Newsletter 3

# Cheadle Catholic Infant School

22nd September 2023



**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,

### This Week in School:



#### **Nursery:**

Nursery have loved exploring the different colours from our story 'The Colour Monster'. We have talked about different feelings. The children have also been working on developing their fine motor skills by cutting spaghetti and using tweezers to pick it up!

#### Reception:

Reception have enjoyed listening to the story 'the boy who hated toothbrushes' we sorted items of food that are healthy for our teeth and food that is unhealthy we made our pretend teeth 'filthy' and brushed them clean with our toothbrushes.

#### Year 1:

This week year 1 have listened to the story of Creation from the Bible. They have enjoyed making their own creation scene and thinking about all the wonderful things God has made for us all to share.

They loved walking around the school grounds during their Geography lesson to find out all the places they have near their classroom.



#### Year 2:

This week we used compasses to find north, south, east and west in our playground. We observed changes in the seasons from Summer to Autumn.

For more information about what your child will be learning in school next week please click the link below which will take you to the class pages on our website:

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





#### **Book Bus:**

Today was a great day for our Reading Champions as the Book Bus came to school. There were squeals of excitement as they saw that the bus was full of shelves of all kinds of books. The children thought carefully about the books that would suit different age ranges across school and it was great to see them being so careful and intentional about the books they were choosing.

"This would be great for Nursery because they like the Hungry Caterpillar in there."

"Reception love rhyming books like this."

"We have to have this one for our class, it's a Nick Sharrett book. He does the Daisy books."

All the children were pleased with new books for their class library and we know they will get hours of pleasure from them.

Thank you Reading Champions!



Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September is European Day of Languages. We will be using this opportunity to celebrate the many different languages spoken by the children and staff in our school. If your child can speak another language (from Europe or any other part of the world) it would be lovely if they could teach their class some simple words (such as hello, goodbye, thank you), share a story book in their home language or even teach us a song!

#### **Harvest Assembly**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September we will be coming together as a school family to take part in our Harvest Festival.

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 Chelwood Foodbank in Cheadle Hulme

#### **Cafod Family Fast Day**

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 6th October**. This year we will be asking all of our children to leave their morning snack at home and instead bring in a tin for Chelwood Foodbank.



### Children's Family Fast Day prayer

God of all,

Open our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Open our ears to hear your words of hope and compassion.

Open our mouths to speak up when people are suffering.

Open our hearts, to reach out in love.

Amen.

#### **Playground Friends**:

Our playground Friends have been hard at work this week. They have been guiding and supporting our Reception children at lunchtimes during their first full week in school.

Thankyou Playground Friends for your kindness and enthusiasm. We look forward to welcoming our Bully Busters onto the playground next week!



<u>After School Club</u>: PLEASE NOTE-There is no After School Club or football on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September due to staff safeguarding training.

#### 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, black fleece or school jumper/ cardigan and trainers (Velcro please.)

We ask that children wear black hoodies/ fleeces or school jumpers/ cardigans only. Brightly coloured or sports hoodies with sports logos on should not be worn in school.

#### **Forest School:**

Nursery and Reception children will begin their Forest School sessions next week (Friday 29th September).

They will need to wear their forest school kit to school which is the same as their PE kit:

- Yellow t shirt
- Black fleece or school jumper
- Black joggers
- Trainers

They will also need to bring wellies and an all in one waterproof suit or a waterproof jacket and trousers. Wellies may then remain in school.

We also ask that the children bring a spare pair of joggers, socks and Tshirt incase they need to get changed after their Forest School session.

#### **Reading/ Phonics Workshop and information sharing:**

### Tuesday 26th September -

ALL parents welcome.

At the meeting we will share with you what phonics is, how it helps your child with their reading and writing and how you can support your child at home. We will also discuss the importance of 'reading for pleasure,' how we promote it at school and how we give our children the clear message that reading is fun and it is for everyone.

#### **Keeping Healthy:**

The UK Health Security Agency have published a back to school blog with helpful tips for keeping children healthy this year.

https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2023/09/08/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/

#### **Parish News:**

St Vincent's Children's Liturgy is in its 30th year.

On Sunday the children are performing a little dance drama of the gospel; 'The workers in the vineyard.' 9.45 at St Vincent's, Bramhall

#### **School Building Fund**

In 2000 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.

This money goes towards the upkeep of the school.

Cheadle Catholic Schools have 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 (over £3000) - money that was much needed for resources, energy costs, ICT equipment etc.

As I am sure you are aware, public services are facing increasing difficulties with regards to their finances and the current financial position that we are all facing is challenging for everyone. The increase in costs of resources, paper, energy bills, food, staffing etc with no increase of school funding from the DFE or government has impacted negatively on our school budgets. This means that we may have to look at decreasing the number of school trips, visitors etc into school.

We are ever grateful for the dedication and commitment of our parents who support us overwhelmingly on a daily basis. In order to support us further and to make a real difference to our budget we urge you to make your payment to the Diocesan Fund.

You may pay using our online Parent Pay payment system.

Thankyou for your support.

#### **Parent Consultation Evening:**

Our first Parent Consultation Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 4.15-6.15pm** here in school. The purpose if this meeting is to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and to share targets for the year ahead. Our next parent Consultation Evenings will be held in March.

You will be able to book your meetings online.

# We will send a link to your mobile phone or email address this evening which will take you to our online booking system to select a time convenient for you. Please follow these simple steps to book your slot:

- 1. Click the link that you receive through text and/or email to take you to the confirmation page. You will need internet access to do this.
- 2. Enter your child's first name to continue. If you have more than one child, any of their first names will work.
- 3. Next you will be taken to the booking page. This will show your children alongside all of the teachers that you can book in with.
- 4. Click 'Please Choose' to be shown a list of available times that you can click to book.
- 5. After you have entered any notes, please click 'Book this Slot' to complete your booking. When the button has turned green you know your booking has been made.
- 6. At any time before the Parents Evening, you can click the link on your phone or email again to check your booking time or even un-book by clicking the green booked button.

Make sure you book your parents evening ASAP to ensure you get the best time for you.

Key Stage 1 class teachers (Y1 and Y2 teachers) will meet with parents in the hall, you are welcome to view your child's books and classroom before or after your appointment but we do ask that you are in the hall 5 minutes prior to your allocated appointment time.

# Class 1BW books will be in the Year 1 area as After School Club will be held in Class 1BW for both evenings.

Reception and RN class teachers will meet with parents in the reception shared area and you are able to view your child's books and classroom before or after your allocated appointment time.

Nursery staff will meet with parents in the Nursery.

We ask that you arrive 5 minutes before your appointment time and you will have the opportunity to view your child's learning journey and classroom before and after your allocated appointment time.

We have allowed 5 minutes per child and ask for your co-operation in keeping to this. You will appreciate that this important event is exclusively for parents; **therefore no children including junior children should be onsite for either meeting.** 

There will be no childcare provision provided.

We look forward to seeing you on the evening of Tuesday 10th October and Thursday 12th October.

#### **School Photographs:**

Individual photographs will take place on <u>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</u>. We ask that the children wear their school uniform to school on this day, not PE kit. Year 1 and Reception children may wear trainers on this for their PE lesson. Children will have an individual photograph taken and if they have siblings in our school or the Junior School they will also have a photograph taken with them.

#### **School Dinners:**

Next week is back to week 2, the link to the menu is below:

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

#### **REMINDERS:**

#### PARKING:

#### Serious parking/ driving issue:

This morning it was reported to me that a very worrying incident had occurred at the end of the school day yesterday. A child narrowly avoided being seriously hurt when a parent reversed their car up onto the pavement on Henley Avenue and hit his bike causing him to fall.

There were many young children around and this was a very close near miss.

Unfortunately, Mrs Fender and I have also been contacted by a local resident this week as, they believe, a parent or carer from our schools, parked up on their drive.

We would like to thank all those who do park and drive with consideration and ask all to be vigilant and park and drive with care.

- 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.

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.

#### **One Project Ukraine:**

For the past 18 months our Cheadle Catholic community has pulled together to support the people of Ukraine through fund raising and the collection of donations. Mrs Wigfield (Year 1 Teaching Assistant) and her family have worked tirelessly to send lorry loads of valuable resources to people who need it most in Ukraine including children in Chernihiv orphanage which was badly bombed.

We are once again asking for your help.

Mrs Wigfield and her family would like to send as many shoebox Christmas presents as they can to Ukraine. Please see the information below.

We will be collecting the boxes in school from 16th-20th October. The closing date for dropping boxes at school will be Friday 20th October.

We thank you once again for the amazing support you continue to show to the people of Ukraine.



#### Physical Development Workshop: Thursday 5th October 6pm

https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Physical-Development-at-CCIS-July-2023-v2.pdf

#### **Sponsored Walk:**

On Wednesday October 18th we will be hosting a sponsored walk around our 'mile a day' path to raise money to fund new playground markings. You should have received your child's sponsor form last week, please contact your class teachers if you haven't yet got it.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

#### **Open Evenings**

We will be hosting four Open Evenings this year for 2024 prospective parents. They will be held on:

Tuesday 17th October 5-6pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 5-6pm Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk">admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk</a> in order to book a place.

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

Applications for nursery places for September 2024 are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31**<sup>st</sup> **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 all a lovely weekend.

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#### Congratulations to our new Stars of the Week:

Nursery: Ivy K & Sam

R1: Elias & Olivia

R2: Camilla & Titus

RN: Isla & Daire

**10:** Eva & Finn

1DW: Imogen & Adrian

1BW: Maia & Jolie

2L: Jacob & Mollie

2W: Soa & Charlie B

2N: Charlie & Isla

# **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 26 <sup>th</sup> September 7pm	Phonics Workshop for parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual photographs
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm	Physical Development Workshop for parents
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Cafod Family Fast Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 4.30-6.30pm	Parent's evening
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 4.30-6.30pm	Parent's evening
Tuesday 17th October 5-6pm	Open Evening for 204-25 parents
Wednesday 18th October	Sponsored Walk
Friday 20th October	School closes for half term
Monday 30th October	School re opens for Autumn half term 2
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 5-6 pm	Open Evening for 2024- 25 parents
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 8.45-9.15am	Thumbs Up Morning
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 6-7pm	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	R1 Nativity
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	R2 Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	RN Nativity
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	Nursery 2 Nativity
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am	Nursery 1 Nativity
Wednesday 20 <sup>TH</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens for Spring Term