



Chapel End Primary School News

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Week Ending: Friday December 15th 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the year. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Christmas performances and, I'm sure you will agree; the children were absolutely amazing. I hope you can join us again next Thursday for our carol singing on the playgrounds (weather permitting) and in the meantime, on behalf of the children, staff and governors of the school, I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support during the autumn term. We look forward to the New Year and wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Important Notice

Traffic Management and Health & Safety

Despite repeated reminders in the newsletter throughout the year, I am disappointed to find that we still have a minority of selfish drivers who insist on disregarding the safety of our children and parents by driving dangerously and parking inconsiderately and illegally. You may have noticed that I have recently spent several mornings with our Crossing Patrol Officer (CPO) to try and gain a full picture of what is happening during drop-off and pick-up times and, quite honestly, I am horrified by what I have seen. With a little less good fortune, we could have had some serious accidents or even a fatality involving both children and adults. I have also had several parents who have been to see me who are appalled at the behaviour of other parents who, having been asked by the CPO (often repeatedly) not to park on the yellow lines, respond by verbally abusing her and using inappropriate and offensive language. The CPO does a fantastic job in helping our children cross the road safely and to have to suffer this from small-minded people with no regard for anyone else but themselves is socially and morally deplorable. I know the vast majority of our parents and carers behave responsibly and appreciate the importance of keeping our children safe; for this I would like to thank them. I would also encourage them to report anyone behaving in a way that compromises the safety of our children to the police. The Merseyside police can be contacted using the 101 service using any telephone. In the meantime, the police will be conducting random visits and will hand out fixed penalty notices to offenders.

Junior Choir

On Wednesday our Junior choir performed at Birchley Hall and Bernard Wood Court. The pupils were a credit to the school and the residents of Birchley Hall and Bernard Wood Court commented on how beautifully the children sang.



Junior Treat Day

Treat Day will take place next Wednesday 20th December. The children have all chosen their treat sessions and we are looking forward to a great reward day.

All Junior children may come in non-uniform on the day. If your child has chosen Dodgeball as one of their activities, please make sure they come suitably dressed for physical activity e.g. track suit and trainers. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 20th December

All children can come to school in non-uniform and wear a Christmas jumper if they choose.



Billinge Bunnies

Please note that there will be **no** Billinge Bunnies next Tuesday 19th December, they will re-commence on Friday 12th January 2018 with their usual playgroup between 9-11am.

Christmas Holidays

School closes on Thursday 21st December at the usual time, and children may bring in a small, quiet toy of their choice. Please note: school can accept no responsibility for any damage to toys whilst they are on site. School uniform should be worn as normal. School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2018.

Pupils of the Week

Well done everyone and keep up the good work!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pupil</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Nursery Part-time	Daniel Partington	Y3JK	Madison McCowan
Nursery Full-time	Eleanor Dignam	Y4BM	Tom Bolton
R/1KP	*** the whole of KS1	Y4/5BR	Charlee Baddeley
R/1SB	for their great	Y5GK	Daisy Churchill
Y1/2AA	Nativity	Y6RB	Carl Grimley
Y2KT	Performances ***	Y6HS	James Thomson

Infant and Junior Carol Sing

This has become tradition, Infants and Juniors will be carol singing on their respective playgrounds (Infants 2.45pm followed by Juniors at 3.10pm) on Thursday 21st December. This year's Carol sing is in aid of Willowbrook Hospice. The Carol Sing will provide a lovely end to our very busy term. We hope you will all be able to come and support us with this event.



Governors News

As you know, we recently held a Parent Governor election for two positions on our Governing body. Many thanks to all who voted; we received 80 votes in total. The two successful candidates were Gail Churchill and Annie Danne. We congratulate them both and look forward to working with them in the coming years for the benefit of all stakeholders in our school.

Community News

Billinge and Seneley Green Community Christmas - Volunteers Required

Residents of Billinge and Seneley Green are aiming to provide a Christmas lunch, with presents and entertainment for up to 50 guests on Christmas Day. The guests will be residents who may be elderly, living with an illness or disability or be socially isolated. The lunch will be held at St Aidan's C of E Primary School from 12-4pm on Christmas Day. Any donations/support or offers of your time will help to make the day a great success. All enquiries to yulehelp@hotmail.com or Tel 07598 506871.

Santa Weekend at Northwest Museum of Road Transport. Visit Santa in his grotto on Saturday 16th or Sunday 17th December from 12 noon - 4pm. Admission is £8.00 per child including entrance to the grotto. General Museum admission is Adults £4.25, OAP's £3.25, Children £2.50(not attending grotto). There will be refreshments on sale, free rides on the Christmas bus, big and small model railways and Christmas fun activities. Free parking nearby. For any further information please Tel 01744 451681 or visit www.nwmort.co.uk.

Nativity Walk

There will be a nativity walk on Sunday 17th December starting from St David's Church at 12.15pm and St Patrick's Church at 12.30pm and finishing at Moss Bank Mission for hot drinks and mince pies. There will be a band and several stops to sing carols along the way. Everyone is welcome and it is a free event.

Next week in School

<p><u>Monday 18th December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rec, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party <p><u>Tuesday 19th December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery AM - Closed today • Nursery Christmas Party • Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party 	<p><u>Wednesday 20th December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Treat Day • After School Club closes 5.30PM and re-opens on Monday 8th January 2018 <p><u>Thursday 21st December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant and Junior Carol sing on playgrounds for parents in aid of Willowbrook Hospice: Infants 2.45pm, Juniors 3.10pm • School closes today and re-opens on Monday 8th January 2018
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Mr Smith
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