



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,

In this week's Prayer Assembly we thought about Remembrance Sunday and the significance of the poppy.

We thought about all the men and women who have died during the wars and we also thought about our own family members who have died. We thanked God for their bravery and courage and pledged that we would never forget them.

Today at 11am we stopped what we were doing and we observed 1 minute silence for people who had died in the wars. Thankyou children for remembering those who have died.



Our Beavers and Rainbows also came to school in their uniforms today in order to celebrate Remembrance Day

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. The majority of the responses given were either agree or strongly agree to the questions showing hugely positive attitudes about 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/QUESTIONNAIRE-OCTOBER-2023.pdf>

Question 1: My child enjoys school

94% 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.

98% 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.

96% 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.

86% 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.

98% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed.

So far this year we have run a reading workshop and physical development workshop for parents and have maths workshops booked in. 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.

94% 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. 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.

90% of parents who responded agreed or strongly agreed.

Our website provides a wealth of information about what we are teaching in school.

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

84% 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 is rewarded.

Question 9: School provides for my child's individual needs.

86% 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:

'We are so delighted with Cheadle Catholic. XX enjoys all aspects of school and is making excellent progress, we love the mile a day and the forest school and the passion he has for reading is amazing! Thanks for the hard work and dedication.'

All staff work extremely hard. Thankyou for all that you do.

Forest school is wonderful and the smile for the mile. Good the children are outside a lot for physical and mental well-being. The teachers are loving and caring and there is a lovely, homely feel about the school, which is a special environment for the children to be in and will allow them to feel nurtured.

There is a big emphasis on children's well-being and respecting we are all different. Lots of opportunities for the children to think about others and understand the wider world e.g. Ukraine shoe boxes, children in need, show racism the red card, Heald Green pink day etc

Teachers and all staff are superheroes and we appreciate you all!

We are very happy with Cheadle Catholic and my children love school.

Friendly approachable staff. Kind and caring Office staff are great too and feel need a mention Informative and nothing is ever any trouble if it's answering a question and finding out the answer or helping with a pupil issue

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

You said:

1. *More music, particularly throughout nursery and reception.*
2. *If you had breakfast club provision for the nursery*
3. *Would love sign language to be taught*
4. *Please could thumbs up Wednesday occur on different days. It is always Wednesdays which means some parents would always be excluded due to their working days. Happy that other activities like drop everything and read occur on different days but thumbs up could be moved to different days from time to time. Thanks*
5. *Knowing the dates of forest school in advance in the newsletter please!*

Our response:

1. Music is taught throughout school from Nursery to Year 2.

This year we have enhanced and improved 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 are listening to classical music.

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

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

2. Nursery Wraparound Care:

This is something we are working on behind the scenes and we hope to have some new information for you soon.

3. Sign Language:

We teach Makaton throughout the school and we sing many of our songs and hymns using Makaton.

4. Thumbs Up:

We will change the dates for our Thumbs Up morning throughout the year in order to allow more parents to attend.

Our next Thumbs Up morning will be on Wednesday 29th November. Following that our next sessions will be on:

- Tuesday 23rd January
- Friday 3rd May
- Tuesday 9th July

5. Please see the dates of Forest School Sessions and PE lessons below:

PE Days:

Reception: Wednesday

Year 1: Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2: Thursday & Friday On these days your child may come to school in their PE kit, joggers/ leggings and trainers (Velcro please.)

For the next few weeks Year 1 and Year 2 children will require shorts for their apparatus lessons. Children can wear their shorts under their joggers or bring them into school in their blue book bags to change into.

Forest School:

- Friday 17th Nov: Nursery & Reception
- Friday 24th Nov: Year 1 & 2
- Friday 1st December: Nursery & Reception
- Friday 8th December: Year 1 & 2
- Friday 15th December: Nursery & Reception
- Friday 22nd December: No Forest School today.

We will reply to further questionnaire comments made over the following weeks.

Reading for Pleasure:

Reading for Pleasure is a huge part of life at our school. As well as a wide variety of picture books, chapter books, poetry and non-fiction our children love to read comics and magazines. The visual aspect really help children to 'see' the story and the short stories appeal to children of all ages.



If your family has any comics or magazines at home that they have finished with, we would love to add them to our book corners. Many thanks!

TIME TO SHINE:

Our Time to Shine Assembly will now take place on **Monday 27th November.** If you have any photographs that you would like us to share in Assembly please email them to timetoshine@chadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk



Year 2 Maths Mastery Parent Workshop:



It was lovely to welcome so many Year 2 parents into school this week to take part in our Maths Mastery workshop with their children.

To help develop children's fluency we teach a daily 10-15 minutes 'Mastering Number' session separate to the main maths lesson. This programme is a DfE funded initiative run by the National Centre for Excellence in Maths Teaching (NCETM) through the maths hubs, and they have recently developed home learning materials as part of this. At the session parents found out more about their child's learning, played some simple fun games and took away a resource pack to use at home. The children really loved showing their parents/ grandparents their learning

There is more information about Maths Mastery on our website. Please click the link below:

<https://www.chedle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/curriculum-2/subjects/maths/>

A message from St Ann's Parish, Cheadle Hulme

Dear Parents/ carers,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our families.

During their time at the Infant and Junior School your children will be preparing for the very special Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

We would like to accompany you and your children on this journey of faith. Your children are receiving excellent preparation for this new development in their spiritual life at school and with you at home. We would like all your family to feel at home within your Parish family.



We therefore invite you as a family to join us in the Parish rooms on Saturday 2nd December to make an Advent wreath with us.

Time 3.30pm-4.30pm for making Advent wreaths.
5pm Childrens Mass with lighting and blessing of the children's wreaths.

Please text me (Carol) on 07760324672, to let me know how many children are coming!

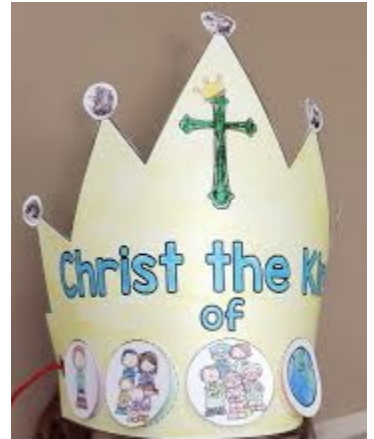
Christ the King children's Mass at St Ann's Church: Saturday 25th November 5pm

The Parish of St Ann's in Cheadle Hulme would like to invite all of the children from Cheadle Catholic Schools and their families to a children's Mass to celebrate the feast day of Christ the King.

Children who attend the Mass will be invited to take part in a procession before and after the service.

We look forward to seeing you and your families!

If the children come early 4.15 pm, there will be crowns to make before Mass.



Our school choir has also been invited to sing at Mass.

Christmas Fair: Saturday 2nd December 11am-1.30pm

Next week we will be collecting chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

Thankyou for your continued support.



INFORMATION	DATE
Collection for treat bag tombola	Week beginning 06/11/23
Collection for chocolate tombola	Week beginning 13/11/23
Collection for bottle tombola	Week beginning 20/11/23
Collection for second hand toys/books	Week beginning 27/11/23
Cake donations	01/12/23

REMINDERS:

Children in Need Day: Friday 17 November

Children can come to school in their own clothes/ Pudsey spots!!
You make a voluntary online donation using the link below or bring your donation into school.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12566>

Thankyou.

Welcome Workout:

We are always looking at ways to promote physical activity in school and to involve parents/carers where we can.

On the following dates we would like to invite parents into school to take part in an early morning workout! The sessions will take part at drop off: 8.50-9.10am in the school hall. We do appreciate that not all parents will be able to attend but it would be lovely to see as many of you joining us as possible.

If you are able to attend please wait outside the main doors with your child and we will let you into the hall at 8.50am. Younger siblings who are not yet in school are also welcome to attend.

- Reception - 16th November
- Nursery - 23rd November
- Year 1 - 30th November
- Year 2 - 7th December

Upcoming Christmas Events:

*It was the Week before Christmas
and here at Our School.....*

BEDTIME STORIES



Cheadle Catholic PSA would like to invite Infant children to join us for an evening of storytelling.

Each evening of bedtime stories will be based on a magical Christmas theme, with an age appropriate story. Children need to be in their nightwear & bring their favourite cuddly teddy. A choice of hot milk or hot chocolate & biscuits will be served. So all you need to do is say their prayers and pop them to bed when you get home!

TICKETS £3 per child

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The Bedtime stories will be on the following evenings and are open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:

Tuesday 19th December: 5.45-6.30pm

Wednesday 20th December: 5.45-6.30pm

Bookings can be made via Parent Pay

STORYTIME WITH SANTA at the Christmas Fair December 2nd, 2023

Father Christmas is returning to Cheadle Catholic Schools' Christmas Fair on



Saturday December 2nd.

Father Christmas will be sharing a short story with groups of children. All visitors will receive a gift from Santa and if they want to share their Christmas lists, there will be a postbox in the Grotto for children to post their letters. The Grotto is open for children in **Nursery to Year 6**.

Parents and carers can pre-book a slot ahead of the Christmas Fair.

Slots available: 11am-11.30am, 11.45am-12.15pm, 12.30pm-12.45pm

Timed slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis and the PSA will endeavour to give your children places within their preferred time slots.

TICKETS £3 per child

Bookings can be made via Parent Pay

Maths Mastery in school:

Year 1 parents who wish to attend the workshop on **Tuesday 21st November 9am- 10am** please click on the link to register.

<https://forms.gle/vFMTKHWJtxQQm9Jt6>

Reception parents who wish to attend the workshop on **Tuesday 16th January 9am-10am** please click on the link to register.

<https://forms.gle/XQ8ui812SW5KkQag9>

Thumbs Up Wednesday:

Our first Thumbs Up Wednesday will be on **Wednesday 29th November 8.45-9.15am**

School Dinners:

The week beginning 13.11.23 will be back to week 2, the link to the menu is below:

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

Open Evenings

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

They will be held on:

Tuesday 14th November 5-6pm

Tuesday 6th 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 in order to book a place.

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

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

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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

Wishing you a lovely weekend,



'At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.'

(Taken from the forth stanza of 'For the fallen' by Laurence Binyon.)

Mrs Glynn.

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Congratulations to our new Stars of the Week:

Nursery: Lucas & Charlton

R1: Libby & Madeleine

R2: Will & Olivia

RN: Rafferty & Jack

1O: Oliver & Isabella

1DW: Ollie & Gabriella

1BW: Brody A & Lucy

2L: Hattie & Thomas W

2N: Holly & Daniel

Provisional Diary Dates

Our full provisional diary can be viewed on our website

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar/>

Tuesday 14th November 5-6 pm	Open Evening for 2024- 25 parents
Thursday 16th November 8.50-0.10am	Reception Welcome Workout for children and parents
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day: Wear own clothes to school £1 donation for Children in Need
Tuesday 21st November 9-10am	Maths Mastery Workshop for year 1 parents
Thursday 23rd November 8.50-9.10 am	Nursery Welcome Workout for children and parents .
Wednesday 29th November 8.45-9.15am	Thumbs Up Morning
Thursday 30th November 8.50-9.10 am	Year 1 Welcome Workout for children and parents .
Saturday 2nd December 11am-1.30pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR
Wednesday 6th December 6-7pm	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
Thursday 7th December 8.50-9.10 am	Year 2 Welcome Workout for children and parents .
Tuesday 12th December 9.30am	R1 Nativity
Wednesday 13th December 9.30am	R2 Nativity
Thursday 14th December 9.30am	RN Nativity
Thursday 14th December 6pm	Year 2 Carol Concert at St Ann's Church
Friday 15th December 9.30am	Nursery 2 Nativity
Tuesday 19th December 9.30am	Nursery 1 Nativity
Tuesday 19th December 5.45-6.30pm	Bedtime Stories
Wednesday 20TH December	Christmas Party Day
Wednesday 20th December 5.45-6.30pm	Bedtime Stories
Friday 22nd December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 8th January	School opens for Spring Term
Tuesday 16th January 9-10am	Maths Mastery Workshop for Reception Parents

