



Cheadle Primary School Newsletter 06 – 09.10.17



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 Mrs Bell'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: Scarlet Wareham, Maisie Bickerton, James Mountford, Gabby Pepper, Brooke Clarke, Maisie-Lee Hassall, Jayden Goodwin, Ethan Proctor, Jasper Carnwell, Mika Booth, Oliver Hitchcock, Ruby May Maddock, Evelyn Hayes, Kyle Woodward

General Reminders: Please can we remind all families that snacks or packed lunches should not contain any nuts whatsoever. We do have children with nut allergies and if these children came into contact with foods with nuts or even nut derivatives then they could suffer from extreme side effects.

Please can we remind parents that girls' skirts need to be at the appropriate knee length. They all seem to be having a growth spurt at the moment and hemlines are creeping up somewhat!

Also, please could boys keep their very sharp and fashionable hair-cuts for during the school holidays only. Hair styles for both girls and boys should not be shaved, have patterns or tram lines, or be coloured. Thank you for your support in advance of this request.

KS2 SATs - Important Diary Date: The Government have confirmed that Year 6 SATs tests will take place during the week beginning 14th 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.**

The Introduction of the Tougher New SATs Tests:

Many teachers continue to report that even able children could not finish some of the SATs tests and claim it was a 'demoralising' experience for some pupils. Pupils were again left in tears by the second year of SATs with teachers branding the reading test "incredibly difficult", "ridiculous" and undeniably tough". The paper, taken by almost 600,000 children, resulted in many being unable to actually finish the test. "The texts weren't so bad but the questions and the wording of them (vocabulary etc.) was like something I have never seen before. I'm staggered," said one teacher. "The questions were ridiculously hard from the start and I had a child in tears within five minutes because in her words, 'I don't understand the questions'. This wasn't even a less able child," another teacher commented. 'That was without a doubt the hardest reading test I've ever seen.' Unbelievable. I'm so angry right now," said a teacher. "That has completely demoralised a number of children in my class. Some said the test being sat by 10 and 11-year-olds was really suitable for 15 year-olds. One teacher wrote - "If ever a test was set up to prepare children to fail, this was it."

The new deliberately tougher SATs were introduced last year to reflect the new national curriculum which was introduced in 2014. The government said that the new standard would be set at around the old level 4b, which 80 per cent of pupils achieved in reading last year. But there has been growing concern that the standard the children are expected to meet is far higher than this.

The Department for Education report: "These tests should not be a cause of stress for pupils - they help teachers make sure children are learning to read, write and add up well. The truth is if they don't master literacy and numeracy early on, they risk being held behind and struggling for the rest of their lives - we are determined to prevent this by helping every child reach their full potential."

On behalf of all the staff at CPS, may we thank you, as parents, for the incredibly important role you are playing in supporting your children with daily reading, encouraging them with their homework, testing them on their weekly spellings and weekly times tables tests and generally helping out with their home learning. It is so very important that we ensure all our children have the very best of opportunities and we certainly recognise that as a school we have excellent support from home. Thank you everyone.

Please note that if your child is falling behind or failing to do well with their learning, we will be in touch with you and will be offering you support and advice. Similarly, if your child is worrying or starting to stress about any of the forthcoming assessments and tests, please let us know. At CPS we always try to underplay the word 'test' and deliver as much of our assessment in discrete child friendly ways, but unfortunately, we cannot escape from this Government's pressure for analytical data. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Harvest Festival Donations – We will be having a Harvest assembly in school on Friday 13th 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 the receipt of certain benefits, then 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.

SUMO – We are Developing Fruity Thinking!

- If we want different results in our life, we must change our thinking.
- Our thinking is influenced by our background, previous experience, the company we keep and the media.
- Stop the Inner Critic and Move On to listening to the Inner Coach.
- Stop being a Broken Record and Move On to taking action.
- Stop the Martyr Syndrome and Move On to taking ownership of our life.
- Stop Trivial Pursuits and Move On to majoring on the majors.
- Stop being overly dominated by our emotional and primitive brain and Move On to using our rational brain



Music Concert Evening 2017 – Cheadle Primary School Orchestra will be performing along with all the other schools within the Staffordshire Moorlands Schools Learning Cluster on Monday 6th November. No doubt it will be another amazing musical extravaganza for us all to enjoy!

Hot off the Press – Latest Snail Update on The legend that is Michael Jordan!!

As part of the end of year celebrations, the Class of Year 6 2017 were asked to leave a legacy gift for the next Year 6 class of children. After much debate and deliberation, their unanimous votes led to the decision to have a Class Pet. Having convinced the children that a school goat, or python or a bee hive or even a Newfoundland pup were not really appropriate choices, they decided on a Giant African Land snail.

So, we now very warmly welcome to the CPS School family our very own Giant African snail who goes by the name of Michael Jordan. Miss Chell has had the honour of 'Baby Snail Sitting' this weekend so that we can be reassured that he/she.....(yes we have shared many interesting discussions around what is a hermaphrodite ?) can be kept at the right temperature.

We already know that Michael is partial to a banana or two and That, when we can, he will be looking forward to a nice luke warm bath!! Not sure that Miss Chell will be first in the queue for that little job!

Anyway – welcome, welcome indeed and we will keep you all updated about Michael's ongoing progress!



CLUBS

STARTING THIS WEEK:

- DRAMA – THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL
- CHESS – MONDAY LUNCHTIME
- FRIENDSHIP – TUESDAY LUNCHTIME
- GARDENING – THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL
- HOMEWORK KS1 – TUESDAY LUNCHTIME
- HOMEWORK KS2 – TUESDAY LUNCHTIME
- GUITARS – FRIDAY 8.30AM (CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED FROM FRONT GATE OF SCHOOL)
- ZUMBA – ALREADY STARTED
- SENIOR CHOIR – FRIDAY LUNCHTIME
- ORCHESTRA – FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL

STARTING AFTER HALF TERM:

- SPORTS SKILLS
- DANCE
- CROSS COUNTRY
- NETBALL
- READING

Reminder RWI Workshop Year 1 Thursday 12 October 2017 at 2:15pm

Do you fancy learning more about how your child is learning phonics? Please join your child in their classroom as we show you how we teach the sounds and a taste of our daily RWI lessons. You can then join your child in a variety of phonics activities. Staff will be available to answer any queries you have and give advice on how best to help your child. See you there!



Thank you as always for your continued support of our school

Debbie and the team at CPS!



Community Choir – the new season!

Like singing? Thinking about joining a choir? Look no further! Cheadle has its own choir for the community. We meet about 5/6 times a term, usually on a Thursday evening, from 4.30-5.30pm (to allow time for parents to get in from work).

We have a coffee/tea, a biscuit and a chat before enjoying a good sing together and it is all FREE! (There are commercially run Community Choirs now around the country who charge a subscription fee!)

We sing all types of music; it is open to unaccompanied children from Y5-Y11 and children from any school age if accompanied. The choir is made up of parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, staff and friends of children at school and friends from the local community.

Come along and give it a try- **it's free!** Just come along to Cheadle Primary School, The Avenue - Prescott Hall on the dates below to join.

Next rehearsals:

October 19th 4.30-5.30pm

November 9th 4.30- 5.30pm

November 23rd 4.30-5.30pm

Diary Dates so far!

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| 10.10.17 | Influenza nasal spray – Reception to Year 4 children |
| 12.10.17 | Read Write Inc. Workshop for Parents 2.15pm – Y1 families please Year 5/6 Football matches at CPS |
| 13.10.17 | Harvest Service – all donations gratefully received – Cheadle Food Bank |
| 16.10.17 | Parents Consultation Evening – all parents please – GOING LIVE TODAY!!!!!! |
| 17.10.17 | Read Write Inc. Reception Workshop |
| 19.10.17 | Year 5/6 Football matches at CPS |
| 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 |
| 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. |