



## 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 12<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 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



## Queen Elizabeth

Today we gathered together as a school to remember and celebrate the life of her Majesty the Queen. The children talked about their special memories of the Queen and we prayed together thanking God for all that she has done for us. We remembered also the Royal family at this sad time. We prayed that they will find comfort from the support of the Nation.



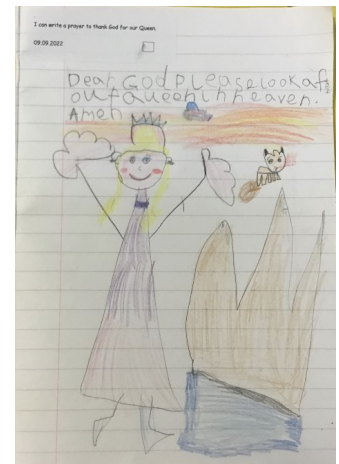
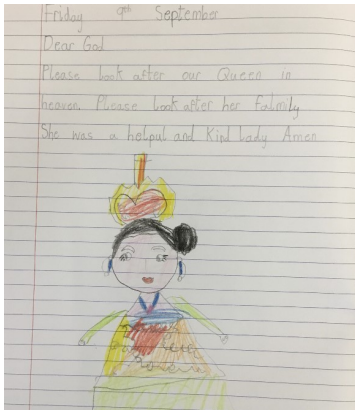
During this period of mourning we will be planning lessons and liturgies to share with the children next week. We will also be using some of the resources from 'Winston's Wish' which will enable us to have delicate and age appropriate conversations with children about death and dying and the loss of the Queen. If you would like some additional information on how you can support your child or how to answer difficult questions about bereavement there is some excellent information on their website.

For more information please click on the link below.

<https://www.winstonswish.org/talk-to-children-about-death-of-queen/>

If you feel that you or your child need additional support please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please remember Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family in your prayers tonight.



## Prayer for the Royal Family

*Almighty God, source of all consolation, we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Uphold them in your love and pour out on them the consolation of your healing Spirit.*

*Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ comfort in their sadness, certainty in their doubt and courage to live through this hour.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord*

Amen

### **Staff News:**

A huge welcome to Mrs Warren who has joined our staff team. Mrs Warren will be working in Reception and we are really looking forward to working with her. 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/>



### **It's a girl!!**

We are delighted to announce that Miss McClusky and her partner have welcomed baby Maeva into their family. Both Mummy and baby are doing well and big sister Rosa is delighted! We look forward to meeting baby Maeva soon.

Sadly this half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hunt in her role as Learning Support Assistant. Mrs Hunt will continue to manage our After School Club. We thank Mrs Hunt for all of the hard work, enthusiasm and care she has shown the children and staff over the years and we wish her well in her new venture.

### **INFORMATION:**

#### **PE Days:**

**Reception: Friday (Starting on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September)**

**Year 1: Wednesday & Thursday (Starting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September)**

**Year 2: Wednesday & Thursday (Starting Wednesday 7<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 16<sup>th</sup> September for **Year 1 & Year 2 children only.**

#### **Harvest Assembly**

On Monday 26<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 the **Wellspring Kitchen** in Stockport.

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 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **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 in the Infant School on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm** (more details to follow.)

We are looking forward to meeting you 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](mailto:jackmiller210281@hotmail.com) / [samanthaannmassey@gmail.com](mailto:samanthaannmassey@gmail.com)

## **Sponsored Walk**

On Wednesday **October 12th** 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.



## **Attendance & Punctuality**

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/assets/Documents/Attachments/Attendance-Leaflet-2022-23.pdf>

## **Term Time Leave:**

Changes in law mean that the Headteacher no longer has 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. Permitting absence from school without a good reason is an offence and may result in prosecution.

The government monitors school attendance and punctuality. They look at persistent absence and lateness. If your 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.

**Our whole school attendance target is 97%**

**Year 1 have started the year really well!**

**This week's attendance:**

**Year 1: 99%**

**Year 2: 95.5%**

**Congratulations to classes 1DW, 1BM and 2NM who have the highest attendance of 100% this week.**

## **Punctuality:**

### **Every minute counts!**

All pupils are expected to be at school by 8:50am ready for the start of the day at 9:00am. 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.

### **Policies & Permission Slips (Year 1 & 2 parents only)**

Every year we ask that parents/ carers familiarise themselves with our key policies. We ask that you please click on the link below, scroll down to the bottom of the page and read the key policies for parents. We ask that you then fill in the permission slips that you will find in your child's bag and return back to school on Monday.

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

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 Sims 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 2023 prospective parents.

They will be held on:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 5-6pm**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 [admin@chendale-inf.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chendale-inf.stockport.sch.uk) in order to book a place.

**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.chendale-inf.stockport.sch.uk/school-dinner-menus>

**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 or ear-rings 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.

**Scooters/ Bikes:** Please ensure your children **do not ride** on their scooter/ bikes/ heellies/ 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.

**Admissions.** If you have a child due to start school in September 2023 (born between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Applications for nursery places for September 2022 are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.**

[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)

#### **Parish News:**

**Children's Liturgy** - The Christ Church Children's Liturgy runs every week at the 11am Mass. All children in primary school are very welcome to attend. Parents of infants are asked to accompany their children, while parents of juniors usually remain in Church for the whole Mass.

#### **Boogie Bible': a fun and creative introduction to the Bible for young children**

'Boogie Bible' is a new course taking place at St. Ann's Church, suitable for pre-school and home-schooled reception aged children (2-5 years) and their parent/guardian.

Within the classes, stories and themes from the Bible will be explored through movement, song, music, instruments, props, and imagery.

Classes will be held in St. Ann's parish room on a Monday morning 10.30am-11.30am, and each course will run for approximately half a term.

Course dates: 26<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October

Fee: £20 (Class fees are payable upfront and are non-refundable.)

Younger siblings are welcome free of charge.

Please contact Karolina Romaniszyn-Tong on 07812485368 or [K.Romaniszyntong@mail.com](mailto:K.Romaniszyntong@mail.com) to register.

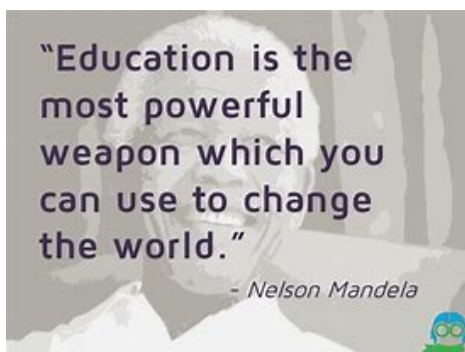
Have a lovely weekend.  
Take care and keep very safe,

Mrs Glynn.

[headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk)

Tel: 4858733

### Pause for Reflection



Congratulations to all of our new stars of the week!

1O: Joshua M & Daniella  
1DW: Natalia & Jude  
1BM: Andreas & Amelia  
2L: Joshua & Harriet  
2NB: Aisha & Eric  
2W: Samuel & Ada-Mae

### 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/>

<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Individual photographs
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 5-6pm</b>	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 4.30-6.30pm</b>	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 4.30-6.30pm</b>	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Sponsored Walk
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 6-7pm</b>	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	School closes for half term



<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	School re opens for Autumn half term 2
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 6-7pm</b>	Open Evening for 2023-24 parents
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	R1 Nativity
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	R2 Nativity
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	R3 Nativity
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	Nursery 2 Nativity
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b>	Nursery 1 Nativity
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Party Day
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper day.
	School closes for Christmas holidays
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School opens for Spring Term

