

# Weekly Newsletter

## LEADERSHIP UPDATE

As you might recall, prior to half term we wrote to you with an update about our school's leadership arrangements. We have used the last few weeks to further consider the options available to us, and we now have an agreed way forward which we are excited to share.

What we know is that, under the current leadership arrangements, CHPS continues to be in a very strong place. Not only did we already have an impressive senior leadership team at the school, but the addition of Mr Maguire and his extensive experience of leading an Outstanding primary has helped us accentuate our strengths and make real progress in other areas.

Furthermore, the period around Easter is typically the best time to recruit serving Headteachers. Due to the way resignation deadlines work, it means that recruiting in this period enables selected candidates to start their new roles at the beginning of the new academic year. This is the way most Heads would prefer to start any new role, and why many Heads tend to be looking at their career options during this period.

To enable us to start our recruitment at the most opportune time, we are delighted that Mr Maguire will be staying at CHPS, as Head of School, on a longer-term basis than was originally planned. Along with the rest of the school's brilliant staff, he will ensure that CHPS continues on the trajectory that we are on until a new Head is in post and ready to take over the reins.

Mr Maguire will be spending the vast majority of his working week at CHPS, but he will be keeping a watchful eye on what happens at his other school each week.

I know that Mr Maguire will be writing to you all shortly, but he has asked me to pass on how appreciative he is of the welcome you have all given him. His continued support not only gives us stability, but also the platform to, in his words, "plough on" with some exciting and beneficial changes.

As always, if you have any questions, then please do contact the school and we will do all that we can to provide any clarity and reassurance.

**Natalie Samuels (Chair of Governors)**



## PARENT COUNCIL

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday 27th November. Topics for discussion will include current school communications and how the schools currently provides help and advice for parents in supporting their children academically and pastorally.

More details on how to share any feedback you may have will be shared later this month.

## PTA UPDATE

### PTA supporting Poynton Round Table

Thanks to our superstar litter pickers who represented the PTA and helped with the clean up after the fireworks night last weekend - we are very proud of you all!



### Christmas Fair

Just three weeks to go! There will be lots of fun for all the family including games, crafts and tombolas, as well as external stall holders so that you can do some Christmas shopping! We are excited to be joined by Slice Of Fire Neapolitan Pizza who will be cooking freshly baked pizzas to purchase on the day (Gluten free and vegan pizza options will be available). We will also have our bar serving lots of drinks including hot chocolate and mulled wine, and our cake and sweet stall!

Tickets are now on [sale](#). Please purchase your tickets to help us plan the event. We are also asking for donations for the bottle stall which can be brought in on the day of the event (29th Nov).

Can you help on a stall for an hour? Please contact the PTA ([pta.chps@gmail.com](mailto:pta.chps@gmail.com)) or your class rep if you can help

Don't forget that next Friday (15th) is a non uniform day in exchange for a sweets or chocolate donation for the tombola

## ODD SOCKS DAY

Next week, alongside schools across the country, we'll be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with the theme of 'Choose Respect'. A parent guide produced by Anti-Bullying Week is available [here](#) and lots more information about our approach in school can be found on our comprehensive [Personal Development page of the school website](#).

As part of this event, on Tuesday we are inviting the children to join fellow pupils around the UK in coming into school in odd socks - this is purely to raise awareness of the week so no donation is required.

## UNICEF Rights Respecting School

### Article 12

Every child has the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously



## CHRISTMAS MYSTERY READERS

We are looking for some willing parent/carer (or grandparent!) volunteers to be our Christmas 'Mystery Readers'.

On Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th December, each class will have a mystery reader visit their classroom just before home time, to read them a favourite children's book (or chapter from a novel). If you are interested in being one of our mystery readers, please register your interest through this form by Friday 22nd November: <https://forms.office.com/e/uAp7Am1Zah>

We have previously been lucky enough to have a large number of volunteers for this. If this is the case again this year, we will select names at random and contact those selected at the start of December.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

15th Nov - Dress Down Day

18th Nov - UK Parliament Week

18th Nov - Pre-School Open Morning

20th Nov - World Children's Day

27th Nov - Parent Council (5-6pm)

29th Nov - PTA Christmas Fair (5-7pm)

4th Dec - PTA Christmas Wreath Making

4th Dec - School Christmas Lunch

10th Dec (9.15am) & 11th Dec (1.45pm) - EYFS Nativity performances

10th Dec (1.45pm) & 11th Dec (9.15am) - KS1 Nativity performances

19th Dec - KS2 Carol Services (10am & 6pm)

20th Dec - End of term

7th Jan - First day of Spring Term