



Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

WELCOME.....

A warm welcome to you all at the start of the new school year. It is just wonderful to see our Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children back in school again. They have all followed the rules beautifully and we are very proud of them. We look forward to welcoming Nursery children into school on Monday 9th.

A special welcome to the pupils, parents and staff who are new to our school this September. We hope that they will all be very happy members of our school family.



A huge welcome to Miss Evans (R2) and Miss James (student teacher in year 1) who have joined our staff team. We are looking forward to working with them this year and we know that our school community will make them feel very welcome. For a full list of our staff and their roles please click on the following link;

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/school-information/staff/>

Parish News:

As many of you will know Fr Tony has now been allocated to three new Parishes and has left Christchurch. Fr Louis and Fr Samuel will now be the Parish Priests for St Ann's, St Chad's and Christchurch.

We thank Fr Tony for his love, care and guidance over the past few years. We have enjoyed working with him and we will miss him very much. We send him on his way with our prayers.

Reception Classes:

Thankyou Reception parents for all of your support in helping to settle the children in so well. The children have been enjoying getting to know each other and sampling our lovely school meals. We look forward to welcoming our Nursery children into school next week.



Curriculum:

Our website has a wealth of information about our exciting Curriculum.

For this half term's overviews please click here:

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/children/class-pages/>

For an overview of what your child/ children will be learning in Religious Education this half term please click here:

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Documents/RE-Newsletter-1-2024.pdf>

INFORMATION:

PE Days:

Reception: Wednesday (Starting on Wednesday 11th September)

Year 1: Wednesday & Thursday (Starting Wednesday 11th September)

Year 2: Thursday & Friday

On these days your child may come to school in their PE kit, joggers/ leggings and trainers (Velcro please.)

Forest Schools

Forest School will begin on Friday 13th September for **Year 1 & Year 2 children**

We are excited to offer the children opportunities over this year to access our Forest School, as you can see it has continued to be developed and as part of this progress we would like to develop 'loose part' provision. If you have access via work or home of any of the following, which you could donate to school it would be very much appreciated:

- Tyres
- Metal pot/pans
- Towels
- straw/hay
- Sand
- Vegetable seeds

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing what the children can build and create during their Forest School sessions.

Allotment:

We are delighted to inform you that our growing boxes are ready to be used and over the next few weeks each year group will be assigned a box to begin their planting. We are very excited to see what we can grow!

If any parent/ grandparent or family member would be willing to give up some time every couple of weeks to help maintain our allotment please contact me and we can put you on our gardening rota.

Any volunteers will be required to undergo a DBS check.

School Library:

The School Library will soon be reopening for the new school year. At the end of the last term, more than fifty books were not returned meaning that the selection of books we can offer the children has become more limited. If you have a school library book at home, please do return it for someone else to enjoy.

We also appreciate that sometimes accidents happen or books get lost. No child will ever be stopped from using the library if this happens, but we do ask you to consider buying a book from our Amazon wishlist or making a donation of as little as 50p via ParentPay to help keep our library running and full of the books your children love.



Harvest Assembly

On **Monday 23rd September** we will be having our Harvest Assembly in school.

As part of this thanksgiving we will be inviting the children to bring an item of grocery



This year our offerings will be sent to Chelwood Food bank in Cheadle.Hulme. Donations will be welcomed into school from **Monday 9th September**.



Sponsored Walk

On **Wednesday October 16th** we will be hosting a sponsored walk around our 'mile a day' path to raise money to fund new outdoor resources. You will soon receive a sponsor form. I am sure you will agree that the new playground markings that have already been put down are just fantastic!

MUSIC:

This year we are going to continue to enhance and improve our music offer by introducing children to different genres of music. As well as singing and composing music themselves our children will learn about different composers and artists including Beethoven, Chopin, Elvis Presley

and Dolly Parton! We will be exposing children to jazz, classical , blues, country and pop music throughout the year. This half term we will start with jazz music.

For more information about our music offer, please click the link below.

<https://www.chedle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/curriculum-2/subjects/music/>

Phonics/ Reading Workshop:

On **Tuesday 17th September at 7pm** we will be leading a workshop for parents on how to support children with phonics and reading at home.

There will be an opportunity to view resources/ activities linked to phonics, reading and writing which are used in school daily by the children.

**School Readiness Workshop: Thursday 26th September: 9am**

We would like to invite all Nursery & Reception parents to our school readiness workshop on Thur 26th September. At this workshop we will discuss the best ways to prepare your children for school life and school readiness. There will be a particular emphasis on physical development.

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we value the importance of strong and effective physical development.

We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Universal Infant Free School Meals.

The children are enjoying the delicious meals cooked by Mrs Humphries and her team in the kitchen. You may choose daily if you wish your child to have hot dinners or sandwiches.

Next week will be Week 2. Please click on the link for the menu.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Cheadle-RC-Inf-My-School-Menu-Week-2-.pdf>

PSA:

PSA Autumn Uniform Swap

When: After school
On: 11th September 2024
Where: Infant Playground

Any donations can be dropped off 10th Sept at Infants office.

Look forward to seeing you then!



Attendance:

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we take our responsibility to provide your child with a good education very seriously. In order to do this, we need your child in school every day and on time.

Good attendance and punctuality are an essential part of your child's success at Cheadle Catholic Infant School. Pupils who regularly miss school or arrive late will fall behind in lessons and may not achieve their full potential.

For more information please read our attendance leaflet on our website.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/key-information/attendance-at-cheadle-catholic-infant-school/>

Punctuality:

Every minute counts!

All pupils are expected to be at school by 8:50am ready for the start of the day at 8.55am. Classroom doors and school gates will be locked at 9.10am. Parents of pupils arriving after 9:10am must report to the office to provide a reason for their child's lateness. The pupil will be marked present but arriving late. The register will close at 9:30am – pupils arriving after this time will be marked as an unauthorised absence for the morning session.

Arriving late by just a few minutes each day can have a big impact on achievement. It also causes disruption for your child, the teacher and the other children in the class.

Term Time Leave:

The Legal Position

Schools are now only allowed to authorise leave of absence from school if they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The effect of this change means that it is now **very unlikely** that holidays will be authorised. Schools may also require evidence to be provided before agreeing to authorise any exceptional leave of absence.

Education Penalty Notices

Parents should be aware that if holidays or other leave of absence are taken during term time without permission they can be issued with Education Penalty Notices by the Local Authority.

Education Penalty Notices (EPNs) are fixed penalty fines issued by Stockport Council. Since the start of the 2024-2025 school year new rules the following rules have applied to EPNs:

- For the first fine issued for after the start of the 24-25 school year, the fine is £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.
- If a second fine is then issued to the same parent for the same child within three years of the first fine it will be for £160.
- Subsequent offences - no further fines can then be issued if two have already been issued to the same parent for the same child within the previous three years (starting with the date of the first fine); instead the parent will be prosecuted by the Local Authority in the Magistrates' Court

Requests for Leave of Absence

Parents are strongly requested to take holidays during the school holidays. If you wish to request Leave of Absence for any reason, we would ask you to do so in writing to me by completing a Leave of Absence request form at **least four weeks** before the start of the proposed leave. Leave of Absence forms can be picked up at the school office.

Parent Code of Conduct & Respect Policy:

If you haven't already done so, please click on the link below to read our Parent Code of Conduct & Respect policy.

<https://www.chedle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/parents/respect/>

If you have any questions about any of the policies please do not hesitate to contact me.

Building Fund

As a Catholic school the majority of our income comes from state funding. However, in return for the right to promote the Catholic Faith, 10% of the cost of all building work, repairs and maintenance must be met by the Diocese. At one point, donations through collection at mass were enough to meet this cost, but funding from the 'plate' has fallen well short of the bill for many years now.

In 2000 the Shrewsbury Diocese introduced a building fund in order to meet the 10% cost of all works on its Catholic schools with all those parents choosing Catholic education for their children asked to make the voluntary contribution of **£15 per child, per year**.

Whilst this is a suggested donation, Cheadle Catholic Infant School has to make a payment for each child to the Diocesan fund - regardless of whether parents opt to pay or not.

Last year we had to pay the shortfall from the school budget - money that was much needed for resources, energy costs etc.

I do appreciate that budgets are tight for families but I would ask parents to consider why choosing a place at a Catholic school was so important to you and make a donation if you can.

You may pay using our online Parent Pay payment system.

Thankyou for your support.

Homework

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School, homework activities are provided to support and develop skills and concepts that have been introduced in school. However, we appreciate that our young children do get very tired after their long day at school and homework is, therefore, optional. There is no pressure on you to complete homework with your children.

We enjoy looking at any work or creative activities that have been completed at home and we celebrate any work brought into school.

If you have any questions about homework please contact myself or your class teacher.

School Bags

We ask that children do not bring big bags or rucksacks into school unless they are going to an after school club. School book bags should be used for reading books etc as they can fit into trays.

Birthdays

Please do not send sweets / cake etc into school for birthdays. If your child wants to bring something into school for their friends, perhaps a story to read or a book for the class library.



Snacks

We are a healthy school and we ask that children bring in a healthy snack for morning break. Sweets, chocolate or crisps are not allowed. **Nuts of any kind** are not allowed in school. Please read our Healthy Snack Policy for more information.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/key-information/healthy-schools/>

We also ask that if you are bringing in grapes or cherries that they are sliced into quarters and the stone is removed. This is to protect children from choking.

We do have a number of children in school with severe allergies and in order to keep them safe at all times certain classes have been asked not to bring in cheese or yoghurts for snack. These foods are fine in lunchboxes for lunchtime. If your child is in one of these classes you will have been notified.

Open Evenings

We will be hosting four Open Evenings this year for 2025 prospective parents.

They will be held on:

Tuesday 1st October 6-7pm
Tuesday 29th October 5-6pm
Tue 19th Nov 6-7pm
Tue 3rd Dec 5-6pm

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2025 please ask them to email admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk in order to book a place.

Admissions. If you have a child due to start school in September 2025 (born between September 1st 2020 and August 31st 2021) online applications are now open. The closing date for Reception applications is **15th January 2025**

Applications for nursery places for September 2025 are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31st March 2025.**

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any queries please email the admissions team at admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

Medicines: Our first aiders are happy to administer medicine only when full written permission & details giving dosage, frequency, time and other relevant information is provided. (Forms available on the school website or at the school office). However only **one** dose of medicine will be given per day.

Changed Arrangements: Please let us know by telephone if there is to be any change to end of day arrangements for your child. The same applies to changed arrangements for the after school club/school bus.

Uniform: Many thanks for ensuring the children look so smart. Do remember to label all items, as I'm sure you will appreciate the difficulties we have in identifying individual uniforms! **Even if the weather is fine in the morning, please ensure that your child has a coat with them.** The weather can be so changeable at this time of year.

HEALTH and SAFETY

Jewellery: For safety reasons no rings, chains, bracelets or earrings are to be worn in school.

PARKING.

- We ask that you do not park on Kew Drive or any other roads near school where parking restrictions are in place.
- We ask that you show respect and consideration at all times to our local community.
- We ask that you do not block residents' driveways so that they have full accessibility at all times to their property.

Parents are reminded that parking is available at Bruntwood Park. Parents are reminded to park respectfully and show due consideration to our local residents. **We ask that all road users drive slowly and with due attention on roads around and close to the school. The speed limit on Conway Rd is 20mph. The speed limit on the school grounds is 5mph.**

Scooters/ Bikes: Please ensure your children do not ride on their scooter/ bikes/ heelies/ roller boots etc once on school playgrounds. Thank you.

We ask that parents ensure their children at the beginning and end of the school day do not play on or with school equipment which has been set up by class teachers for the children's outdoor learning. Thank you.

Dogs: Please be aware that the only dogs allowed on the school site are guide/ hearing dogs. Dogs should not be tied up at the school gates.

Off the school site- If you need to report an incident regarding a dog you must contact Stockport Council's dog warden service on 0161 474 4207.

Ragbag:

We are part of the 'Rag Bag' recycling scheme has been developed to provide regular fundraising for schools in the UK.

Through Rag Bag we are able to help recycle textiles and clothing that may have ended up going to landfill. It is estimated that approximately 1.75 million tonnes of clothing waste is produced in the UK every year.

Out of this vast tonnage around 1.2 million tonnes is sent unnecessarily to landfill.

If we can divert some of this tonnage away from landfill we will directly help the environment and help provide good quality clothing to some of the poorest developing nations in the world.

We can accept the following items:

- Wearable Clothing
- Paired Shoes
- Handbags
- Belts

We cannot accept the following items:

- Workwear
- Uniforms (including School Uniforms)
- Wet/Soiled Clothes
- Curtains
- Towels
- Duvets or Duvet Covers
- Pillows or Pillow Cases
- Blankets
- Table Cloths
- Linens
- Cushions
- Carpets
- Suitcases
- Books
- Bric a Brac
- Clothes Hangers
- Electricals

The Rag Bag collection bin has been positioned between the Infant & Junior School near the front entrance and is now open for collections.

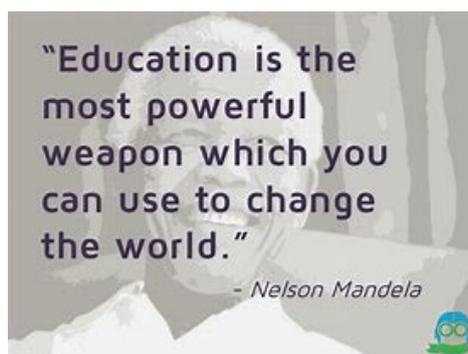
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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Pause for Reflection



Diary Dates...

Provisional Diary Dates

[Our full provisional diary can be viewed on our website](https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/news-and-events/calendar/)

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Week beginning 9th September	Bring in a food item for the Harvest Festival
Wednesday 11th September: 3.30pm	Used Uniform Sale
Tuesday 17th September 6pm	Phonics/ Reading Workshop for parents
Wednesday 25th September	Individual photographs
Thursday 26th September 9am	School Readiness Workshop for parents
Tuesday 1st October 6-7pm	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
Tuesday 15th October 4.15-6.30pm	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
Thursday 17th October 4.15-6.30pm	Parent's evening (more details to follow)
Wednesday 16th October	Sponsored Walk
Friday 18th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day: Wear something red to school.
Friday 21st October	School closes for half term
Monday 28th October	School re opens for Autumn half term 2
Tuesday 29th October 5-6pm	Open Eve for 2024-25 parents
Friday 22nd November	Non Uniform Day: Bring in an item for the Christmas Fair
Saturday 30th November: 10am-12.30pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 19th November 6-7pm	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
Tuesday 3rd December 8.45-9.15am	Thumbs Up Morning
Tuesday 3rd December 5-6pm	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
Monday 9th December 9.30am	Nursery 1 Nativity
Tuesday 10th December 9.30am	R1 Nativity
Tuesday 10th December: 5-6pm	Bedtime Stories (more details to follow)
Wednesday 11th December 9.30am	R2 Nativity
Wednesday 11th December 5-6pm	Bedtime Stories (more details to follow)
Thursday 12th December 9.30am	RN3 Nativity
Friday 13th December 9.30am	Nursery 2 Nativity
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January	School opens for Spring Term

