



# Cheadle Primary School Newsletter 09 – 06.11.17



Dear Parents,



## House Point Winners

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

**Attendance Award** - Last week's attendance award went to 1B 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:** Lola Tweedy, Lilly-Grace Attwood, Anja Critchlow, Savannah Day, Lainey Matner, Theo Grantham, Chloe Brough, Erin Walster, Archie Beardmore, Todd Allen, Lilli-Eve Ottolini, Lilian Thornton, Emily Bradbury, Lola Jackson.

## NSPCC – Big Buddy Workout – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Please can we remind families that children will be taking part in the Big Buddy Workout on Thursday of this week? If any of you have any sponsor money, please send it into school following the fitness event and we will send it to the NSPCC as a donation on behalf of Cheadle Primary School. Many thanks for your support everyone.

**PTA Disco** – We have our first disco of the new school year on Wednesday evening this week. Please can we kindly remind all parents that children should be leaving their mobile phones at home?

Similarly, may we also remind families that we do not allow children to walk home on their own from the Disco regardless of how close children may live to school. It is very dark now and we do respectfully request that children are brought to the School Disco and also collected at the end.

**Tickets on sale after school on Tuesday in Mackenzie Hall!**

Many thanks for your consideration and support with this matter.

## Singing Nursery Rhymes and Songs to our Younger Children

Singing nursery rhymes to children as young as babies can help develop their language and communication skills from an early age. There are so many different ways adults can make this type of learning fun, whether this is by using props, music or musical instruments. Creating a fun experience for children will help engage them and they are more likely to sit and participate in the songs. It is important to remember that younger children will only sit for short periods of time so don't expect them to sit for a half hour song time session.

Singing nursery rhymes can also help develop children's social skills as it is a great opportunity for children to get to know their peers. Sitting next to one another and holding hands during the song "row row row your boat" is ideal for helping develop those social skills. As children develop at different rates, using nursery rhymes will support children's communication and language development at whatever stage they are at, for example, older children may be beginning to learn to rhyme, whereas younger children may still be at the stage of learning new words.

Introducing children to a variety of nursery rhymes can help them understand and learn about different sounds. This is an important part of developing those early literacy skills. Listening to different sounds in the environment as well as in nursery rhymes provides children with the foundations in helping them to read and write.

As nursery rhymes are fun and full of sounds, children will tune into these sounds. Older children will experiment in combining sounds and blend them together to form a word.

As previously mentioned, nursery rhymes and songs have a huge impact on children's language and communication development. Children relish in listening to songs full of rhyming, rhythm and repetition. By singing songs containing these core elements, it is helping boost children's language, communications and literacy development.

Understanding the full value of nursery rhymes and songs will open up the learning opportunities for children and help create a positive attitude towards language.

So why is singing nursery rhymes and songs important:

- Children learn new words
- Develop their non-verbal communications skills
- Learn early maths skills
- Children understand how words are formed
- Enables children to copy actions
- It boosts children's language communication and literacy skills
- Helps develop children's social skills
- Children learn about different beats and rhythms
- Provides the opportunity for children to value language and become confident learners
- Creates a close relationship between adult and child

It is important that adults are confident when singing nursery rhymes and songs as this will be portrayed to the children. If adults are having fun, children are more likely to respond. Adult's role in singing nursery rhymes and songs: be confident, sing songs slowly and clearly, use a clear tone, use props to support the songs, involve children, use actions, pictures or widget symbol.

Is singing nursery rhymes and songs included in your everyday routine? Singing nursery rhymes doesn't just have to be during song time - why not share a song or two during tea time or in the car, or when children are sitting down for lunch? These times are ideal in providing children with opportunities to develop their communication and language skills.

**Remembrance Service** – The School Council and our Head Boy and Girl will be attending the War Graves at the church yard, along with Mr Chandler an ex Royal Marine and PC Mark and ex RAF servicemen on Friday as part of our commitment to British Values.

The children will say a prayer and lay their crosses on behalf of all of us at Cheadle Primary School. If any children would like to wear a poppy and donate to the British Legion Poppy Appeal, they will be available from our Prefects throughout the week.

**Free School Meals** – If any family thinks that they may be eligible for free school meals, please let us know and we will do our best to support you in gaining eligibility. It can make a really big difference to provision for your child in school and may help to save you money in terms of trips and visits.

### **National School Meals Week - 13<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November**

National School Meals Week is fast approaching and our experience shows that it's the perfect time to get feedback from parents on how we're doing with the provision of school meals.

Join in with our 'We're All Ears' parent survey which will be running between **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017**, which coincides with National School Meals Week (13<sup>th</sup> November – 17<sup>th</sup> November). This year, the questionnaire is going to be hosted online and can be accessed via the link below:

[www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/entrustnsmw](http://www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk/entrustnsmw)

For those that took part last year, it follows the same format to allow the reporting of year-on-year movements against each question. This year, there are also cash prizes for schools who have a big response to the survey, so if you do have a free moment we would be grateful for your support.

**Reading Volunteers** – If any families have a few hours free and would like to volunteer to be a reading helper, we would be extremely grateful. You will need to be prepared to undergo a DBS check (criminal record check) and we can support you in school with any training you may need. As we all know, reading is the key to unlocking learning across the curriculum and we really do need to support our children to become confident and fluent readers. If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer and would appreciate a chat with one of the team, please contact the school office and we will do our best to support. Many thanks.

**Cheadle Primary School Eco Warriors** -The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning. Many schools work up to Green Flag level by achieving Bronze and Silver awards which are self-accredited stepping stones to help your school set off in the right direction to becoming an Eco-School.

Eco-Schools is a global programme engaging millions of children across 64 different countries, making it the largest environmental schools programme in the world. 18 million children attend an Eco-School worldwide, that's equal to the total population of Chile!

**Eco-Schools is operated globally by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), and was launched in 1994 in response to the 1992 UN Rio Earth Summit.**

Environmental charity [Keep Britain Tidy](http://www.KeepBritainTidy.org) is the Eco-Schools National Operator for England, where more than,

18000 schools are registered and 1,200 schools currently hold the internationally recognised Eco-Schools Green Flag

The programme provides a framework for learning and action around nine topics – [biodiversity](#), [energy](#), [litter](#), [global citizenship](#), [healthy living](#), [school grounds](#), [transport](#), [waste](#) and [water](#). It follows a very simple [seven-step](#) process to lead schools on their journey to achieving a Green Flag Award.

The programme is **pupil-led** and encourages whole school involvement. It also encourages closer links between schools and their communities. It offers many [benefits](#) for individual pupils, developing their knowledge and skills and improving their well-being. There are also many benefits for schools, with an added bonus of saving money.

**Good luck to our 2017 team who will be working hard to achieve Silver status!**

### **MUSIC TUITION**

**If you have not yet paid for your child's music tuition, please can you forward the sum of £100 to school as soon as possible? This is the cost of the full academic year's tuition.**

**Thank you.**

### **FUN CLUB**

**WE NEED TO REMIND PARENTS WHO DROP CHILDREN OFF AT FUN CLUB AFTER 8.00AM TO PLEASE NOT USE THE CAR PARK – PLEASE PARK ON THE AVENUE AND WALK DOWN TO FUN CLUB. AFTER 8.00AM IS A VERY BUSY TIME FOR STAFF ARRIVING AT SCHOOL AND THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT SPACE TO ALLOW FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE CAR PARK AND IT IS DANGEROUS FOR ALL CONCERNED. WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD PLEASE RESPECT OUR REQUEST. THANK YOU.**

### **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL TEAN ROAD**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CROSSING PATROL TOMORROW AFTERNOON – TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER PM – PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD!!**

### **Community Choir**

**A reminder to all members of the Community Choir and anyone wishing to come along and join us that the next rehearsal is this Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> 4.30-5.30pm - we will be starting the Christmas music!**

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

Other dates include:

CPS Christmas Fair – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Singing in the Town Centre – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Senior Choir perform at the Victoria Hall in Hanley – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service at St Giles Church – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

<b>Diary Dates so far!</b>	
06.11.17	TCA Music Concert
08.11.17	School Disco
09.11.17	Full Governors meeting 4pm
13.11.17	ANTI-BULLYING WEEK AT CPS Twilight training for all Cluster Schools at TCA
24.11.17	PTA Christmas Fair 4-6pm
25.11.17	Christmas Light Switch on in Cheadle Town Centre
05.12.17	Reception workshops for parents
06.12.17	Nursery workshops for parents
06.12.17	CPS school choir perform at the Victoria Hall in Hanley 7.00pm
12.12.17	Christmas Dinner Day
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	CPS Choir and Orchestra - Carol Service in St Giles 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 8.45am – Spring 1 term
05.01.18	Non uniform day for chocolate amnesty
19.01.18	Chocolate Bingo night 6-8pm
06.02.18	Safer Internet Day
08.02.18	Parents Consultation Evening
11.02.18	6pm PTA meeting – all welcome
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

Thanks as always for your continued support of our school.

Debbie and the team at CPS!