



Chapel End Primary School News

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Week Ending: Friday 1st March 2019



Dear Parents,
Welcome to this week's newsletter.

Internet Safety-Important Information

We have received information about something called 'MOMO Challenge' which is heavily linked to apps such as YouTube, Facebook, WhatsApp and, more worryingly, YouTube Kids. Please check that your child is not accessing MOMO and ensure your child is aware of how to stay safe online. Please see at the bottom of the newsletter for more details.

KS1 Multi Skills Tournament

Congratulations to Eleanor, Evelyn, Mia, Max and Henry who represented school in the KS1 Multi skills tournament. All of the children behaved well and were perfect ambassadors for our school, coming in first place in the throwing competition. Everyone had a great time!

World Book Day



Next Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. The children may come to school dressed as a character from a book they have read/enjoyed. Later in the year (week commencing 20th May) we will be holding an English themed week called 'School of Magic'. More information will follow shortly

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	Elliott Osborne	Y3JK	Ruby Forsyth
Nursery Full-time	Mason Cartwright	Y4BM	Tom Martin
R/1KP	Matilda Newcombe	Y5GK	Isabel Davies
R/1SB	Chloe Hitchen	Y5/6RR	Shauna Leadbetter
Y1/2AA	Mason Rasburn	Y6JS	Izzy Fee
Y2KT	Mia Roberts		

Y6 PGL Holiday 2019 - 26th-28th June 2019

A reminder that all outstanding balances for this year's PGL trip must be paid by 3rd April 2019. This is less than 5 weeks away. The total cost is **£280.00**. If you are unsure of how much is left owing for your child, please ask at the office. Please also remember to send in your PGL payment card in order for it to be updated by Mrs Marsh. Thank you.

Comic Relief Red Nose Day 15th March 19

As always, we will be supporting Comic Relief Day this year. On Friday 15th March children may come into school in their own clothes to support Comic Red noses are still available from the school office should anyone like to purchase one, priced at £1.25 each with at least 65p going to Comic Relief.



This year the red noses all hail from the Isle of Silly, a magical kingdom ruled by Snufflekins from the Snoreytale Conk Castle. There are 11 different noses all individually wrapped in their own special sealed box to be revealed when opened. Carefully open it up and follow the instructions on how to build the blocks of your castle go to rednoseday.com/noses. You can also 'bring your red nose to life' by scanning the QR code on the box with your phone and download the 'Red Nose' app from the App Store or Play store. You also have a 1 in 840 chance of getting the Rare Nose and a 1 in 8,400 chance of getting the Ultra Rare Noses.



Junior Decorated Egg Competition

There will be a decorated egg competition for all Junior children on Thursday 4th April. Those wishing to participate should bring their eggs to school on Wednesday 3rd April for display. Judging will take place on Thursday 4th April and there will be a small prize for the best eggs in each class.

Nursery & Infant Easter Bonnet Parade

It is traditional at Chapel End to hold an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' for all Nursery and Infant children. This will take place on Friday 5th April and we very much hope that all children will participate. We hope, that with your help, your child will make a simple Easter or Spring hat to bring to school on that day. Small prizes will be given to the 'best' ones in each class. Hopefully the weather will be fine and the children will be able to go home wearing their decorated hat. Please speak with your child's teacher if you require any further information.



PTFA NEWS

Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd March. As a gesture, we would ask each child to bring an Easter egg or some chocolate to contribute to the Easter Bingo. Please come and support us; the more the merrier!

Easter Bingo

Easter Bingo will take place on Wednesday 27th March - 3.30-5.00pm. Included in the ticket price (£2.00) are bingo games and a small chocolate gift for each child. There will also be a raffle and refreshments available. In order for us to be able to comply with Fire Regulations and also to make sure that we can comfortably seat everybody, everyone attending needs to purchase a ticket. Tickets will go on sale shortly, more information to follow on next week's newsletter.



Bedding Plants

All orders for bedding plants must be returned to school by Friday 22nd March, to allow us to place our order with the supplier. Plants will then be delivered to school for you to collect on Monday 20th May. Spare order forms are available from the school office. If paying by cheque, please make payable to 'Chapel End School Friends Association'. Thank you

Community News

Local Leaders Programme (L.O.C.A.L)

Free workshops for volunteers, members of community groups and charities in St Helens!

Monday 4th March - Supporting Children and Young People with Creative Activities

Monday 11th March - Creative Inspirations for Spring

Thursday 14th March - Paediatric First Aid Awareness

Thursday 4th April - Safeguarding Awareness for Children and Young People

Thursday 4th April - Safeguarding Adults Awareness including PREVENT

For more information of times, and venues, please see the school noticeboard, or contact

Andrea Forsyth, St Helens Council on 01744 677596



Next Week in School

Monday 4th March

- Y4 Swimming (2 of 6)

Tuesday 5th March

- Violin lessons
- Guitar lessons
- Y6 Lunchtime Revision Club
- KS 1 Dodgeball (2 of 5) 3.20-4.20pm
- Eco Club 3.30-4.45pm
- Healthy Living Team Drop-in session 3.30-4pm
Children's Centre

Wednesday 6th March

- Brass lessons
- Y4, 5 & 6 Football Training 3.30-4.30pm
- Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Rugby Training 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 7th March

- World Book Day - Dress up day
- Keyboard lessons
- Y6 Maths Booster Classes 3.30-4.40pm
- KS2 Dodgeball (7 of 10) 3.30-4.30pm
- Drama 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 8th March

- Y4/5 Netball 3.30-4.15pm

Mr Smith
Headteacher

15th March - Non Uniform Day - Comic Relief Red Nose Day

22nd March - Non Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations

27th March - Easter Bingo

2nd April Parents Meetings 3.30pm-6.30pm

4th April Parents Meetings 3.30pm-6.30pm

5th April school closes for Easter

23rd April school re-opens

29th April Y6 PGL meeting 5.30pm

30th April School Photos Classes/groups

3rd May PTFA Book Exchange

6th May Bank Holiday School Closed

13th May Y6 SATs week

20th May 'School of Magic' Week

21st May Quidditch Tournament

24th May closes for Whit

3rd June school re-opens

5th June Y4BM trip to Tatton Park

5th June New Reception Intake Meeting 6pm

13th June Summer Discos

18th June AM All Nursery children sports day

20th June Whole School Sports Day (all day, picnic lunch)

26th-28th June Y6 PGL

1st -4th July Transition Week

5th July Summer Fair 3.30pm

8th July Reports to parents

9th & 10th July Y6 production to parents 7.00pm

18th July Y6 Darkstar

19th July school closes for Summer

It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.

What parents need to know about **MOMO**

CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



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Top Tips for Parents

TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is
0800 1111.



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