

# Weekly Newsletter

*'Preparing our children for a world we know  
and a world yet to be discovered.'*

## Keeping Children Safe Online

Teaching eSafety to our children both as part Computing and PSHE lessons is an important part of our school curriculum and contributes to our overarching mission to *'prepare our children for a world we know and a world yet to be discovered'*. We acknowledge that, realistically, the impact of this work is only ever going to be borne out in how our children engage with technology and the many forms of social media (including gaming) outside of school.

The value of establishing positive habits with technology cannot be underestimated and with 53% of children in this country owning a phone by the age of 7, it is essential that these positive and responsible habits are established early. Ways you can do this are by:

- Modelling good use of technology as adults: are we spending far too much time on our own phones? Do we make sure they are away at the dinner table? Are we modelling not over-sharing on social media (or the wonderfully titled 'sharenting') where we post pictures of our children without their consent?
- Ensuring our children are not left alone online, particularly in their bedrooms overnight
- Finding out more about the apps they are using: do we know enough about the supposedly 'safe' ones? Developers program these apps to be as addictive as possible so relying on children's willpower to limit their use is not a fair fight. At the very least, a lot of the apps that include short-form videos (eg YouTube or TikTok) reduce focus and attention span and contain videos often modelling less-than-desirable behaviours, and on the more concerning end of the spectrum, the fact is that child sex offenders will be going to the apps that children use (including the likes of Roblox).

Whilst the above may raise uncomfortable questions or thoughts, it is important that we set clear boundaries for the use of technology and most importantly, take an active, consistent and engaged interest in your child's digital world and activities.

In many ways the Internet is a fascinating parallel of the real world - it is inspiring, amusing, entertaining and informative but it is also dangerous and risk filled. Being able to navigate it is now an essential life skill. Educating and protecting children in this area of life is arguably one of the most important things we need to do, both as parents and educators.

More information, advice and resources can be found on our [online safety page](#).

Mr Thompson, Head of School

## Article 2

Every child has the right to access information from the internet. Adult should make sure the information they are getting is not harmful.



Remember that you can follow each year group's Twitter feed and enjoy seeing what life at Cheadle Hulme Primary School is like for your child/children. Our Twitter handles are: [@chpsnursery](#) [@chpsrec](#) [@chpsyr1](#) [@chpsyr2](#) [@chpsyr3](#) [@chpsyr4](#) and [@chpsyr5](#)

## Christmas Lunch

You can now pre-order your child's Christmas lunch which will be served on Wednesday 6th December. **The deadline for ordering is Monday 27th November** so that the kitchen manager can place the required order.

## Important Notes /Reminders

### Attendance

Monitoring pupil attendance remains a priority in school as research shows that maintaining excellent attendance contributed to the best chance of success in later life. Unauthorised absences during term time are reported to the Local Authority who may issue fixed penalty notices (£60 per parent, per child).

### IntraHealth Flu Vaccine - Mop up visit

There will be an additional opportunity for children to have the flu vaccination on Mon 27th November. If you missed the main opportunity for this and would like to register your child to receive the vaccine, please ring 0333 358 3397 Option 1, Option 6.

## Parent Council Feedback

A summary of this term's Parent Council meeting can be found [here](#). Some of the highlights from general class feedback include:

- *inter-school sports competitions are great!*
- *a good range of after school activities are being offered*
- *events like TTRS launch day, Show Racism the Red Card and the Poet visit are exciting for the children and they enjoy it*
- *Very positive comments about teachers being approachable and the children seem to love them!*
- *The trim trail, playground and outdoor areas look fab*
- *Lovely to see more class trips coming through*
- *Great use of Tapestry to keep parents/carers informed*
- *Teachers are excellent*
- *Children enjoy Forest School*
- *Christmas theatre trip has received positive feedback*

## CHPS PTA

### Upcoming Events

Tickets are on sale for a number of fun PTA events this half term. [Click here](#) to book.

### Christmas Fair

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next week's Christmas Fair! If you may be available on the run up to, or at the event itself, please email [pta.chps@gmail.com](mailto:pta.chps@gmail.com)

## Dates for the Diary

27th Nov - IntraHealth Flu Vaccinations

1st Dec - Christmas Fair, 5pm ([Social Story](#))

Bottle Tombola donations

Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)

5th Dec - Academy Committee Meeting

6th Dec - Christmas Lunch Day (order today!)

7th Dec - Vision screening (Reception)

12th Dec - EYFS Nativity, 9:30am

KS1 Nativity, 2pm

13th Dec - KS1 Nativity, 9:30am

EYFS Nativity, 2pm

KS2 Lowry Theatre visit, 12pm

14th Dec - KS1 Aviva Studios visit, 9am

19th Dec - Reception Rex Cinema visit, 9am

21st Dec - KS2 Carol Service, 7pm

22nd Dec - Last day of term

The full overview of key dates for the year ahead can be found [here](#).

## This week on Twitter...

