# Newsletter 1

# 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.

#### Letter from Mrs Glynn



#### WELCOME.....

A warm welcome to you all at the start of the new school year. It is just wonderful to see our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children back in school again. They have all followed the rules beautifully and we are very proud of them.

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.

#### Staff News

**Nursery and Reception:** Miss McClusky, Mrs. Golden, Mrs Burke and Mrs Waldron-Green make up the nursery team.

Mrs. Allwright, Mrs. Pullar, Mrs.Tetlow and Mrs Kemal are the Reception class teachers and are supported by Mrs Lynch, Mrs Velasco, Mrs Kilgallon, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Mellor & Mr Stevens.

**Year 1** : Mrs O'Halloran, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Wainwright, Mrs. Brennan-Sweeney and Mrs.McMonagle are the Year 1 teachers. Mrs.Wigfield, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Bradbury-Allen, Mrs Roan, Mrs Peel, Mrs Bentley are providing support.

**Year 2:** Mrs Lees, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs Nelson and Miss Ward are the Year 2 teachers. Mrs. Mimnagh and Mrs Noar are supporting the year group.

Mrs Boardman is our HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) and she will be covering classes across the school when needed.

Mr. Huddleston continues to work as our site manager. Mrs. Ringland has continued in her dual role as midday supervisor and cleaner. We have 12 lunchtime staff looking after the children, whilst Mrs. Humphries, Mrs Neto, Mrs McMenamin, Miss xxxx and Mrs Brennan continue to prepare our school meals.

Mrs. Spencer is our School Business Manager and Mrs Taylor is our Clerical assistant and they are the staff in the office.

A team of wonderful staff, who work hard to ensure that Cheadle Catholic Infants is a happy school.

**Music Curriculum:** Mr. Smith from the Music service will be continuing this year to deliver music teaching to our Year 1 and Year 2 children. We are very much looking forward to our musical Thursdays!

**PE Curriculum**: Mrs O'Hare will continue to work with Years 1 & 2 on Thursdays. We hope to continue our brilliant sporting successes this year with many more awards.

Mr Helsby will be continuing with his multi-skills club at lunchtime and after school for Years 1 & 2. Mr Jones will continue his football after school on Thursdays for years 1 & 2.

### PE DAYS:

**Reception: Friday** 

Year 1: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2: Wednesday & Thursday

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

#### **CURRICULUM NEWS**

We will keep you informed of curriculum developments taking place within school through newsletters and events. Each half term you will also receive a year group knowledge organiser from class teachers. This will identify targets and topics being covered in school, these knowledge organisers are also available on the school's website. There are also year group information pages on our website and they are updated weekly.

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

#### Cheadle Catholic PSA

The Cheadle Catholic PSA would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to all the children and families who have returned to and joined our school community this September. Our first PSA meeting this year will be a Zoom meeting on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm** (more details to follow.)

We are looking forward to meeting up face-to-face as soon as it is safe to do so, but in the meantime you can stay up-to-date with all the latest PSA news by joining our private Facebook page - Cheadle Catholic PSA. You can also contact PSA Chairs Jack Miller or

Sam Massey on by email: jackmiller210281@hotmail.com / samanthaannmassey@gmail.com

#### **Sponsored Walk**

On Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup> we will hosting a sponsored walk around our 'mile a day' path to raise money to buy new reading materials and ICT equipment for school.





You will receive a sponsor form in your child's bag today.

#### **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 this has been a difficult couple of years 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.

I have attached a leaflet with details of how to pay. Alternatively you may pay using our online Sims payment (pay360 Education Payments) system.

Thankyou for your support.

**Pay360 Education Payments is the new name for SIMS Pay**. The product features and its functionality will remain the same. When you log into the system, you'll notice the Pay360 logo in place of the SIMS logo and the new name - **Pay360 Education Payments**, is used throughout.

#### 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. PE bags should be a drawstring bag that can hang safely on a peg. They should remain at home for the time being.. 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.

#### School Buses:

Co-ordinator: Helen Pennington 07905937857

**Admissions**. If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 (born between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018) 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022** 

Applications for nursery places for September 2022 are also being accepted online. (born between 1.9.18 and 31.8.19) Closing date is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2022** 

#### www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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

#### **Open Evenings**

We will be hosting two Open Evenings this year for prospective parents. They will be held on:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm

#### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2022 please let them know. Social distancing rules will have to be followed and all visitors will be asked to wear a face mask.

**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. Menus can be viewed on our website.

#### https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/school-dinner-menus

# There are some forms in Year 1 & 2 children's bags today that need to be signed and returned to school before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September please.

These include:

- Home- School Agreement. We aim to promote a secure and caring environment in which teaching and learning can take place effectively. Children are encouraged, praised, treated fairly and they are expected to develop a sense of self-respect and awareness of the needs of others. We have developed with the children a simple Code of Conduct, Our Golden Rules, and linked these to the Home- School Agreement. Please can you complete the form in your child's bag and send back into school, thank you.
- Twitter



Cheadle Catholic Infant School has a Twitter account.

We will use it to keep you up to date with what is going on in school and keep in touch when out on school trips etc

- Home-School Travel Agreement. As part of further work on our school travel plan we are continuing to use a travel agreement. We aim to promote a safe environment on our school site and on surrounding roads close to school. In your child's bag you will find a Home- School Travel agreement for all Year 1 and Year 2 parents to sign. Nursery and Reception parents have already received and signed up to this agreement through their child's induction to our school. Please complete attached form and send back into school, thank you.
- Consent to school photographs and photographs displayed in school.

If there are any changes to your address, contact telephone numbers or your child's medical needs please let the office know asap by emailing <a href="mailto:admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk">admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk</a>

Please also remember to read our Respect Policy and Parent Code of Conduct that were sent out this week and click on the link below to fill in the confirmation form.

https://forms.gle/yoCYPQChyb5VYohB9

#### **Pupil Premium**

#### Did you know that you may be able to increase our school budget?

The government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. The funding is called 'Pupil Premium.' If you qualify for some benefits including:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers allowance
- Child tax credit
- Working tax credit

Then you may qualify for Free School Meals (this applies even though meals are free in the Infant School.) and you can still help increase our school budget simply by registering. If you are registered it means that your child will qualify for free school meals when they move to the juniors (School meals have to be paid for once your child moves into year 3).

Whilst in the Infant School your child will get contributions towards school trips, Breakfast Club & After School club.

No one will know that you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits that you are claiming. If you think that you may be eligible please click on the link below or speak to Mrs Spencer or Mrs Taylor in the school office.

This information is, of course, strictly confidential and will be treated with discretion. You can see if you qualify via the following link:

https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals

If you have a query about free school meals you can email <u>benefitsfsm@stockport.gov.uk</u>

**Milk money**. Have you registered for school milk? The quickest way to register is on the website at <u>www.coolmilk.com</u>. Or you can call on 0800321 3248. or you can pick up a form from school. If your child is in Year 1 or 2 you will need to reapply for milk.

**School Meals / Fruit scheme:** Please inform us if your child has any allergies to fruit/ vegetables/ food substance.

**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.



**Water bottles.** Please continue to send children with a filled water bottle for class –no juice or fizzy drinks please –just water (we call it brain juice!).

**HEALTH and SAFETY** 

Jewellery: For safety reasons no rings, chains or ear-rings are to be worn in school.

### PARKING.

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

A reminder that the highway code states:

- Restricted parking on single yellow lines during times stated on road signs and double yellow lines states parking restrictions at all times.
- Yellow zigzag lines states no stopping or parking

Parents are reminded that parking is available at Bruntwood Park.

Please remember 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.

**Scooters/ Bikes:** Please ensure your children <u>do not ride</u> 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.

TRIM TRAIL: The Infant Trim Trail is for the use of Year 1 and Year 2 children only. Please DO NOT allow your Nursery, Reception or Junior children to play on the Trim Trail before or after school. If your children are playing on the Trim Trail before and after school it is your responsibility to supervise them at all times.

**Dogs:** Please be aware that the only dogs allowed on the school site are guide/ hearing dogs.

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.

And finally.....

Have a lovely weekend. Take care and keep very safe,

Mrs Glynn.

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## Pause for Reflection



#### Congratulations to all of our new stars of the week!

Nursery: All of the children! Reception: All of the children! 1O: Sophia K & Holly 1DW: Rory & Molly 1BM: Samuel & Lila 2ON: Emma & Thomas 2W: Hollie-Mae & Alex 2L: Faye & Leo

#### Diary Dates...

#### **Provisional Diary Dates**

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Sponsored Walk
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	7pm PSA Zoom Meeting
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics/ Reading Workshop for parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
Friday 22nd October	Show Racism the Red Card Day.
	Wear red to school. School closes for Autumn half term Class 2L Assembly
Monday 1st November	School re opens for Autumn half term 2