



# Cheadle Primary School Newsletter 05 – 02.10.17



Dear Parents,



### House Point Winners

Bridgewater	Doulton	Wedgwood	Moorcroft
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Well done to all the children in Doulton and Wedgwood this week!

**Attendance Award** - Last week's attendance award went to Mr Walmsley's class for 100 % attendance.

**Well done everyone!! Keep it up!!!**

**Stars of the Week** - Congratulations to all the Superstars this week. We are extremely proud of the children and hope that, as parents, you enjoy getting your praise texts! Well done everyone – you are a credit to yourselves and our school!

**Superstars:** Riley Reynolds, George Bevans, Tillie Large, Jayden Mahoney, Tommy Keates, Richard Vickers, Charlie Carr, Zoe Stewart, Rebecca Keates, Chloe Brindley, Jessica Alcock, Ellie Bickerton, Daisy Dunn, Matthew Morton

### Dougie Mac Coffee Morning – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Many thanks to all families and friends who supported us at the Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning on Friday. We enjoyed a super albeit 'soggy' morning listening to our fabulous orchestra.

Total funds raised were £200. Thank you one and all!



**KS2 SATs - Important Diary Date:** The Government have confirmed that Year 6 SATs tests will take place during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. All pupils MUST be in school.

**KS1 SATs** - On 14 September 2017 it was confirmed that the KS1 SATs will be made non-statutory (so schools will be able to choose whether to administer them or not) from 2023. Until then children will continue to be assessed in May during Year 2.

**Resilience - giving children the skills to bounce back** - with the incidence of childhood depression on the rise, it is really great news that something can be done. Children can be taught to challenge their thinking so that they learn to bounce back from adversity. We can build resilience!

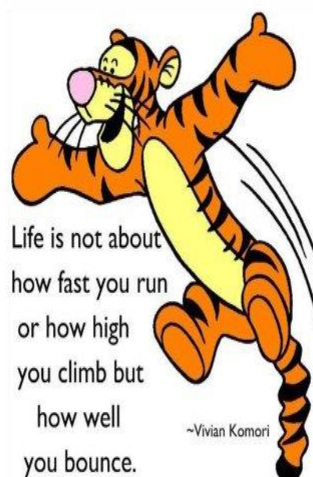
We know from research that training teachers to model resilient thinking behaviours has had a positive impact on the staff, the school and the children in their care. As a society, we need to introduce children to skills that will help them think in a more resilient way when confronted with difficulties.

To do this, we need to increase public awareness of the impact of adult thinking styles on the developing thinking patterns of children. Thirty years of research tells us that resilient people are healthier, live longer, are more successful in school and jobs, are happier in relationships and are less prone to depression. Resilience helps people deal with stress and adversity, overcome childhood disadvantage and reach out to new opportunities.

Resilience has been defined as the "ability to persevere and adapt when things go awry". Stress and adversity are an inevitable part of life-therefore it makes good sense to introduce resiliency-building strategies to children at an early age. 'Non-resilient thinking styles can lead us to cling to inaccurate beliefs about the world and to inappropriate problem-solving strategies that burn through emotional energy and valuable resilience resources'.

#### **10 Tips for Building Resilient Children**

- **Don't accommodate every need.**
- **Avoid eliminating all risk.**
- **Teach them to problem-solve.**
- **Teach your kids concrete skills**
- **Avoid "why" questions – say how?**
- **Don't provide all the answers.**
- **Avoid talking in catastrophic terms.**
- **Let your kids make mistakes**
- **Help them manage their emotions.**
- **Model resiliency**



**Harvest Festival Donations** – We will be having a Harvest assembly in school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. If families are able to help by sending in a Harvest gift we would be most grateful.

This year, we will be supporting the Cheadle Food Bank and hope that we can send a big contribution to help people who are struggling and live literally on our doorstep. Whilst tin foods, dried foods and cereals would be gratefully received, other items such as toilet rolls, tin openers, nappies, toiletries and baby food would be welcomed.

#### **Cheadle and District Food Bank**

**Guild Hall, Tape street, Cheadle, ST10 1BG – 07902 835158**

**Opening Times - Wednesday : 09:30 – 11:00 and Friday: 13:30 - 15:00**

**Free School Meals** – Universal Free School Meals are provided free of charge for all children in Key Stage 1 – that is Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. However, if you do have a child within those year groups and think that you may be eligible for free school meals based on receipt of certain benefits, please do let us know by popping into the school office. If we can support you with your application, we may be able to offer your child additional opportunities which will help with their learning.

**CADSSA Sports Fixtures** – Congratulations to all of the children who try out, train and play for all our Cheadle and District School's Sports Fixtures. We have already had a large number of children enjoy playing for the school football teams over this last two weeks and I know that they have represented CPS with pride.

The simple philosophy of CADSSA is to allow maximum participation for all children within the Moorlands Schools Community and we are doing our utmost to ensure that all children who wish to play for their school teams have the opportunity to do so throughout the course of the year.

We are not an elitist school that always has to play their very best players but we hold the belief that children need to work hard, do their homework, show good behaviour in and out of the classroom and always be respectful in order to play. We believe in developing strong team work regardless of abilities and perceptions and feel that it is a wonderful life- skill to learn to get along with a wide range of individuals.

We also believe it is an honour to play for the school team and we are doing our best to ensure that each child has this chance. Similarly, for those children who do make errors and sometimes 'get it wrong' – we believe in giving them the chance to rectify this by showing us that they can 'get it right'. We believe that all children deserve the chance to play if they talk the talk and walk the walk. Similarly, they also have to know that we recognise when they have made those changes. If we show that we believe in them and they are rewarded for their good response, then in turn we build mutual respect.

**(Remember not to rumble the thunder)**

Treat team-mates, coaches, umpires and referees with respect.

Have fun, reach for the top, and always try your best.

Umpires and referees are there to interpret the rules for you; always accept their decisions.

Never use bad language, or insult opponents, coaches or spectators.

Do not try to gain an unfair advantage over opponents.

Enjoy yourselves, know the rules of the games and play by the spirit of those games.

Realise that without opponents, there would not be a game.

**Safeguarding at CPS** – We take our safeguarding responsibilities extremely seriously at CPS. Miss Chell is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer and I am the Lead Safeguarding Officer. Mrs Lucy Fower is our Link Governor for Safeguarding and we meet each week, along with the Senior Leaders, to consider the ongoing safety of our children. Should anyone have any concerns or queries, please contact either one of us and we will be more than happy to support and assist.

Similarly, we also have Miss Julie Lawton, our Family Support Worker and Mrs Debbie Satongar, our Special Educational Needs Lead, who are also available to help you with any concerns you may have.

Diary Dates So Far!!!	
02.10.17	School Photographs – individuals and families 8.00am-8.45am
04.10.17	Painsley Sixth Form Open Evening 7pm
05.10.17	Governor Link Visits – D Brandrick in school.
06.10.17	Class A – Miss Carr – Y6 children to visit The Cheadle Academy
10.10.17	Influenza nasal spray – Reception to Year 4 children
12.10.17	Read Write Inc. Workshop for Parents 2.15pm – Y1
16.10.17	Parents Consultation Evening – all parents please – appointments soon
17.10.17	Read Write Inc. Reception Workshop
20.10.17	3.15pm – School closes for October half Term
30.10.17	08.45am – School re-opens for Autumn 2 term
08.11.17	School Disco
09.11.17	Governors meeting 4pm
24.11.17	PTA Christmas Fair
25.11.17	Christmas Light Switch on in Cheadle Town Centre
06.12.17	CPS school choir perform at the Victoria Hall in Hanley 7.00pm
12.12.17	School Christmas Lunch
13.12.17	Key Stage 1 School Production
14.12.17	Key Stage 1 School Production
15.12.17	Key Stage 1 School Production
18.12.17	Provisional date for the CPS Choir and Orchestra - Carol Service in Church
19.12.17	3.15pm – School closes for Christmas break.
03.01.18	INSET DAY for staff only
04.01.18	School re-opens for children 08.45am – Spring 1 term
16.02.18	School closes 3.15pm for February Half Term
26.02.18	School re-opens for Spring 2 term
29.03.18	School closes at 3.15pm for Easter break
16.04.18	School re-opens for Summer 1 term
07.05.18	BANK Holiday Monday – all schools closed
25.05.18	School closes 3.15pm for Whitsunday break
04.06.18	INSET DAY - Staff only
05.06.18	School re-opens for Children – Summer 2
06.07.18	PTA – Summer Fair
17.07.18	Parents Consultation Evening
20.07.18	3.15pm – School closes for Summer break
03.09.18	INSET DAY for staff only
04.09.18	School re-opens for new school year.

### **£1 Coins**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OLD £1 COINS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED BY SCHOOL FROM 15 OCTOBER 2017 AS THEY WILL NO LONGER BE LEGAL TENDER.**

## **Holiday Provision at Cheadle Primary School**

As you know, we recently sent a questionnaire to parents regarding the above to establish what care you as parents require for your children during school holiday periods.

We have received responses from only 19% of the total number of children on roll, however, we can only work on the information we have received and can only assume that those parents who did not return a questionnaire do not require holiday provision for the foreseeable future.

68% of those questionnaires returned indicate that holiday provision is not required during any of the school holiday periods and of the other 32%, most parents do not require care for their children during all of our school holiday periods. There are very few parents who have indicated that they require full time holiday provision for all holiday periods. There are also several parents who do not require care for their children for full days and there is also some uncertainty as to which days are required, the number of days, etc. which is understandable if your work pattern is on a shift basis.

These recent questionnaires do seem to confirm the results of questionnaires sent out in the past and after analysing the returns and after much discussion, the following has been decided:

October, February and May half term: Fun Club will operate on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays – 7.30am to 6.00pm.

Easter: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for both weeks – 7.30am to 6.00pm.

Summer: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the first four weeks – 7.30am to 6.00pm.

Christmas: no holiday provision.

All children will need to reserve a place and pay for holiday provision in advance and a booking form and details of activities will be available 3-4 weeks before each holiday period.

All children will be offered toast and a drink for breakfast and they will need to bring all other snacks and a packed lunch from home for the remainder of the day.

Some of you will no doubt be disappointed that we will not be offering full time care at all times but from the information that we have received, unfortunately this is only required by a very small minority of parents and families. We will of course review the situation again in the future and make any changes that we feel are necessary.

Thank you.