

Weekly Newsletter

CHPS COMMONS AND PUPIL PARLIAMENT UPDATE

One of things we really strive to do at CHPS is nurture our pupils' ability to express their opinions and central to this is our Pupil Parliament programme which is made up of ten pupil groups focusing on aspects such as the environment, digital culture and the arts.

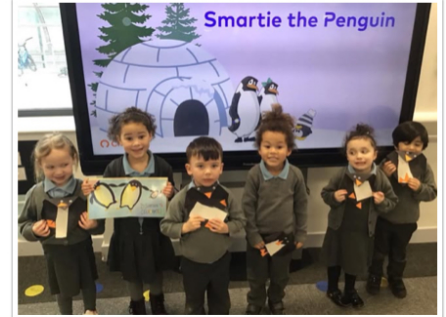
This week we had the excitement of the inaugural 'CHPS Commons', led by our Department for Health and Care. This was a whole school project which took ideas from all classes which were sent to the DHC for shortlisting, resulting in the following proposals...

- The creation of a quiet room for children to use during lunchtimes
- Improvements to the outdoor provision at playtimes
- The creation of a garden / allotment on school grounds
- First Aid training for children

Yesterday, all children involved across every Pupil Parliament group met in the hall for the CHPS Commons session to debate the brilliant shortlisted suggestions and to decide on one for us to take forwards as a whole school initiative.

We were lucky enough to have our local MP Tom Morrison, join us to Chair this and he was absolutely amazed by the enthusiasm and articulation of the children as they discussed the pros and cons of each of the proposals.

After much well mannered wrangling and discussion of some amendments, the Commons voted to move forwards on the idea to introduce some form of First Aid and Mental Health training for pupils. Control of this now goes back to the Department for Health and Care to actually put this into action so look out for updates over the next few weeks!



UNIFORM UPDATE

Over the next year and a half, we will be phasing in some small changes to the school uniform, including the blazer and polo shirts. We have worked with our suppliers to source a blazer which is cheaper than the current version, is non-gender specific and is more ethical environmentally.

The new items are likely to be available for purchase from September of this year but children will be able to continue to wear the current uniform over the 2025-26 year as a transitional period.

In the meantime, Express Uniform have reduced a number of items in the current range and these can be purchased online here: <https://expressuniform.co.uk/collections/school-uniform-cheadle-hulme-primary-school>

WORLD BOOK DAY!

One of the best days of the year is now just a week away! Children are welcome to come into school in costume or in their pyjamas for the day as part of us all exploring the joy of books.

We still have spaces left at our **Family Book Evening** which can be booked via MCAS. This should be a really lovely informal event to celebrate reading with your child and hear from us about encouraging your child's love of reading. We are also being joined by our friends at Simply Books for the evening.

Remember we also have a **Book Fair** running after school on Friday 7th, Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th in the Year 2 classrooms. Our Department for Education have also designed some special bookmarks for this which they will be selling at the event. Book tokens will be distributed on World Book Day and will be accepted at the fair giving children £1 off any title.

Our food provider Dolce will also be hosting a special 'booky' lunch serving up book-themed specials including Snozzycumber Salad and a Queen of Tarts Jam Tart!

RAMADAN

Many of our families will begin marking the holy month of Ramadan at the end of this week. The observance of Ramadan is considered one of the Five Pillars of Islam and lasts 29-30 days from the sighting of one crescent moon to the next. The end of Ramadan is marked by the celebration of Eid Al-Fitr.

We appreciate families will approach the fasting element of Ramadan differently with their children. If you have any specific requests regarding this, please contact our admin team so they can pass these on to the relevant members of the team.

THIS WEEKS ASSEMBLY

In this weeks whole school assembly, we read the book *The Suitcase* by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros.



This book is about a creature arriving in a new place with nothing but a suitcase containing a tea cup and photo of the home it has had to leave. It explores issues of kindness, citizenship and gratitude, three of our school character traits.



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

COMMUNICATION WITH CLASS TEACHERS

Class Teachers are available on the doors regularly before and after school should you need to speak to them. This is done on a rotational basis as some of them of course need to be in classes as soon as the children come in to the school building.

If you need to speak to your child's Class Teacher but are unable to do so for any reason in person, please contact our admin team who will be happy to pass on your request to the relevant teacher.

Article 22

All children have the right to special protection if they are a refugee.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

For a full list of dates for the 2024-25 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.

6th Mar - World Book Day / Family Book Evening

14th March - Reception Assembly

17th March - Parent Council (5-6pm)

4th April - Year 4 Assembly

10th April - Whole School DT Exhibition

14th May - Maths Methods workshop for parents

20th June - INSET Day

25th June - Digital Wellbeing workshop for parents

27th June - Year 1 Assembly