



## Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.  
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### WELCOME.....

A warm welcome to you all at the start of the new school year. It is just wonderful to see our Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children back in school again. They have all followed the rules beautifully and we are very proud of them. We look forward to welcoming Nursery children into school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

A special welcome to the pupils, parents and staff who are new to our school this September. We hope that they will all be very happy members of our school family.



Thankyou Reception parents for all of your support in helping to settle the children in so well. The children have been enjoying getting to know each other and sampling our lovely school meals

### Curriculum:

Our website has a wealth of information about our exciting Curriculum.

For a yearly overview of what your child/ children will be learning please click the link below.



<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/curriculum-2/year-group-overviews/>

For half termly and weekly overviews please click here:

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/children/class-pages/>

For an overview of what your child/ children will be learning in Religious Education this half term please click here:

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/RE-Autumn-1-2023.pdf>

### **Staff News:**

A huge welcome to Mrs Murrell and Mrs Halliday who have joined our staff team. Mrs Murrell is our School Business Manager and Mrs Halliday will be working in Breakfast and After School Club. We are looking forward to working with them both and we know that our school community will make them feel very welcome. For a full list of our staff and their roles please click on the following link;

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/school-information/staff/>

### **INFORMATION:**

#### **PE Days:**

**Reception: Wednesday (Starting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September)**

**Year 1: Wednesday & Thursday (Starting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September)**

**Year 2: Thursday & Friday (Starting Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September)**

On these days your child may come to school in their PE kit, joggers/ leggings and trainers (Velcro please.)

#### **Forest Schools**

Forest School will begin on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September for **Year 1 & Year 2 children**

We are excited to offer the children opportunities over this year to access our Forest School, as you can see it has continued to be developed and as part of this progress we would like to develop 'loose part' provision. If you have access via work or home of any of the following, which you could donate to school it would be very much appreciated:

- guttering (different lengths)
- piping (different lengths)
- nails
- screws
- fabric
- string
- rope
- wood (logs/decking/planks/sleepers)
- milk crates

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing what the children can build and create during their Forest School sessions.

## Harvest Assembly

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September we will be having our Harvest Assembly in school.

As part of this thanksgiving we will be inviting the children to bring an item of grocery



This year our offerings will be sent to Chelwood Food bank in Cheadle.Hulme.

All food is donated and in particular they need: tinned soups, vegetable and meat soups, tinned meats for sandwiches and use in soups, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, pickle, Tomato or Brown sauce, shaving foam, roll on deodorant (no aerosols), liquid soap, coffee, biscuits, sugar, dried milk and tinned deserts.

Donations will be welcomed into school from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**.



## Sponsored Walk

On **Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>** we will be hosting a sponsored walk around our 'mile a day' path to raise money to fund new playground markings. You will receive a sponsor form in your child's bag today. I am sure you will agree that the new playground markings that have already been put down are just fantastic!

## MUSIC:

This year we are going to enhance and improve our music offer by introducing children to different genres of music. As well as singing and composing music themselves our children will learn about different composers and artists including Beethoven, Chopin, Elvis Presley and Dolly Parton! We will be exposing children to jazz,

classical , blues, country and pop music throughout the year. This half term we will start with jazz music.

For more information about our music offer, please click the link below.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/curriculum-2/subjects/music/>

## Phonics/ Reading Workshop:

On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm we will be leading a workshop for parents on how to support children with phonics and reading at home.

There will be an opportunity to view resources/ activities linked to phonics, reading and writing which are used in school daily by the children.



## **Physical Development Workshop: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6pm**

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we value the importance of strong and effective physical development and we understand that children need really good core strength before they can sit on a chair or even hold a pencil.

Core strength is the development of the torso muscles that stabilize, align, and move the trunk of the body. Poor core strength can cause poor posture which can also affect gross motor and fine motor skills. Building strong core strength is like building a strong foundation for children.

It is a fact that children nowadays are less active, spend more time on screens and, therefore, have poorer physical development.

Last year Cheadle Catholic Infant School were very proud to achieve the award of Physical Development Champions because of all the brilliant physical opportunities we provide in school. Please click the link for more information.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Physical-Development-at-CCIS-July-2023-v2.pdf>

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm we would like to invite you to a workshop that will be led by our physical development trainer Sharon Skate. She will talk to parents about the importance of good physical development and will give you some great ways to promote this at home.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

### **Universal Infant Free School Meals.**

The children are enjoying the delicious meals cooked by Mrs Humphries and her team in the kitchen. You may choose daily if you wish your child to have hot dinners or sandwiches.

Next week will be Week 2. Please click on the link for the menu.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/parents/school-dinner-menus/>

### **Attendance:**

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we take our responsibility to provide your child with a good education very seriously. In order to do this, we need your child in school every day and on time.

Good attendance and punctuality are an essential part of your child's success at Cheadle Catholic Infant School. Pupils who regularly miss school or arrive late will fall behind in lessons and may not achieve their full potential.

For more information please read our attendance leaflet on our website.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/key-information/attendance-at-cheadle-catholic-infant-school/>

### **Punctuality:**

#### **Every minute counts!**

All pupils are expected to be at school by 8:50am ready for the start of the day at 8.55am. Classroom doors and school gates will be locked at 9.10am. Parents of pupils arriving after 9:10am must report to the office to provide a reason for their child's lateness. The pupil will be marked present but arriving late. The register will close at 9:30am – pupils arriving after this time will be marked as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

Arriving late by just a few minutes each day can have a big impact on achievement. It also causes disruption for your child, the teacher and the other children in the class.

### **Term Time Leave:**

Headteachers do not have the discretion to allow pupils to take term time leave. If you take your child out of school for any reason this will result in an unauthorised absence.

Unauthorised absence places you at risk of receiving an Education Penalty Notice (EPN) fine of £120 per child per Parent/Carer to be paid within 28 days (£60 if paid within 21 days), or a prosecution in the Magistrates' court. It is a parent's legal responsibility to ensure their child's regular attendance at school.

The government monitors school attendance and punctuality. They look at persistent absence and lateness. If you child has an attendance of 90% or less they are deemed persistent absentees and we are asked to follow this up and refer to the local authority.

### **Parent Code of Conduct & Respect Policy:**

If you haven't already done so, please click on the link below to read our Parent Code of Conduct & Respect policy.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/parents/respect/>

Please then click on the link below to acknowledge that you have read the policies and also consent to your child receiving intimate care (support with changing/ toileting) if needed. If you have more than one child please fill out a form for each child.

<https://forms.gle/2Vm2ngXkTL1RFPGA7>

If you have any questions about any of the policies please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Building Fund**

As a Catholic school the majority of our income comes from state funding. However, in return for the right to promote the Catholic Faith, 10% of the cost of all building work, repairs and maintenance must be met by the Diocese. At one point, donations through collection at mass were enough to meet this cost, but funding from the 'plate' has fallen well short of the bill for many years now.

In 2000 the Shrewsbury Diocese introduced a building fund in order to meet the 10% cost of all works on its Catholic schools with all those parents choosing Catholic education for their children asked to make the voluntary contribution of **£15 per child, per year**.

Whilst this is a suggested donation, Cheadle Catholic Infant School has to make a payment for each child to the Diocesan fund - regardless of whether parents opt to pay or not.

Last year we had to pay the shortfall from the school budget - money that was much needed for resources, energy costs etc.

I do appreciate that budgets are tight for families but I would ask parents to consider why choosing a place at a Catholic school was so important to you and make a donation if you can.

You may pay using our online Parent Pay payment system.

Thankyou for your support.

### **Homework**

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School, homework activities are provided to support and develop skills and concepts that have been introduced in school. However, we appreciate that our young children do get very tired after their long day at school and homework is, therefore, completely optional. There is no pressure on you to complete homework with your children.

We enjoy looking at any work or creative activities that have been completed at home and we celebrate any work brought into school.

If you have any questions about homework please contact myself or your class teacher.

### **School Bags**

We ask that children do not bring big bags or rucksacks into school unless they are going to an after school club. School book bags should be used for reading books etc as they can fit into trays.

### **Birthdays**

Please do not send sweets / cake etc into school for birthdays. If your child wants to bring something into school for their friends perhaps a story to read or a book for the class library.

### **Snacks**

We are a healthy school and we ask that children bring in a healthy snack for morning break. Sweets, chocolate or crisps are not allowed. **Nuts of any kind** are also not allowed in school. Please read our Healthy Snack Policy for more information.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/key-information/healthy-schools/>

**We also ask that if you are bringing in grapes or cherries that they are sliced sideways and the stone is removed. This is to protect children from choking.**

We do have a number of children in school with allergies and in order to keep them safe at all times certain classes have been asked not to bring in cheese or yoghurts for snack. These foods are fine in lunchboxes for lunchtime. If your child is in one of these classes you will have been notified.

### **Open Evenings**

We will be hosting four Open Evenings this year for 2024 prospective parents.

They will be held on:

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 5-6pm**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm**

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2024 please ask them to email [admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk) in order to book a place.

**Admissions.** If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 (born between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020) online applications are now open. The closing date for Reception applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Applications for nursery places for September 2024 are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.**

[www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If you have any queries please email the admissions team at [admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk)

**Medicines:** Our first aiders are happy to administer medicine only when full written permission & details giving dosage, frequency, time and other relevant information is provided. (Forms available on the school website). However only **one** dose of medicine will be given per day.

**Changed Arrangements:** Please let us know by telephone if there is to be any change to end of day arrangements for your child. The same applies to changed arrangements for the after school club/school bus.

**Uniform:** Many thanks for ensuring the children look so smart. Do remember to label all items, as I'm sure you will appreciate the difficulties we have in identifying individual uniforms! **Even if the weather is fine in the morning, please ensure that your child has a coat with them.** The weather can be so changeable at this time of year.

## **HEALTH and SAFETY**

**Jewellery:** For safety reasons **no rings, chains, bracelets or earrings are to be worn in school.**

## **PARKING.**

- We ask that you do not park on Kew Drive or any other roads near school where parking restrictions are in place.
- We ask that you show respect and consideration at all times to our local community.
- We ask that you do not block residents' driveways so that they have full accessibility at all times to their property.

Parents are reminded that parking is available at Bruntwood Park. Parents are reminded to park respectfully and show due consideration to our local residents. **We ask that all road users drive slowly and with due attention on roads around and close to the school. The speed limit on Conway Rd is 20mph. The speed limit on the school grounds is 5mph.**

**Scooters/ Bikes:** Please ensure your children **do not ride** on their scooter/ bikes/ heelies/ roller boots etc once on school playgrounds. Thank you.

**We ask that parents ensure their children at the beginning and end of the school day do not play on or with school equipment which has been set up by class teachers for the children's outdoor learning. Thank you.**

**Dogs:** Please be aware that the only dogs allowed on the school site are guide/ hearing dogs. Dogs should not be tied up at the school gates.

Off the school site- If you need to report an incident regarding a dog you must contact Stockport Council's dog warden service on 0161 474 4207.

## **Ragbag:**

We have joined the 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in the UK.

Through Rag Bag we are able to help recycle textiles and clothing that may have ended up going to landfill. It is estimated that approximately 1.75 million tonnes of clothing waste is produced in the UK every year.

Out of this vast tonnage around 1.2 million tonnes is sent unnecessarily to landfill.

If we can divert some of this tonnage away from landfill we will directly help the environment and help provide good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world.

We can accept the following items:

- Wearable Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- Belts

We cannot accept the following items:

- Workwear
- Uniforms (including School Uniforms)
- Wet/Soiled Clothes
- Curtains
- Towels
- Duvets or Duvet Covers
- Pillows or Pillow Cases
- Blankets
- Table Cloths
- Linens
- Cushions
- Carpets
- Suitcases
- Books
- Bric a Brac
- Clothes Hangers
- Electricals

The Rag Bag collection bin has been positioned between the Infant & Junior School near the front entrance and is now open for collections.

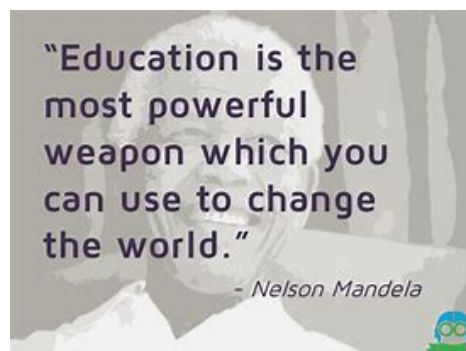
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Glynn.

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### **Pause for Reflection**





## Diary Dates...

### Provisional Diary Dates

[Our full provisional diary can be viewed on our website](https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar/)

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<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7pm</b>	Phonics Workshop for parents
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Individual photographs
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 6pm</b>	Physical Development Workshop for parents
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 4.30-6.30pm</b>	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 4.30-6.30pm</b>	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm</b>	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Sponsored Walk
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School re opens for Autumn half term 2
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm</b>	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 5-6 pm</b>	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 8.45-9.15am</b>	Thumbs Up Morning
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm</b>	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	R1 Nativity
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	R2 Nativity
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	RN Nativity
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	Nursery 2 Nativity
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	Nursery 1 Nativity
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Party Day
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas clothes day
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	School closes for Christmas holidays
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School opens for Spring Term

