



Cheadle Primary School Newsletter 06 – 08.10.18



Dear Parents,



Attendance Award - Last week's attendance award went to 3SM class for 100% attendance.

Well done everyone!! Keep it up!!!

School Values – the Value of the Month of October is Harmony

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: Giles, Eli, Phoebe-Rose, Emily, Evie, Freya, Lilly, Jodie-Leigh, Holly, Ruby, Isla, Jessica, Evie, Jack.

Douglas Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 5th October 2018

Many, many congratulations to Mrs Bell and her fantastic team of helpers and to our 2018 School Councillors who hosted a marvellous coffee morning last Friday. We were very lucky that so many families were able to join us and it really was a lovely community affair.

Mr. Prescott and his orchestra played throughout as families chatted over coffee and a cake. What a fantastically civilised way to start a new day!

Huge thanks to our local Douglas Macmillan shop for providing all of the additional resources and to all of our families for sending in such lovely cake donations. Due to your on-going kindness and support, we were able to offer a huge array of cakes and biscuits and managed to raise approximately £330 towards this wonderful charity. As we all very sadly know, cancer affects so many of us in so many different ways. We are therefore truly grateful that we were able to support the work of the Douglas Macmillan charity. I for one know that our school community donation will most certainly be very gratefully appreciated.

Once again - sincere thanks everyone your kindness really means an awful lot!

Extra-Curricular Clubs and activities. - As you know, thanks to the support of our brilliant staff, we do have a fantastic range of extra- curricular clubs and activities taking part at CPS. We are however, trying our hardest to make sure that as many children as possible can take part in all the different activities. If your child does not have a place on the first round of a particular chosen club or after school activity, please know that, we will be keeping your letter returns ready for the next time we can offer additional group places. Thanks to all parents for returning their letters so quickly – it is very much appreciated.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – If you believe that your child may be eligible to receive free school meals, please contact us to find out what you need to do.

Even if your child is in Key Stage 1 and will be able to automatically receive a universal free school meal, it is still very important to complete a free school meal application if your circumstances warrant this as the school will receive valuable funding to support your child in school.

If you are in any doubt at all, please just ask in the main office.

Please remember that there is no need to provide a Key Stage 1 child with a packed lunch. We are able to provide every single child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 with a free, fully funded school meal. There is always a selection of hot meals available and of course, if your child would prefer a sandwich, then they can have this too! We are really keen to let families know that we can and do provide a tasty assortment of sandwiches, should your child prefer a packed lunch at lunchtime.

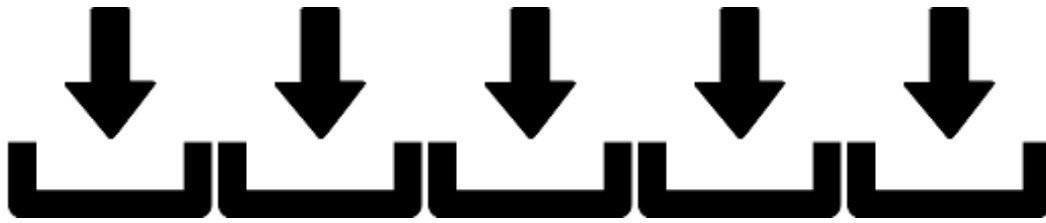
Restart a Heart Day – Tuesday 16th October 2018

Last year 195,000 young people were trained in life saving skills across the UK.

This year we plan to have a brilliant ‘hands on’ day as it were to help our children and staff appreciate the vitally important skills of CPR. If you suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the UK, you have less than a one in ten chance of surviving. We want to change that.

World Restart a Heart Day is an annual initiative, which aims to train as many people as possible in CPR in one day, so that more people know these lifesaving skills. At CPS, we will be doing our bit to support this incredibly important initiative!





E-safety update October 2018 Tips for parents – Downloading

Are you aware of how your children are using their devices to access music, film and TV? Talk to your children about their online activities so that they understand why it is important to use legal sites online. Speak also about the moral issues – if you are getting something free that you know you should pay for – is that right? It is also worth discussing with them what the consequences would be for the whole family if they were caught breaking the law, as it is usually the bill payer in the house who receives a caution if your internet service provider (ISP) suspects a household of illegal downloading.

If you are unsure of a certain site, visit Get it Right from a Genuine Site, which lists the legal ways you can download film and music: <https://www.getitrightfromgenuinesite.org/genuine-sites/>

The Treehouse - Please may we remind you all that if you have any concerns or worries with either your child or some aspect of home or school and you wish to discuss this in private, Miss Julie Lawton, our Family Support Worker, is available to help. She is in school daily and is always at the end of a phone if this is more convenient for you. Julie can either work with you alone or with you and your child together to help iron out any issues or worries that you may have. For further information – please pop in and ask or contact the school office.

PLAYTIME SNACKS

If you are sending your child into school with a playtime snack, please can you ensure that it is a piece of fruit or a healthy snack such as carrot sticks, cucumber or cheese cubes/strings. We do have a number of children who suffer from severe nut allergies and we would hate to think that anything untoward would happen to any one of our children. Thank you in advance of your support with this concern.

Administering Medication at CPS

Please can we remind all our families that we are no longer able to administer **non-prescribed** medication. Of course, if you do have prescribed medication for your child, we will do our utmost to support all our families but will require an official medical care form to be completed with Miss Chell and also a receipted form on handover of medication. Thank you for your support with our observance of medication policy.

Head Lice – Once a week – take a peek!

As most of you are aware, head lice can cause recurring problems for children and their families. Please take a relentless approach to checking your child's hair and if you find any head lice, treat the whole family immediately. Click on the following link below to give you all the facts and help you to manage this problem. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvfighDMLhGi76RFBpzHSBMQ>



National Poetry Day – Well done to all the children who took part in National Poetry Day on Thursday of this last week. Miss Carr hosted a fabulous assembly as the children went on to enjoy the joys of all types of poetry as part of their curriculum studies. They created some amazing poems, which will be displayed in and around school. Very well done to the children for their fantastic 'take' on the more humorous of poems!

I cannot go to school today!

By Shel Silverstein

"I cannot go to school today"

Said little Peggy Ann McKay.

**"I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.**

**My mouth is wet, my throat is dry.
I'm going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks,
I've counted sixteen chicken pox.**

**And there's one more - that's seventeen,
And don't you think my face looks green?
My leg is cut, my eyes are blue,
It might be the instamatic flu.**

**I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,
I'm sure that my left leg is broke.
My hip hurts when I move my chin,
My belly button's caving in.**

**My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,
My 'pendix pains each time it rains.
My toes are cold, my toes are numb,
I have a sliver in my thumb.**

**My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,
I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth,
I think my hair is falling out.**

**My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight,
My temperature is one-o-eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,
There is a hole inside my ear.**

**I have a hangnail, and my heart is ...
What? What's that? What's that you say?
You say today is Saturday?
G'bye, I'm going out to play!"**

Sound familiar anyone?

With our very best wishes and thanks for your continued support.

Debbie and the team at CPS!

Diary Dates - Autumn Term 2018	
08.10.18	Year 3H Visit to Cheadle Town Library
09.10.18	Influenza spray for children in Reception through to Year 5 CADSSA Football League Match
11.10.18	CADSSA Football League match at CPS Governors Meetings in school
12.10.18	Year 3SM Visit to Cheadle Town Library
16.10.18	Re-Start a Heart Event at CPS Cross Country Competition at Oakamoor
17.10.18	Health and Safety Governors Meeting CADSSA Football match at CPS
18.10.18	Harvest Lunch in school CADSSA Football League match at CPS
19.10.18	Harvest Service in school Families welcome from 2.30pm for Coffee and Cake in Mackenzie Hall Community Choir 4.30-5.30pm
26.10.18	Orchestra to play in school assembly Scooterbility Training for Year 2 children 3.15pm – School closes for October half term break
05.11.18	INSET DAY – Staff only
06.11.18	School re-opens for Autumn 2 Reception New Admissions 2019 – Parents Open Evening 6pm
07.11.18	Year 6 Workshop in Church – Illuminating Peace
08.11.18	Practice in Church for the Pageant of Light Festival 4pm Governing Board meeting
11.11.18	Pageant of Light in St Giles Church
12.11.18	Parents Consultation Evening
14.11.18	Year 6 SATS meeting – all Year 6 parents and families welcome to attend.
16.11.18	School Photographs – Families, Siblings and Individuals
22.11.18	Governing Board meetings
23.11.18	Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament
26.11.18	SCFC City 7's Assembly
29.11.18	Reception Christmas Outing to Tanglewood
30.11.18	Christmas Fair - PTA 3.30-6pm
05.12.18	CPS School Choir sing at the Victoria Hall
06.12.18	Last day of the school Book Fair
12.12.18	School Christmas Lunch
13.12.18	KS1 Christmas Production
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17.12.18	KS1 Christmas Production
18.12.18	Christmas pantomime for all children
19.12.18	Christmas Carol Service in Church.
21.12.18	3.15pm – School closes for Christmas break
07.01.19	INSET DAY – Staff only
08.01.19	School re-opens for Spring 1 term
15.02.19	3.15pm – School closes for February half term break

25.02.19	School re-opens for Spring 2 term
12.04.19	School closes for Easter break
29.04.19	School re-opens for Summer 1 term
06.05.19	MAY BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
23.05.19	3.15pm – school closes for Whitsun break
24.05.19	INSET Day – staff only
03.06.19	School re-opens for Summer 2 term
19.07.19	3.15pm School closes for Summer holidays.

Community Choir – the new season!

Thursday October 11th 4.30–5.30 pm

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 4.30-5.30 (to allow time for parents to get in from work).

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

We sing all types of music; it is open to unaccompanied children from Y4-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.

'Studies show that choral singing improves our mood, with a decrease in stress, depression and anxiety. These effects are often attributed to the deeper breathing associated with singing, that is also used in meditation. These benefits are enhanced in a group setting, compared to singing alone.'

Next rehearsals-

October 11th 4.30-5.30

October 25th 4.30- 5.30

November 15th 4.30-5.30

Mackenzie Hall

*****For the attention of ALL parents with children in Key Stage 2!!!*****

As you know, during the summer break, Mackenzie Hall was decorated and the floor was cleaned and polished and we had a delivery of some lovely new furniture. The colours are absolutely fantastic and the work really has made a difference and the children love it!!! Thanks to our catering contractors Chartwells for providing funding as part of our new contract with them!

And now, we want to show it off to you!!!

We would like to invite you for a piece of cake/biscuit and a cup of tea on Friday 19 October 2018 at 2.30pm so that you can have a look for yourselves and also to hand out the new menus due to launch after half term.

We are really keen for all our Key Stage 2 children to have a school lunch – a good range of packed lunches can also be provided as well as hot meals – and we do our very best to adapt the menus to suit our children's tastes which we know are very varied.

We are extremely lucky to have our own kitchen and dining facilities and they do need to be used – we never want to be in a position when we have to have meals delivered and not cooked fresh on site.

So, if you have a child in Key Stage 2, please come and join us on the 19th - we look forward to seeing you all!!

We promise to invite our Key Stage 1 parents after half term!!!

Christmas Lunch

This will be on Wednesday 12 December 2018!!

More details to follow after half term!!

ParentPay

We have received lots of very positive comments about ParentPay and generally, parents seem to be finding the system very easy to use and so much more convenient than trying to find cash or writing a cheque. If there is anyone who has still not activated their account, we would encourage you to do so as we are moving towards using ParentPay for trips, music tuition, pantomime, Fun Club, etc. within the next few weeks – Standon Bowers 2019 for Year 6 children is already on there!!!

Only children in Key Stage 2 have received activation letters to date and if you have mislaid this, please do not hesitate to ask for another letter and then you can get your account up and running!

As soon as ParentPay is used for anything that involves Key Stage 1 children, don't worry, you will also receive your activation letters. You do however only need one ParentPay account and if you have more than one child in school, you simply need to add additional children to the same account and assign your payments accordingly.

There are some outstanding debts for dinner money and, now that the initial settling in period is over and we are 5 weeks into the new school year, the catering team will be following the school's Debt Recovery Policy to ensure that these debts are cleared as a matter of urgency. We can only serve a meal until the arrears reach the equivalent of the cost of 5 meals after which no further meals will be served. At this point, parents will either have to provide a packed lunch or take their child home for lunch until the debt is settled in full. The policy is available on our website – please take a look for further information – you may also request a paper copy from the main school office.

School Themed Lunches

Tuesday 6 November 2018

Special "Bonfire Night" Menu

Guy Fawkes Pork Sausages/King James Veggie Sausages

Mashed Potato/BBQ Beans/Peas

Bonfire Sticky Toffee Pudding & Custard

Harvest Festival Lunch

Thursday 18 October 2018

Cottage Pie/Country Vegetable Pie/Tomato & Basil & Fresh Vegetable Pasta

Steamed Chocolate Sponge Pudding

Yoghurt or Fruit Platter

Nursery Funding

If you have a child in Nursery, you will be only too well aware of the paperwork involved to ensure that the school can claim and process the appropriate funding for the hours that your child attends each week.

It is absolutely vital that these forms are completed in full and correctly with all the necessary information as we are audited throughout the process and any issues can result in funding being withdrawn – we definitely do not want this to happen.

The forms need to be signed again by the parent at the beginning of each new term and if there are any changes to hours, then a new form must be completed in its entirety.

If your child is eligible for any extended hours, i.e. any hours in addition to the universal 15 hours, then you also have a responsibility to provide your eligibility code to the school and renew your eligibility each term before your grace period ends – you should receive a reminder from HMRC to do this. If your eligibility code expires, we are unable to provide the additional extended hours at our Nursery.

If you are not eligible for extended hours and your child has only the 15 universal hours with us, then your child can have wraparound sessions with us at a cost of £10 for each additional half day. Please speak to Mrs Barker if this is something that would interest you. We do already have some children who have these additional sessions.

This is now the second year of the new funding arrangements and we are well aware that the system is not perfect. However, it is the only system we have got and we all have to learn to use it as best we can.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask and we will do our very best to help.

Thank you.