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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.

Gospel Assembly:

This week in Assembly we listened to the Gospel reading of how Jesus cured ten men who had leprosy.

Sadly only one of the men came back to thank Jesus. We talked about how it feels to say thankyou and how it feels to receive a thankyou.

We all agreed that we have so much to be thankful for and that is so important to thank others for everything they do for us and to thank God for His special blessings.

Nursery Parents Phonics workshop:

This will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 6th February at 9.15am**.

We will talk to you about how we develop speaking and listening, phonics and eventually reading in Nursery.

We will give you some ideas about how to support your child at home as well as providing opportunities for questions.

We look forward to seeing you.



Lunar New Year Day:

Lunar New Year falls on Saturday February 10th and this year will be the Year of the Dragon. In order to celebrate the day we will be having a Lunar New Year Day in school on Friday February 9th. On this day all of the children in school will learn about the customs and traditions of Lunar New year and take part in lots of fun activities!





As part of the celebrations all children will have a forest school session where they will learn about fire safety and have the opportunity to make patterns with their own Lunar New Year sparkler!

All children will, therefore, need a raincoat, wellies and gloves in school next Friday.

The children have been busy making a vertical garden in Forest School and now need your help!

If you have any bulbs at home that we could plant in our vertical garden we would be delighted to have them. Thankyou

PSA News:

World Book Day Costume Swap Monday 4th March after school.

If you have any World Book Day costumes that your child/ children have grown out of please send them into school the week beginning 20th February. On Monday 4th March we will host a costume swap after school.

Used Uniform Sale: Monday 18th March

During the week beginning **11th March** we will be collecting the following used uniform items:

- Black fleeces
- School jumpers and cardigans
- Grey pinafores
- Grey skirts
- Grey trousers
- Grey shorts
- Wellies
- Yellow polo shirts

Please give your donations to your class teacher. We will host the uniform sale in the Infant School hall after school on Monday 18th March.

Mental Health Week 5th- 9th February

According to **Place2Be**, a children's mental health charity that provides counselling and mental health support in UK schools, around three children in every primary school class have a mental health problem and many more struggle with challenges from bullying to bereavement.

Place2Be launched the first ever Children's Mental Health Week in 2015 to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. Now in its eighth year, they hope to encourage more people than ever to get involved and spread the word.

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters!'

For Children's Mental Health Week 2024, we will be encouraging our children to find their voice and make a difference.

Next week we will be reminding our children about our Five Ways to Wellbeing.

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School the health and wellbeing of the children at our school is extremely important. Every day the children are encouraged to think and learn about different ways to keep themselves healthy - physically and mentally.

Throughout the year, we strive to provide the children with a happy place to learn, but also look to ways that we can develop our children into life-long happy and healthy men and women. We use PSHE to help the children build on these life skills and their awareness of mental health, relationships and physical wellbeing.

To continuously promote health and wellbeing in school we:

- Encourage the children to take part in daily sports clubs at lunchtime and after school.
- Take part in the Daily Mile every child runs/walks a mile everyday at some point in the day.
- Invite our school dentist in to deliver healthy teeth workshops.
- Teach children about eating healthy food.

We encourage our children to:

- Enjoy doing things together and talking to each other.
- Keep learning.
- Exercise!
- Try something new. Try a new hobby, or learn about something just because it interests you.
- Take notice: Take a break to see how you feel...

Please see some useful information for parents below.



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TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - "My

LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL

ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD? Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents

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CHILDREN'S

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health' - sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.

I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.

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Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling - it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.

Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.

Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.

Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying - I don't always need answers (or lectures)

Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.

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If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.

Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age - my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.



Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? **CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES** FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

C For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCGI8

C For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK

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CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...



Next week we will also be celebrating Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February.

This year's theme: 'Inspiring Change!'



PE in school :

It was lovely to welcome Nursery parents into school on Tuesday for our 'Welcome Workout,' and Class 10 parents into school on Thursday for our parents PE session.

The children loved taking part in the activities with their families and showing off their great determination and resilience!

We look forward to welcoming Class 1BW parents into school at **9.15am on Wednesday 7**th **February.**

School Dinners:

Our new menus are ready and will begin after half term. Please click on the link below to view them.

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

Uniform groups

We have been made aware that 'Thinking Day' (Thursday 22nd February) is an important day for the Girl Guiding organisation and have received a request for children to wear their uniform to school that day. We are happy to support the girl guides (and other uniform groups who wish to mark the day) in this.

Poverty Proofing

Thank you to all of you for taking part in our 'Poverty Proofing' project and for filling in the survey. The leaders of the project were delighted with our respectful and kind children who were able to speak openly about their lived experience at Cheadle Catholic.

We look forward to receiving our report and using it to make changes for the better!

WORLD BOOK DAY:

Thursday 7th March will be World Book Day. On this day, we ask children to come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book. We would also love it if the children could bring that book to school with them if they have it, so that they can show it to their friends and teachers. We also know that not everyone enjoys dressing up so if they would prefer they are very welcome to come to school in their pyjamas instead, with their favourite bedtime story.

Roald Dahl MATTILDA Unstanted by Quentin Blake

Nursery 1 children may come dressed as their favourite character on Wednesday 6th March. We look forward to seeing a school full of princesses, pirates, animals and more.

As we all love reading, we always like to make the festivities last as long as possible and so we will be celebrating books and reading during the whole week beginning Monday 4th March.



School Library

We are really lucky to have a lending library and all the children love the experience of coming to the library and choosing their own books. It is a really important part of our school's Reading for Pleasure offer and also a vital part in teaching your children to love reading. We understand that accidents happen and sometimes books are misplaced and we will always clear a child's lending record if a book is lost or damaged so that they can continue borrowing. Please can you take a look at home for any library books to may have that belong to school. Please return them to school as soon as possible.

Thankyou.

Class of the Half term:



This week the class tokens were counted and we are delighted to announce that this half term's winners are Class 10!!! Well done to all of the children who have earned tokens for excellent behaviour, good manners, hard work and for shining brightly.

We are very proud of you all. Class 10 will rewarded with a non uniform day on Friday 6th February.

Curriculum News:

Please click the link below to view next week's learning

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

Important guidance from the Local Authority re earrings :

Earrings: Pupils unable to remove earrings for the first 6 weeks of a new piercing, should be required to make them safe by taping, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection, but must be able to remove them after the 6 weeks has lapsed. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball).

NB. Taping is not suitable in any activity where contact (with either another person or equipment) is highly likely to, or will, occur e.g. all invasion games, dodgeball etc.

This taping may be done at home for younger children. Staff are not required to remove or tape earrings for pupils. Parents should be telephoned if a child comes into school without tape over their earrings. Where staff consider the taping to be unsatisfactory to permit safe participation, they will need to consider alternative involvement in the lesson for the pupil.

The use of retainers (flat studs that retain the piercing when earrings or studs are removed) is becoming more common as a form of acceptable substitution where total removal is not possible. Provided these are flat and cannot cause damage if a blow or ball hits the side of the head, the level of risk is clearly reduced. Again, these are not suitable in any activity where contact (with either another person or equipment) is highly likely to, or will occur and should only be used for the initial 6 week period following the piercing.

We would, therefore, like to remind you that earrings are not permitted to be worn in school. If your child has had their ears pierced they must wear tape over their ears for the first six weeks. During this time they will not be permitted to take part in dodge ball lessons. After 6 six weeks the earrings should be removed for school. Retainer earrings should not be worn in school.

Thankyou

Parish News:

Christchurch Heald Green:

Fr Tony would like to welcome children of Cheadle Catholic schools to a children's mass at Christ Church on **Saturday 24th February at 6pm**.

It would be lovely to see as many children as possible at the mass. Our wonderful choir will also be singing at mass.

ST Vincent's, Bramhall

At 9.30 Mass on Sunday 11th February, the children will receive their Family Lent Challenge. The will be asked to carry out a positive task each day. Come along and collect yours

St Ann's Cheadle Hulme:

Children's liturgy will take place at 11am Mass (4th February). This week it will be led by Mrs Glynn

REMINDERS:

Applications for nursery places for September 2024 are still 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

Week beginning 5.2.24 will be week 2, the link to the menu is below: https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/parents/school-dinner-menus/

And finally:

Please continue to keep our Cheadle Catholic family in your prayers,

Mrs Glynn.

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Tel: 0161 4858733

Congratulations to all of our new stars of the week!

Nursery: Ivy D & Beck R1: Ffion & Mohid R2: Florence & John RN3: Grace O & Lucy 10: Georgie & Musa 1DW: Austin & Isabelle 1BW: Fionn & Jessica 2L: Natalia & Matthew 2N: Ella & Connor 2W: Audrey & Isla 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/

Tuesday 6 th February: 9.15-9.45am	Nursery Parents Phonics Workshop
Wednesday 7 th February	Class 1BW Parent PE session
Friday 9 th February	Lunar New Year Day
Friday 9 th February	School Closes for Half term
Monday 19 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 th February	School opens for Spring Term 2
Wednesday 21 st February: 9.15-9.45am	Class 1DW Parent PE session
Friday 23 rd February 9.15-9.45am	Class 2L Parent PE session
Tuesday 27 th February: 8.50-9am	Reception Welcome Workout
Friday 1 st March: 9.15-9.45am	Class 2N Parent PE session
Monday 4 th March	World Book day costume swap
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day. Come to school dressed as your favourite book character or in your pyjamas.
Friday 8 th March	Class 2W Parent Pe session (more details to follow)
Friday 8 th March: 2pm	Class 2L First Forgiveness
Friday 15 th March: 2pm	Class 2N First Forgiveness
Monday 18 th March	Used uniform sale
Tuesday 19 th March: 4pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 21 st March: 4pm-6.30pm	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 22 nd March: 2pm	Class 2W First Forgiveness
Tuesday 26 th March: 9.30am	Class 1DW Easter Assembly
Wednesday 27 th March: 9.30am	Class 1BW Easter Assembly
Thursday 28 th March: 9.30am	Class 10 Easter Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 28 th March	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 15 th April	School opens for Summer Term
Friday 3 rd May: 8.45-9.15am	Thumbs Up morning
Wednesday 8 th May: 9.30am	Reception Sport's Morning (Weather permitting)
Friday 10 th May: 9.30am	Nursery 2 Sport's Morning (Weather permitting)
Monday 20 th May: 9.30am	Nursery 1 Sport's Morning (Weather permitting)
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term.
Monday 10 th June	School opens for Summer Term 2
Wednesday 19 th June	Class photographs

Wednesday 26 th June: 9.30am	Year 1 Sport's Morning (Weather permitting)
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 2 Sport's Morning (Weather permitting)
Tuesday 9 th July: 8.45-9.15am	Thumbs Up Morning
Monday 15 th July: 9.30am	Nursery 1 Assembly
Tuesday 16 th July: 9.15am	Class 2L Leaver's Assembly
Wednesday 17 th July: 9.15am	Class 2W Leaver's Assembly
Thursday 18 th July: 9.15am	Class 2N leaver's Assembly
Friday 19 th July: 9.15am	Nursery 2 Assembly
Wednesday 24 th July: 3.30-4.30pm	Year 2 Leaver's Disco