

Weekly Newsletter

WORLD BOOK DAY,

We had an utterly joyous day yesterday as we joined schools across the country in celebrating World Book Day. The children looked absolutely amazing so a massive thank you to you all for supporting them with their costumes.

The day kicked off with all the children in the hall for a special World Book Day assembly and then continued with online sessions from authors and poets, quizzes, recommendations and a lovely session at the end of the day sharing stories with children in different year groups.

We'd like to give a special shout out to all our brilliant mystery readers who joined us to read to the classes - thank you!

The children will also have brought home this years WBD book token which they can exchange for one of this years amazing selection of free books or get £1 off any other book they choose. Remember our Book Fair will be running today, Monday and Tuesday afternoons next week!

We hope your child had a great day and is inspired to continue their own personal magical reading journey!



WHY YOU SHOULDN'T STOP READING ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD

It is an unfortunate yet predictable fact that as children move through the years at Primary, the number being read aloud to at home progressively drops off. A shame though this is, it is not wholly surprising - a combination of busy lives, the proliferation of technology and also children's developing ability to read on their own by this age all point in a certain direction. I would, however, like to suggest three reasons why we should be reading to our children for as long as possible, both for our benefit and their's:

1. Every time children are read to, they are having fluent reading modelled for them. This is the ability to read with things like expression and tone and is a step above just 'being able to read'
2. Listening to stories is great for children's attention span but equally frees up some of their mental capacity to concentrate on a story because they're not having to think about the actual act of reading (which is hard!)
3. (This is the most important one) Relationships - carving out protected parent/child time, particularly during the week, can be really hard. Sharing a book together every night is one of the easiest and yet most productive and pleasurable solutions to this. I was still reading to my daughter right up until the end of Year 6 when she decided she was too old (or too cool) for it and I genuinely miss the 11 years worth of sharing books that illicit many happy memories.

So if you do one thing off the back of World Book day, particularly if you have already stopped doing it, offer to read something aloud to your little one (or not so little one) - it may just be a joy worth rediscovering!

PARENT COUNCIL

Our next Parent Council meeting will be taking place 5-6pm on Thursday 26th March and we would like to use this as an opportunity to garner feedback from you all on how well the overall vision of the school is communicated to the community. Do you as parents, for example, understand why we do the 'extra stuff' we do and if you as a parent were asked 'what makes CHPS, CHPS?', would you know what to say?

If you have any feedback at all for us on any aspects of this, please communicate these via your class rep or by emailing admin@cheadlehulmeprimary.co.uk.



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

PTA 2026 CHALLENGE

This years PTA 2026 will be getting underway over the next couple of weeks to help raise funds for our OPAL outdoor play project.

This year the children will be taking part in the challenges in school so all you need to do is support them in collecting sponsorship! More details will follow next week but in the meantime [the link for sponsorship and donations is here.](#)

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

21st March every year is World Downs Syndrome Day and this year the theme is to stand together against loneliness. Everyone feels lonely sometimes. But for many people with Down Syndrome, loneliness is a more common and painful experience. Their families can feel lonely too, and feel cut off from support.

Loneliness can feel like different things such as not having a group of friends or a community to belong to and not having a close, special person to share your feelings with. Loneliness happens when people are left out of schools, workplaces, and community life.

The answer to this is **inclusion** - so enabling everyone to have good friendships, feel valued and knowing they belong. In school we have been thinking about the problem of loneliness and how we help people feel connected and that they belong.

On Friday 20th March we will be marking World Down Syndrome Day and as part of this we would like to invite the children to come to school wearing odd socks. This is a national event and is a symbol of our celebration of the diversity of the school community.

HOLI

We'd like to send best wishes to all our families who have celebrated the festival of Holi this week. Holi is a Hindu festival celebrated across the world and marks the victory of good over evil and the arrival of Spring. It is often known as the 'Festival of Colours' in reference to the traditional, playful throwing of coloured powders known as *gula* which also represents love and equality.

THE RESILIENCE BOOKSHELF

Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs are increasingly a concern for many parents so with this in mind we'll be sharing a series of Bookshelves to support specific areas, this week we are sharing a selection of books for developing children's resilience...



CAFT EASTER APPEAL

Our school charity, The Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT) are looking for donations of Easter eggs to gift to the children who will be visiting their site next month. We would love to provide a donation from the CHPS community so are asking children to bring in an egg to add to our collection by Friday 13th March. Please send these in with your child for them to hand to their Class Teacher.

[More details about this can be found here](#)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 9th Mar - Empathy Week
- 16th Mar - Ash Bond author visit
- 19th Mar - Uniform pop-up shop (3.15pm)
- 20th Mar - Odd Socks Day
- 26th Mar - DT Exhibition (3.20pm)
- 26th Mar - Parent Council (5-6pm)
- 27th Mar - Last day of term
- 24th April - Year 3 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 1st May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)
- 20th June - Summer Fair