

Weekly Newsletter

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

Inclusive Attitudes

One of our four school development priorities is to promote inclusive attitudes amongst all stakeholders. Whilst we are very proud to have had our inclusive practices recognised by professional bodies such as Ofsted, Rights Respecting Schools Award and the Inclusion Service within our Local Authority, we are motivated by the idea that better is always possible.

With this in mind, there will be a number of updates on this area of our school development plan over the coming year, beginning with the following:

Black History Month – we celebrate and learn about black history in all year groups throughout school and not just throughout the month of October. We recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people and celebrate diversity and inclusion as part of this work. Mrs Walters (History Lead) has organised for children to learn about individuals such as Floella Benjamin, Tessa Sanderson, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Joseph Coelho, Ruby Bridges and Marsha P Johnson, and the impact they have had on society. We look forward to sharing some of this learning with you.

Anti-Racism Charter – we are working with Trust colleagues to continue to develop this and how it is implemented in all of our schools and the wider community. Next week, the children will be kickstarting this work as we celebrate 'Wear Red Day' to 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Mrs Jones will be leading a whole school assembly and Class Teachers have planned follow up work to be carried out throughout the day.

Mr Thompson, Head of School

Leadership Focus

We are looking forward to celebrating Show Racism the Red Card's annual 'Wear Red Day' which will be taking place on Friday 20th October 2023. The day is aimed at raising awareness of the campaign against racism and promote equality and diversity. We invite all children to wear red to school next Friday in support of the day.

Mrs Illidge, Assistant Head (Inclusion)

This week on Twitter...



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) [@chpsyr4](https://twitter.com/chpsyr4) and [@chpsyr5](https://twitter.com/chpsyr5)

Important Notes /Reminders

Poet Visit

The children had a brilliant time being inspired by poet, Paul Cookson, on Monday as part of our National Poetry Day celebrations. He was very entertaining and took time to recognise the brilliant ideas our children have and used these to write poetry with them in workshops that took place throughout the day.

Attendance

The government and press have been focusing on school attendance recently, with record low levels in the wake of the pandemic. Given that, we thought we would share our attendance levels with you in a bit more detail. The current national average for primary schools is 94% while ours currently sits at 96.8%. That said we have 1 year group with attendance levels of 95%, which if they stay at that level for the rest of the academic year, would mean that the average amount of learning time lost would around 2 weeks. This would have a seriously adverse impact on both the child's education and their welfare. Let's make a concerted effort to improve these numbers with only genuine illness being the reason to keep your child off school. Should you need to book a medical appointment for your child, please aim to do so out of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's education.

School Lunches

Please ensure that your School Grid account is in credit at all times. Whilst we will always ensure pupils have something to eat, the system operated by Dolce does mean that pupils are flagged if there account is not being cleared. By keeping your account in credit and clearing any outstanding debts, our Admin Team can focus on supporting other aspects of school life that could be much more beneficial to your children and their education.

Article 8

All children have the right to an identity. As part of our ongoing exploration of identity this half term, the children expressed this through their poetry writing workshops on Monday with Paul Cookson.



CHPS PTA

Autumn Term Fundraising Events

We are excited to announce that the booking forms for our Autumn Term fundraisers are now open. Flyers for these can be found below, but larger copies have been shared with this week's Newsletter. [Visit our page to make your bookings!](#)

Christmas Card Orders

The children have been busy designing and producing their designs for this year's Christmas cards which we produce in collaboration with Cauliflower Cards. A photo of the year group designs has been shared on Twitter and via MCAS today for you to look at ahead of completing your order forms which have been sent home with your child. There is a relatively tight turnaround on these, so please ensure order forms are returned to school on Tuesday 17th October.

Flu Vaccinations

Intrahealth will be in school on Wednesday 8th November to administer the flu vaccine to pupils. A flyer has been sent out with this week's Newsletter containing information for parents/carers.

Please [complete this short form](#) to give consent, or to opt out of your child having the flu vaccine this year.

Should any of parents/carers wish to speak with the Intrahealth team, please call [0333 358 3397](tel:03333583397) – Option 1, Option 6. They can assist with any questions you may have and help by filling in a consent form over the phone with them if required.

Dates for the Diary

19th Oct - PTA Disco (non-uniform day)

20th Oct - Wear Red Day

20th Oct - School Closes for Half Term

30th Oct - INSET Day

31st Oct - School re-opens for pupils

3rd Nov - Times Tables Rockstars(KS2 pupils)

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