



# Chapel End Primary School News

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Week Ending: Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I am really looking forward to next week's Nativity productions; the children have worked so hard on their performance and I know they will really bring the Christmas story to life. We look forward to seeing everyone in school and joining in with the spirit of Christmas.

## Christmas Fair

On behalf of the staff and PTFA I would like to thank all the parents, relatives and friends who supported the Christmas Fair last Friday with their donations and attendance at the event, £1327.06 was raised - a fantastic amount. It was a very successful evening with tremendous support from parents, families and ex-pupils. Well done to Poppy Sheil Y2KT and Poppy Mellor Y5GK who won the decorated Christmas Bauble Competition. A huge thank you to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Playdays Café, Bubbles World of Play, Sandcastle Blackpool, Acorn Farm, Liverpool FC, The Beatles Story, Wigan Athletic, WWT Martin Mere, Wigan Roller Rink, Houghwood Golf Club, Wigan Warriors, Pipsqueaks Play Café and Everton FC for donating the raffle prizes.

## Y3, 4, 5 & 6 - 'Experience Christmas' at St Aidan's

A big thank you to everyone at St Aidan's for welcoming our children into church this week. The children enjoyed visiting the five 'stations' which told the story of the birth of Jesus starting in Mary's kitchen when she received the news that she had been chosen; through the long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and finally; the birth of Jesus and the visits from the Kings. Along the way, the children had the chance to smell real frankincense, learn about the symbolism of the advent wreath and discuss how the people of the time felt about the arrival of the baby Jesus. It was lovely to hear from Mrs Roberts and the other adults at St Aidan's that they felt our children were *'beautifully behaved and a credit to their school'*.



## Child supervision and Safety

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that before and after school, children need to be closely supervised to ensure that they remain safe. We ask that they not be allowed to run or chase each other around the playgrounds, particularly as there are often younger children waiting with parents for siblings to come out. We also ask that children are not allowed to use the play equipment such as the trim trail or tyre park; there have been several incidents of children falling from these as result of using them particularly when it has been raining. I have also been asked by a concerned parent to highlight the dangers of allowing your child to use the handrail in front of the school office as a 'gymnastics bar' (small heads and hard tarmac really don't mix!) Thank you.

### 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 | Lucy Mooij               | Y3JK        | Oscar Roby        |
| Nursery Full-time | Alfie Astall             | Y4BM        | Sam Holland       |
| R/1KP             | George Broderick         | Y5GK        | Alisha Dignam     |
| R/1SB             | Daisy-Mae McKenna-Charge | Y5/6RR      | Liam Barnes       |
| Y1/2AA            | Joseph Piert             | Y6JS        | Holly Blanchfield |
| Y2KT              | Amelia Housbey           |             |                   |

### Instrumental Lessons

Please find below the dates of final instrumental lessons for this year and the dates of recommencement for the New Year.

| <u>Instrument</u> | <u>Last Lesson</u>                  | <u>Recommence on</u>              |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Violin            | Tuesday 11th December               | Tuesday 15th January              |
| Guitar            | Tuesday 11th December               | Tuesday 15th January              |
| Brass             | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December | Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January |
| Keyboard          | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December  | Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January |

### Dinner Money

Due to banking arrangements for the last week of term, please send 9 days dinner money into school on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, which will be **£21.15**.

### Change of Meal Arrangements

If your child would like to change meal arrangements after the Christmas holidays, please fill in a pink slip, available from the leaflet dispenser by the office. Slips must be returned by **Tuesday 18th December**. School meals cost £11.75 per week and are paid each Monday in advance.

Fish Friday (packed lunches Monday-Thursday and a school meal on a Friday) is also paid in advance for the term (£14.10 next term for 6 weeks).

**NB** Please remember that meal arrangements apply for a half term and pupils may only change after a holiday period.

### Breakfast and After School Club Money

Due to banking arrangements for the last week in school, please ensure that all Breakfast and After School Club money be paid on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December** for the last remaining 9 days. Thank you.

### Buzz Club & Early Bird Club Money Procedure Reminder

For both Clubs children should book in advance with payment on Monday mornings whenever possible. Payment should be in an envelope labelled with the child's name, class and days of attendance or one of the slips available from the school office. Cheques should be made payable to St Helens Council. Payment can also be paid via BACS (bank details and slips available from the school office). Please do not enclose any other money. Buzz Club £6 and Early Bird Club £4 per session.

**Please be aware** that no change will be given from money sent in for the above clubs until each half term when credit and debits have been reconciled. Therefore, either ensure you send the correct payment in or know that the additional money will be banked to be used as credit for future sessions.

### After School Club

Please note that there will be **NO** After School Club on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. It will recommence on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## Y6 PGL Holiday 2019 - 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**A reminder** - Payments can be made weekly, monthly, or at intervals to suit you, but the total of £280 must be paid by 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. Following our suggested monthly payment dates, another is due to be paid by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. All parents who are spreading the cost by making regular monthly payments of £30 should have then paid a minimum of £150 and the final four payment dates are as follows:

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019



### Drama

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** will be the last drama session until the New Year. Drama lessons will re-commence on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

### Choir

Next **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** will be the last choir before Christmas. Choir will re-commence on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.



### Christmas Party Dates

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Reception, Y1 and Y2

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Nursery

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. (Please note: Original date for Y3/4 Party was Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec but is now Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec).

All nursery children will have had a letter detailing party arrangements. Infants and pupils in Years 3 and 4 should come in their 'party clothes' on the morning of their party. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 should bring their party clothes in separately and they will change after dinnertime.

## Community News

### Make a difference and donate a chocolate orange - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at St Helens Town Hall 9am - 12pm.

Elliott Lamb (a relative of a current Yr3 and Reception child) sadly passed away of a congenital condition in 2010. As part of his legacy the family try to collect as many chocolate oranges as possible to pass on as a small gift and gesture of kindness to those going through challenging times at Christmas. If you would like to donate a chocolate orange, please send them into school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. You can find more information on the Facebook page, Team Chocolate Orange or Twitter@chocoranges.



**Santa Weekend at Northwest Museum of Road Transport.** Visit Santa in his grotto on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 12 noon - 4pm. Admission is £8.00 per child including entrance to the grotto. General Museum admission is Family ticket £12.50 (2+2), Adults £4.25, OAP's £3.25, Children £2.50 (not attending grotto) and Under 5's free. 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](http://www.nwmort.co.uk).

### Willowbrook Christmas Market

Willowbrook will be holding a Christmas Market with Santa's grotto, Donkeys, entertainment, food court and much more on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 11am-4pm at their Living Well, Borough Rd, St Helens WA10 3RN. For further information, please go to [www.willowbrook.org.uk](http://www.willowbrook.org.uk).

**Please note: Eco club has now finished for the remainder of the term.**

**Next week in School**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

- 10.30am Nursery AM, R1KP and R1SB Nativity Play
- 2.00pm 1/2AA & Y2KT Nativity Play
- Guitar lessons
- Violin lessons
- No Eco Club

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9.30am Junior Choir to perform at Bernard Wood Court & Birchley Hall
- 2.00pm 1/2AA & Y2KT Nativity Play
- Brass lessons
- Choir 3.30-4.30pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

- Y5/6 School Trip to Imperial War Museum
- 2.00pm Nursery PM, R1KP and R1SB Nativity Play
- Keyboard lessons
- Drama Club 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Y4/6 Netball 3.30pm-4.15pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

- Junior Choir to Town Hall - Chocolate Orange Appeal

**Mr Smith  
Headteacher**