Break - As always, children In Years 1-6 will have the opportunity to purchase a snack at break time. If at all possible, please try to give your child the exact snack money to help our kitchen team with returning change. We also suggest that your children try not to eat too much at break time so that they look forward to and enjoy their lunch. Children in our Reception classes have an earlier lunch and are provided with a piece of fruit each day, along with milk and water and therefore do not need to bring any snack money. Many thanks everyone.

School Day and Attendance – Well done, to everyone this week for a brilliant and punctual start to the school day. Please can we remind all families that in order to encourage a speedier entry into school, school is open from 08.45am and children can filter into school from this time. This entry procedure has improved safety on the roads by easing the traffic situation, but it also means that children are in school and are sitting at their desks, ready for an 08.55am start and a 9.00am registration.

At the end of the day, the Tean Road gates will be opened at 3.10pm for a 3.15pm pick up for all children including our Nursery. Many thanks again everyone for your support.

Bridgewater

Wedgwood

Moorcroft

Doulton

Pastoral House System - As most of you are already aware, we have a pastoral system where children can work towards achieving house points. These house points are not awarded for things that we expect from our children, but more for those children who go the extra mile. For instance, by working exceptionally hard and producing a fantastic piece of work, for exceptional effort, for an act of kindness or for something that we consider to be 'beyond the norm'. These points are valuable and children will therefore have the chance to achieve points and be rewarded on an individual basis – but also work with their class mates and team mates across the school.

Our new Year 6 children will be voting over the next day or so for their choice of House and Vice Captains. The elected children will then receive a new captaincy badge that they can wear with pride as they take on additional duties for their House team.

School Council - The School Council elections will also be underway very shortly. Again, children will be voting for their class representatives on the School Council, as we prepare to undertake a number of busy projects over the course of this next year.

We are hoping to work towards the UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award and this will form part of our work linked with our new School Councillors.

Star of the Week Celebrations and Class

Attendance Awards - Every Friday morning, our children meet together for a Celebration Assembly, whereby we recognise and reward those children who have made a difference and are considered to be the class Star of the Week. These children will be invited up to the front of the assembly and we will share their success as a school family. If your child comes home with a Star of the Week certificate – you will also receive a celebration text.

Lunchtime Supervisors

We have a brilliant team of lunchtime supervisors who do a great job of looking after our children during the lunch break. Due to changes in staffing, we would love to enhance our team by employing additional staff on permanent contracts and casual contracts to cover staff absence. Duties involved include helping our younger children in the dining hall to collect their meals, cut up their food and encourage them to eat their lunch, supervision on the playgrounds, playing games with the children, first aid duties (training provided), setting up and putting away the dining furniture, etc. If you are interested in working with us and are free during the school day, then please speak to Mrs Kim Stephenson, the Business Manager, or Mrs Angela Worsley, the Senior Lunchtime Supervisor, collect and return an application form and we will get back to you as soon as possible. A police record check (DBS check) and references will be required

Governing Board Vacancies - Mrs Lisa Burke who has been a parent governor for almost four years is now a LA governor and Mrs Rowe's term of office as a parent governor is due to expire in October 2017. We will therefore shortly be asking for nominations from parents to fill the two resulting vacancies and very much hope that we have some parents who feel that they can contribute to the work of our governing board and the success of our school. The governor role is a demanding role and time and commitment is most definitely needed – it is also a very rewarding role and our governors certainly do make a difference and a massive contribution to our school in very many different ways. If you wish to find out more, please speak to either myself or Mrs Kim Stephenson, our Business Manager, who can give you a brief overview of the role and an idea of exactly what is involved. We really do hope that there are some parents out there who are willing and able to take on this role. Look out for a letter shortly regarding the election process.

Cheadle Kindergarten - Plans are proceeding well with regard to the new private nursery provision in the Learning Centre and on course for opening in January 2018. The direct contact number for any information regarding job vacancies or registration for your child is 07850462364. We will be working closely with the new nursery and more information and marketing information will follow in due course.

Homework - At CPS, we have a whole school programme for homework and tests. Every child will have a weekly spelling test and mental maths test and will also have homework. We understand that homework can be a contentious area for some families and therefore, if you are experiencing any problems or struggling to support your child, we really are here to help. Please speak with your child's class teacher as soon as possible as we do insist that children complete their homework in school in their own time should any homework not be completed at home. Thank you everyone.

Monday	Friday	Friday	Wednesday
Mental Maths	Spelling Tests on Friday and new words given out for the following week	Homework given out on a Friday	Homework to be handed in on a Wednesday
READING	READING	READING	READING

Contact Books - Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 all have a brand new Contact Book, which needs to be with them in school - all of the time. These books are a brilliant addition to our school communication system and really do help children to become more organised and independent with their learning. The books are also an ideal mechanism for you to liaise with us and we really want you to use them, along with your child, to communicate with us. They are a brilliant tool for monitoring your child's day to day progress and we really hope that you will find them useful. Unfortunately, should your child lose their Contact Book, there will be a fee of £3 to replace it.

Facebook Update - At the very start of the year, please may I remind all our families to observe respect for other children and their families whilst participating in social media. Unfortunately, there are comments made and images shared in the public domain, from time to time, that can bring our school and our families into disrepute. I very kindly ask that should you have a situation that you feel needs additional support or management from the school, that you discuss this with us, in person, rather than present a viewpoint on social media that may well not be reflective of the full facts. Many thanks for your understanding with this sensitive issue. Many schools up and down the country are struggling with a lot of issues relating to social media and I really hope that we will not be one of them. All our staff are approachable and I for one would most certainly welcome a private conversation rather than see a public on line discussion. Many thanks in anticipation of your understanding with this request.

School Meals - Please remember that all Key Stage 1 children are eligible for a free school meal and even if your child prefers a sandwich lunch, our catering team can provide sandwich bags – please pop in to have a chat with our brilliant kitchen team if you would like to take advantage of this. We are very proud of the lunches that we provide and if you wish to find out more about our menus, please just ask.

PS – Please could we kindly remind all families who have now got a child in Year 3, that if you think you are eligible for a free school meal to please speak to us as soon as possible? We may well be able to help you get a free school meal as unfortunately the universal free school meal offer is only available to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Library Books - Please can we ask children to return any Accelerated Reading Books, Read Write Inc. or any other School Library books that they may have at home in order that we can audit our Library Books. We still have a number of books outstanding from last year and desperately need them back to support our Reading schemes. Many thanks for your support with this request.

PTFA - Please note that the next PTFA meeting will be on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 6.00pm – everyone is welcome!! The PTFA do a fantastic job in supporting the school and raise lots of money which is used for many different purposes, e.g. to pay for coaches, to buy resources, to help to fund the annual pantomime, etc. There are lots of ways in which you can get involved to suit your individual circumstances, so please come to the meeting to find out more.

Contact Details - It is extremely important that we have up-to-date telephone numbers in case we have to contact you during the day in an emergency and so that you can receive any messages sent out through the texting service and, as our newsletters and other correspondence are sent out by email, we also prefer to have an email address for our records. If you do prefer to have a paper copy of the newsletter, these are available from the main office and the newsletters are on the school website.

What's Happening Next Week

Tuesday 12th September	Parents Welcome Meetings 3.30pm – meet the new class teachers
Wednesday 13th September	ZUMBA STARTS 3.15-4.15PM
Thursday 14th September	Bikeability for Year 6 children
Friday 15th September	Bikeability for Year 6 children

More dates to follow on next week's newsletter!

Finally, may I say how much we are all looking forward to the year ahead? We have lots of exciting plans for the future and we cannot wait to continue to share the Cheadle Primary School journey with you all! Welcome back one and all and let's look forward to another brilliant year at CPS!

Very best wishes!

Debbie and the Team at Cheadle Primary School

CPS Diary Dates so far	
12.09.17	Parents Welcome meetings for all families 3.30pm
14.09.17, 15.09.17	Bikeability Y6
20.09.17	Painsley prospective parents meeting – September 2018 intake
29.09.17	Douglas Macmillan Coffee morning at CPS with our orchestra
16.10.17	Parents Consultation Evening for all children
20.10.17	School closes for half term break
30.10.17	School re-opens for Autumn 2



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Welcome back to another musical year at Cheadle Primary School! To ensure that all children are kept up to date with the latest on music clubs, instrumental tuition, concerts and performances, there will be occasional issues of 'Music Notes' each term.

Instrumental lessons - Flute and Clarinet lessons - Flute and clarinet lessons will start on Friday 8th September. All children should ensure that they have their instruments in school on that day; there will be a new timetable. Any parents of children in KS2 wishing to start on the flute or clarinet should see Mr Prescott or Miss Chell in the main office.

Violin Lessons - Violin lessons will start on Wednesday 13th September. Any parents of children in KS2 wishing to start on the violin should see Mrs Ratcliffe, Mr Prescott or Miss Chell in the main office.

School Orchestra - School Orchestra rehearsals will start on Friday September 15th 3.15-4.15pm. Rehearsals are open to all children who play an orchestral instrument and to recorder players who have reached yellow level or higher on the Rainbow Recorder Scheme.

Recorder and Guitar Lessons and Senior Choir - Please look out on the clubs letter for the new times for these activities and please ensure that your child's name is on the list if they wish to participate.

Community Choir - Community Choir is starting again on Thursday October 5th and Thursday October 19th 4.30-5.30pm. Rehearsals are usually fortnightly. The choir is open to parents, family and friends, children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 and all school staff. The choir sing a wide variety of songs in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with free tea/coffee/squash and biscuits!

Thank you for your support and co operation.

Mr. M.D. Prescott