



**CHEADLE
HULME**
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter

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

The magic of reading

Reading is very much the heart of our curriculum at CHPS, whether that be as the basis of our termly bookshelves inspiring pupils about their focus theme (Belonging, Courage, Creativity, Curiosity, Growth, Heroism and Identity) or whole school assemblies centred around thought-provoking texts that link to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The magic of stories is something that we cannot get enough of and is celebrated on a daily basis through 'Story Time' or 'Class Novel' sessions throughout school.

In addition to the above, there are many other aspects of school life that contribute to our reading for pleasure culture, not least the annual celebration of World Book Day. A flyer was shared with all parents/carers this week outlining some of the ways we will be celebrating in school this year.

All children and staff are invited to attend school on Thursday 2nd March dressed as a character from a book of their choice. Our Department for Education will also be running a competition to promote reading for pleasure beyond school by inviting families to tweet photos (or you can email these in via admin@cheadlehulmeprimary.org.uk) of children reading in unusual places around Cheadle Hulme. We look forward to seeing entries and creative costumes as part of this year's World Book Day celebrations!

Mr Thompson, Head of School

This week on Twitter...



New Phonics Scheme

High quality teaching and learning of Early Reading and Phonics at school, bolstered by regular practise at home, is the bedrock of developing successful and confident readers. To enhance our already excellent provision in this area further, we are pleased to share that we are adopting a new programme: 'FFT Success for All Phonics'.

Throughout the Autumn Term, we researched many different schemes to find the best fit for our children and curriculum. All staff attended a twilight training session this week (previously postponed as a result of the clash with our Ofsted Inspection that needed to take place on the same day!) ready to implement after February half term.

A letter outlining the specific changes for Reception and Year 1 reading books has been sent out this week so please read this.

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](https://twitter.com/chpsnursery) [@chpsrec](https://twitter.com/chpsrec) [@chpsyr1](https://twitter.com/chpsyr1) [@chpsyr2](https://twitter.com/chpsyr2) [@chpsyr3](https://twitter.com/chpsyr3) and [@chpsyr4](https://twitter.com/chpsyr4)

Important Notes /Reminders

Industrial Action - 28th February update
As things currently stand, we are planning to be fully open for the next day of industrial action. Due to the nature of these circumstances, and the fact the next day of planned industrial action is so soon after coming back from the half term holiday, this may vary at short notice. We will of course let you know if this changes as soon as possible by email on Monday 27th February. We therefore recommend trying to have a contingency plan in place just in case.

As we have said previously, the decision to strike is not one any colleagues take lightly and is based on a number of conflicting factors. As a school we entirely respect whatever choices our team make on this, both now and in the future, and request that parents/carers do the same.

Sickness Absence - All Pupils

Please remember that pupils who are unfortunately unwell with sickness or diarrhoea cannot return to school until 48 hours after their last episode. Whilst we appreciate this impacts on their education and possibly your childcare arrangements too, we have a duty to follow the UK Health Security Agency guidance to minimise the spread of infection throughout our school community. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Smart Watches

We know that smart watches can be a valuable and important resource and as part of our e-safety curriculum we discuss the safe and appropriate use of mobile devices. Despite the distraction these can pose, smart watches with internet access and cameras enabled present the same concerns as mobiles phones in terms of safeguarding. Smart watches with cameras or internet access are therefore not permitted to be worn at school. Thank you for your support in safeguarding our children.

Article 13

All children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.



Sporting Success!

This week we hosted a Stockport SHAPES' Sports Hall Athletics Festival for local schools. Well done to all children that participated in this event, as well as our Y4 Pupil Parliament members that supported the younger pupils during the morning.



CHPS PTA

2023 Challenge

Thanks to everybody that has completed a challenge so far. Collectively, the children have raised over £1100 which is incredible! Fundraising is continuing throughout half term so it is not too late to set up a challenge or donate here.

Charity Donation - Thanks!



This week we donated a huge amount of pre-loved clothing to The Together Trust as part of their Declutter and Donate initiative. Thank you to everybody that contributed towards this, the charity were incredibly grateful.

We also met with Lottie from the charity to plan for the different events pupils will participate in throughout the year - details to follow.

Dates for the Diary

- 17th Feb - School Closes for Half Term
- 27th Feb - School Re-opens for Spring 2
- 2nd Mar - World Book Day (costumes!)
- 21st Mar - World Down Syndrome Day
- 22nd/23rd Mar - Parents' Evenings
- 31st Mar - School Closes for Easter