

Weekly Newsletter

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

Happy New Year

We hope you had a great break with family and friends, however you may have spent your time together. The children have returned to school with lots of stories to share and enthusiasm for the year ahead. From everybody at school, we wish you a happy and healthy 2024.

Mr Thompson, Head of School



Reporting Pupil Progress

In the final week before the Christmas holiday, we shared a mini attainment summary via MCAS that included assessment judgements for the Autumn Term, along with your child's attendance and punctuality so far this year.

This summary was intended to provide an update about your child's attainment in relation to national expectations for their year group in Reading, Writing and Maths. This is a snapshot and as such is not intended to give you a full picture of your child's current academic development. Further context and information surrounding pupils' academic and personal development will be shared in the Spring Term Parents' Evenings that will take place on **Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January 2024**.

Appointments will be made available on MCAS from **7pm this evening**. Log on to MCAS and select 'Parents' Evening' to book your appointment.

Digital Wellbeing

X Next Steps

Last term, we shared how we would be continuing to use X but with a change to how followers can see content on year group feeds, where only pre-approved followers will be able to view posts.

The task of clearing all existing followers is almost complete and next week you will receive guidance via MCAS on how to request to follow your child/children's class X accounts.

Visyon Session for Parents/Carers

To further support parents/carers in supporting their children's Digital Wellbeing, there will be an information session held by the mental health charity, Visyon, at Gorsey Bank Primary School on Tuesday 6th February, 6-7:30pm. Visyon describe the session as follows:

'This workshop looks at how to support your child with peer pressure and online bullying. Learn how to build their self-esteem and break through the negativity of the 24-hour online world. Look at how to support a child with a healthy relationship with the online world and get over the FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out).'

The session will be ticketed and you can secure your place [here](#). This opportunity is open to all families with primary-aged pupils within the Laurus Trust.

Article 13

All children have rights, regardless of who they are. No child should be treated unfairly or be discriminated against for any reason.



Important Notes /Reminders

Reception 2024 Admissions

Children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 are due to start primary school next year.

Applications for a school place must be submitted to Stockport Council by **15th January 2024** via [this website](#). Remember, even if you have a child at our school already, you will still need to apply.

School Uniform

Children in KS2 will now wear their PE kit on the days that they have PE. This is to maximise curriculum time and reduce the need for the whole year group to change at the same time in multiple spaces, which may be required for other uses. We will continue to trial this throughout this half term and review if it will become a permanent arrangement, similar to the arrangements in place at Laurus Cheadle Hulme High School.

For all families, please ensure pupils are wearing the correct uniform as outlined in our uniform guidance [here](#).

Dolce Diner Day

There will be a themed lunch on Thursday 18th January, replacing the usual menu for that day. The 'Diner Day' menu has been updated on School Grid, as well as being shared in this week's Newsletter, see below.



CHPS PTA

Autumn Term Fundraising

We are delighted to share that this term's fundraising has totalled a HUGE £5555! Thank you so much for your commitment towards supporting the PTA as we will be able to contribute towards enhancements in addition to what our children already experience at school throughout the year.

We look forward to sharing our plans for the upcoming fundraising events for the year ahead over the coming weeks.

Dates for the Diary

- 12th Jan - Parents' Evening appointments available (7pm)
- 15th Jan - Deadline to apply for September 2024 Reception Places
- 19th Jan - Year 3 Assembly to Parents/Carers
- 24th & 25th Jan - Parents' Evenings
- 26th Jan - Year 4 Assembly to Parents/Carers
- 31st Jan - Y2 Chester Zoo visit
- 2nd Feb - Year 5 Assembly to Parents/Carers
- 6th Feb - Y5 Jodrell Bank visit
Y1 Chinese Dance Workshop
- 7th Feb - Y3 Knowsley Safari Park Visit
- 8th Feb - Reception Rainbow88 visit
PTA Disco
- 9th Feb - Year 2 Assembly to Parents/Carers
- School Closes for Half Term
- 19th Feb - School Reopens
- 1st Mar - Year 1 Assembly to Parents/Carers
- 8th Mar - Rec Assembly to Parents/Carers

Class Assemblies will start at 2:30pm and you will be able to enter the school hall shortly before this time.

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