Newsletter 8

Cheadle Catholic Infant School





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.

PUPIL VOICE SNAPSHOTS

This is what we have been learning this week!

Nursery:

We have loved Forest School this week! We have also been learning about big and small, little and large.

We know we have to be safe on bonfire night. We stay away from the fire. **Lola** *We don't want to get burned.* **Violet**

Reception:

We have been listening to the story of Meg and Mog. We have been learning about Divali. We have made Diva lamps, rangoli patterns and Divali cards.

Year 1:

We have been learning about algorithms in computing and we have built a lego model using step by step instructions.

In history we have received a letter from an alien asking us about life on earth in 2022.

In maths we have been working hard on our 'part whole' models.

Year 2:

We are learning about heroes in history. In science we are learning about hygiene and how to keep our bodies healthy.

Dear parents/ carers,

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had an enjoyable half-term holiday.

Monday Assembly:

On Monday we listened to the Gospel reading about Jesus meeting Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was rich but he wasn't happy. He knew that he was missing something in his life. He knew that Jesus was special and hoped that by following Jesus, he could become happier. Jesus looked at this man who was looking for him and could see that Zacchaeus wanted to change. Zacchaeus changed his life because of Jesus. We remembered that Jesus will always welcome us, look after us and love us even if we have done something wrong.

Fire safety:

This week we have been reminding our children about the Firework Code and how to keep very safe on Bonfire Night.

Please click on the link for information about fire safety in your home. https://www.manchesterfire.gov.uk/your-safety/fire-safety/your-home-safety/



Every house needs smoke alarms. If you do not have smoke alarms please contact the fire service contact centre on 0800555815 and you may be able to arrange for some alarms to be fitted free of charge.

Parent Questionnaire:

Thank you to all of you who took the time to provide responses to our parent questionnaire in October. Questionnaires are an invaluable way for the school to find out what is important to you and how we can continue to develop and improve the school for the benefit of your children. Over 88% of the responses given were either agree or strongly agree to the questions showing hugely positive attitudes about almost every aspect of the school. This reflects how hard the staff are working and the positive relationships that exist in our school community.

We have compiled the results and are pleased to present them to you.

The results of this will be discussed and shared at the next governor's meeting and with staff so that we can make our school an even better place to be for pupils and parents.

The full set of results can be viewed on our website.

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Parent-Questionnaire-Results-October-2022.pdf

Question 1: My child enjoys school

100% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed.

We are really pleased that your children enjoy coming to school and you can see this every day in the way they approach their learning.

Question 2: I am happy with the Catholic teaching, values & attitudes that the school teaches. 100% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed.

We are very proud of our core values, mission and ethos. We are proud of our children and the huge progress they make in their journey of faith.

Question 3: My child feels safe & secure in school.

99% of parents who responded agreed or disagreed.

We work very hard to ensure that our children feel safe in school. We teach daily about safeguarding and e-safety. Our Bully Busters and Playground Friends help to make our children feel safe on the playground. Children are taught to always ask for help or tell an adult if they feel unsafe.

Question 4: School informs me about what my child is learning.

92% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed.

Communication between home and school is a really important factor for ensuring the best outcomes for your children. We have almost 100% attendance at parent meetings and work hard to make end of year reports informative. Every year group has an information page on our website. This is updated half termly with a knowledge organiser detailing the learning for the coming half term. On Friday each year group also add a weekly information page which outlines learning for the coming week.

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

Question 5: School involves parents/carers in their child's learning.

95% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed.

So far this year we have run a reading workshop for parents and plan to run a maths one in the new year. We hope that the recent parent consultations and reports have been useful in providing next steps for your child. Our October parents' evenings are 'settling in' meetings and we have further meetings planned for March. Teachers are also always willing to meet with you to help you if you require further information about your child's learning.

Question 6: School provides a rich & interesting curriculum.

95% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed.

We are very lucky to have skilled and dedicated teachers who have been working hard behind the scenes to develop our curriculum. We are now more detailed in the progressions of knowledge in each subject. Our curriculum offer is detailed on our website.

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/curriculum-2/

Question 7: The school website provides information about the curriculum and teaching & learning in school.

95% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed.

Our website provides a wealth of information about what we are teaching in school. We will be adding information to each subject page throughout the year.

Question 8: I am clear about the expectations for learning at home.

88% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed

Homework is a valuable part of learning that gives parents the opportunity to engage in their child's learning and support them to improve. I also know, as a parent, that it can be a challenge to fit it in to our busy lives and that children are not always motivated. This is why we try to make it relevant and purposeful but not too arduous to complete and we make sure that it is valued by the teachers so the effort you and your child puts in in rewarded. We will be reviewing our home learning over the coming months.

Question 9: The school supports my child's wider personal development.

91% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed

Cheadle Catholic Infant School provides a varied range of themed weeks, activities, visitors and school visits. Again, our teachers work really hard to make learning engaging and fun for the children and we constantly look for opportunities to enhance their learning whilst trying to keep the cost to families as reasonable as possible.

Here are some of the comments that we received:

'The staff are very motivated and caring. My children are happy here. The school has high standards. It provides a holistic education and develops the whole child.'

'The variety of activities is fantastic. I love the forest school as does my child.'

'My child enjoys going to school and is happy at the school. All the teachers and parents are lovely.'

'I particularly like that the school recognises and rewards non-academic achievement. For children who may struggle in the classroom, I like that they are given their chance to shine in other areas such as the environment, sports and art.'

'The values have supported my children to grow in confidence and highlighted the importance of their social and emotional development. Children need to feel safe and secure as this leads to better outcomes in their education.'

'My son is very happy at CCIS, we are delighted with his reading/phonics progress in such a short time.'

We are extremely happy with the results and the comments made but we will also take into account your notes for improvement.

You said:

'We found the two week settling in period for Reception to be very difficult to manage being working parents.'

'I felt the recent parent meeting was too soon.'

Our response:

- We will be discussing our Reception settling in period at our next Full Governing Body meeting and will look at reducing it to one week for September 2023.
- Our October parent meeting is an opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher early in the year and to discuss how your child has settled in. We will be holding further parent consultation evenings in March.

We will be addressing more of your comments over the next few months.

New dates for the Diary

Thursday 15 th December 6.30pm	Year 2 Carol Concert at St Ann's Church- all
	are welcome.
Thursday 12 th January 6.30pm	First Forgiveness Meeting for Year 2
	parents in the school hall.
Friday 3 rd March 2.15pm	Class 2L First Forgiveness in the school hall

Friday 10 th March 2.15pm	Class 2NB First Forgiveness in the school hall
Friday 17 th March 2.15pm	Class 2W First Forgiveness in the school hall

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is 97%. This week our attendance is 95%

Reception: 94% Year 1: 98% Year 2: 95%

Congratulations to Classes 1DW and 2W who have the highest attendance of 99% this week!

Helping Others:



CHILDREN IN NEED: On **Friday 18th November** we will be having a non- uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. The children can wear their own clothes and make a £1 donation. Please use our online Pay 360 system for your donations.

Woodstreet Mission:

One of our Year 2 parents, Mrs Adams, is collecting toys for Woodstreet Mission. If you would like to donate a new toy to the appeal please bring them into school on **Friday 2**nd **December**. Please look at the Woodstreet Mission website for more ideas.

https://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/our-projects/christmas/

Thankyou.

PSA News:

Quiz Night: Friday November 11th: 7.30pm – tickets still available from pay 360 Christmas Fair: Saturday 3rd December- more information to follow.



Parish News:

Catholic Mother's group:

Inviting all mothers, grandmother's, God mothers and spiritual mothers who would like to deepen their faith in a relaxed environment with fellowship, support and prayer.

Every Tuesday in term time 10:30am at St Joseph's Presbytery, Fletcher Street, Stockport SK1 1DY - starting Tuesday 8th November. Free parking available. Children most welcome.

Any queries please contact Laura Wilson - laura.wilson448@gmail.com

Reminders:

Appointments:

If you need to take your child out of school during the school day you must email Mrs Glynn for permission. Thankyou.

headteacher@chedle-inf.stockport.sch.uk

School Dinners:

Week beginning 7.11.22 will be week 3, the link to the menu is below:

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Autumn-2022.pdf

Thumbs Up Wednesday:

Our first Thumbs Up Wednesday will be on Wednesday 16th November 8.45-9.30am

This is an opportunity for parents to pop into school informally to look at their child's work. You will be given the chance to sit with your child and for them to share their learning with you.

We do understand that every parent may not be able to attend each session but we hope that over the course of the year you may be able to attend some. There is no obligation for parents to attend. If you are unable to attend, children will be able to share their work with their class teacher or teaching assistant.

If you have children in different year groups you are able to move freely around the school during the session time of 8:45-9:30am.

After School Club :

The governors are seeking to appoint an After School Club Assistant. For more information please click on the link below or email Mrs Spencer.

sarah.spencer@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/news-and-events/vacancies/

Forest School:

On Friday 11th November, Forest School will be for Nursery, Reception and Year 2 children.

Open Evenings

We will be hosting two more Open Evenings this year for 2023 prospective parents.

They will be held on:

Tuesday 8th November 5-6pm

Tuesday 22nd November 6-7pm

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2022 please ask them to email <u>admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk</u> in order to book a place.

Admissions.

If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 (born between **September 1st 2018 and August 31st 2019**) you need to apply on-line direct to Stockport Local Authority for a school place. May I also remind you that you are advised to make 6 selections of schools. The closing date for Reception applications is **15th January 2023**



Applications for nursery places for September 2023 (born between**1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020**) are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31**st **March 2023**. www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any queries please email the admissions team at admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Glynn.

headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk Tel: 4858733

Pause for Reflection

November Intentions:

During the month of November we remember those who have died- family, friends, and neighbours. We will remember them all in our assemblies, especially those who have in some way been part of our school family. Please bring in your November intention slip if you wish for us to pray for a loved one during November.



Eternal rest give unto them oh Lord And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Congratulations to all of our new stars of the week!

Nursery: Ashling & Ivan R1: Loki & Gabriella R2: Anthony & Summer R3: Eva & Cillian 10: Elsie & Tom 1DW: Ibrahim & Natasha 1BM: Stanley & Lorella 2L: Luca & Emma 2NB: Alexander & Callum 2W: Joris & Orla

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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Tuesday 8 th November	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
Wednesday 16 th November 8.45-9.30am	Thumbs Up Wednesday
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Day: Wear own clothes to
	school
Tuesday 22 nd November 6-7pm	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
Saturday December 3rd	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Tuesday 13 th December 9.30am	R1 Nativity
Wednesday 14 th December 9.30am	R2 Nativity
Thursday 15 th December 9.30am	R3 Nativity
Thursday 15 th December 6.30pm	Year 2 Carol Concert at St Ann's Church- all
	<mark>are welcome</mark> .
Friday 16 th December 9.30am	Nursery 2 Nativity
Tuesday 20 th December 9.30am	Nursery 1 Nativity
Wednesday21st December	Christmas Party Day
Thursday 22 nd December	Christmas Jumper day.
	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 9 th January	School opens for Spring Term
Thursday 12 th January 6.30pm	First Forgiveness Meeting for year 2 parents
	in the school hall.
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