

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Themed Weeks

At Chapel End Primary School we provide a broad curriculum offer. Part of this offer is for all of our children to learn about events from different religions, traditions, cultures and ways of life from around the globe.

Week Beg 8th Nov

Friendship Week

Week Beg 15th Nov

Road Safety Week

Week Beg 22nd Nov

Universal Children's Day

Week Beg 29th Nov

St Andrew's Day

Week Beg 6th Dec

Art Week/Animal Rights Day

Week Beg 13th Dec

Human Rights Day

Week Beg 20th Dec

The Christmas Story



Safeguarding



National Online Safety

On returning to school after the half term, I have had a number of reports that our children are imitating scenes from a Netflix series called Squid Games. Unfortunately, the games that the children are playing are traditional playground games, however the series has added a violent element to them. In the interest of safeguarding all of our children, I have copied some information from the online safety network website for parents and carers to reference.

What is Squid Game?

Netflix's Squid Game is set to become the streaming service's most successful show of all time, with huge numbers of viewers taking to social media to discuss each new episode. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

An unexpected success in terms of viewing figures, Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

What are the hazards for children?

Squid Game's 15 rating has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as [TikTok](#), with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.

The popularity of the programme has also led to [online challenges](#) based on various scenes, which see people taking part in seemingly innocent children's games. On the show, however, characters are executed if they fail in the game – and videos of people pretending to kill each other after competing in Squid Game-style contests are going viral on social media, where they are easily accessible to children.

What is the Squid Game Challenge app?

Squid Game Challenge (also known as K-Game Challenge) is an app for smartphones and tablets that has been released for Android and iOS, and the two systems differ significantly on their [age ratings](#) for the game. The iTunes Store rates the app as 12+ (advising of "mild/infrequent horror/fear themes"), while the PEGI rating for Android is just 3+, which means that very young children might be able to download and play the game even with parental controls activated on their device or through Google Play.

The gameplay is frequently interrupted by pop-ups and ads (sometimes appearing while the user is rapidly tapping their screen while attempting to complete the challenge). This could easily lead to unwanted purchases or accidental visits to inappropriate sites beyond the app.

What can trusted adults do?

As a parent or carer, keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. [Speak to them openly](#) and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the [parental controls](#) are activated [on your child's device](#) and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as [Netflix](#), in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

If you see your child replicating the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters from Squid Game, it would be a timely opportunity to discuss with them that the programme is not intended for children, that much of the content would be inappropriate for their age, and that the violence in the series is very realistic and often upsetting.

Children's Act of Remembrance

REMINDER: Once again, children in Year 6 will be taking part in an act of remembrance on **Thursday 11th November**. All parents who wish to attend are very welcome and should gather from 10.30am onwards at the Remembrance Garden on Main Street, Billinge. Refreshments for the children will be provided at Billinge Labour Club. A letter has gone out to year 6 children with more detailed information about this event today.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies have been on sale from the school office this week. A donation pot is in the foyer for parents to donate money and take a poppy from the box.



Firework safety

Please stay safe this weekend

For more information about firework safety go to:

[Firework Safety – UK Fire Service Resources](#)

Y6 PGL Holiday 2022 - 15th-17th June 2022

If your child is attending PGL the amount of £300 has been added to your child's SchoolMoney account. It has been set up so you can pay as much as you want, when you want, but please ensure that at least £100 is paid by the Christmas break. The full balance will need to be paid by Friday 1st April 2022.

The cost of the holiday is £300 per child. This does not include spending money. We allow the children to have £6 spending money. As this will be held by staff on the holiday, we ask that the £6 is handed to the school office any time from now until June. Please send this as 6 x £1 coins (in an envelope please) so it can be easily distributed to the children on each day at PGL. Thank you.



Christmas Lunch



On **Friday 17th December** all children from N (30 hours), R-Y6 are invited to have a Christmas lunch at lunchtime.

If your child is on packed lunches in :

1. N (30 hrs), Y3-6 please email school to confirm and pay £2.50 via Schoolmoney.
2. R-Y2—email school to confirm, NB no payment required as all pupils in these year groups are entitled to a universal free school meal.
3. If your child is already on school meals or Fish Friday this term, no action is needed, please pay as normal and your child will automatically be provided with a Christmas lunch on Friday 17th December.

Please email school by Friday 19th November to enable our School Cook Ms Hannah and her staff to order correct amounts of supplies.



Saints Community Development
foundation
Inspiring Communities Through Sport



Boots Stay and play - A fun, interactive session where babies and children can enjoy soft play, toys and interactive play in a structured session led by our Saints Community coaches with frequent visits from the Saints mascot Boots. For ages newborn to school age.

Sensory Saints - 'Sensory Saints' is a sensory session for babies from newborn to 6 months old. Learning in a variety of different ways in a structured class led by our Saints community coaches. Each week is based around a different theme where babies will explore and learn new things using all their senses.

Move it, Move it sessions - An interactive session for newborns to school age learning the basics of movement and dance. Bopping along to choreographed routines to your favourite nursery rhymes and children's songs. This session will also feature themed dance weeks based around musicals and children's popular films and TV shows.

Storytime with Saints - Explore your favorite children's stories through props, dress up and imagination. Each session consists of teacher led story time with engaging storytelling to bring the book to life. Suitable for ages newborn to school age children.

**ALL SESSIONS TAKE PLACE AT THE SHINING LIGHTS CENTRE
SUTTON MANOR, WA9 4AT**

EACH SESSION COSTS £4.00 EACH OR £18.00 FOR A SIX WEEK BLOCK

FOR BOOKING LINKS CONTACT LIAM.PLATT@SAINTSRLFC.COM

Winter Uniform

REMINDER: All children should now be in full winter uniform.

Boys Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.
White polo T-shirt
Grey trousers
Plain grey socks
Black school shoes

Girls Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper or red school cardigan displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.
White polo T-shirt
Plain grey pinafore, grey skirt (appropriate length) or grey trousers
Grey tights
Grey socks (recommended for Winter)
Black Shoes

Haircuts

We do not permit children to have extreme haircuts such as shaved patterns or mohican styles as they are inappropriate for the school setting. We would ask that hair is no shorter than a clipper setting of number 2 and any child, male or female, with a long hair length will be asked to tie their hair up.

Hair Accessories

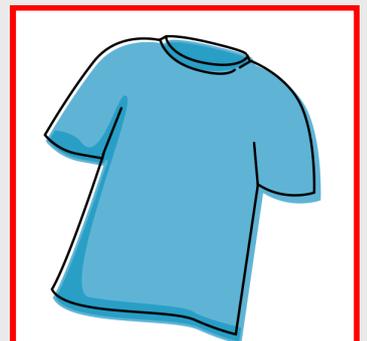
We ask that hair accessories such as headbands, clips, bows and bobbles are red or black in colour. Please also ensure that they are kept to an acceptable size and keep them as plain as possible.

Nursery

Children of Nursery age are permitted to wear black or grey jogging trousers to support gross motor skill activities and toilet training.

Underlayers

Due to increased ventilation in school and the weather becoming colder, we would like to remind parents and carers that children can wear underlayers, sometimes referred to as 'skins', beneath their normal uniform or PE kit.



Anti-bullying Week

Monday 15th November—Friday 19th November

To launch anti-bullying week we are hosting a mixed up Monday on Monday 15th November. On this day children may choose to wear their jumper back to front, odd socks, odd shoes or any other variety of mixed up uniform garments. If your child has PE on a Monday, please ensure that they are wearing suitable clothing.



Immunisations Campaign 2021

If your child is in Reception-Year 11 and missed their flu nasal spray in school, they are invited to attend one of the sessions below. There is no requirement to book, you can just turn up on one of the dates below.

Please follow the link below for e consent. This is required to be filled in **PRIOR** to attending the drop in clinic.

<http://econsent.xmerseyhc.nhs.uk/>

Any queries please contact the Immunisation Team on 01744 624353

Friday 17th Dec 2021

9.30am—12.30pm or

Ashtons Green Clinic

Monday 20th Dec 2021

1.10pm—3.30pm

Ashtons Green Drive

Tuesday 21st Dec 2021

St Helens

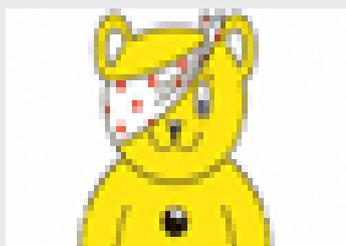
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Chester Shopping Trip

Our annual Christmas Shopping Trip is back on this year and will take place on **Saturday 20th November**. We will be leaving school at 9am and will be picked up in Chester at 5pm, allowing plenty of time to browse the Christmas markets, take in the sights of Chester or just indulge in some shopping and a spot of lunch. Tickets are priced at £12.50 and can be paid for via SchoolMoney or cash. Please contact Mrs Marsh in the office if you would like to join us.



Children In Need



Apologies: Children in Need will take place on **Friday 19th November**, (not 12th as detailed on last newsletter).

Children will be able to wear their own clothes / pyjamas / Pudsey related accessories, on what we are calling Feel Good Friday. A donation of £1 will support the amazing work undertaken by Children in Need. Please make any donations through SchoolMoney if you haven't already done so.

Team Chocolate Orange Campaign 2021 (November –10th December)

Elliott Lamb (a relative of a current Y6 and Y3 child) sadly passed away of a congenital condition at Christmas time 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 and to our incredible NHS heroes, our carers and all of those who helped when lockdown came.



If you would like to donate a chocolate orange, please send them into school by Thursday 9th December.



For more information please contact chrislamb saint@gmail.com.

Christmas Bauble Competition

We are again holding our Christmas Bauble Competition and the baubles will be used to decorate our Christmas tree in the Junior hall. Polystyrene balls will be available to purchase from the school office at a cost of £1. (Watch this space for more information).

Baubles can be decorated at home using any materials but please ensure they have a hook/loop to enable them to be hung on our Christmas tree. Children can collect their baubles at the end of term to take home and hang on their own Christmas tree! Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated baubles.



Please continue to use class Dojo to access information about your child's class on a daily basis.

Christmas Cards

This week your child has brought home their Christmas cards, mugs etc. If your child has not received their items please contact Mrs Grimshaw as soon as possible. Thank you again for your fantastic support.



Important -Advanced Information!!

In line with the majority of schools across the borough, we now finish early on the final day of each **term** (end of half terms will be normal times). Please note on Wednesday 22nd December school finishes at the following times:

1.50pm Nursery, Reception, Y5 & Y6

2.00 pm Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

Please ensure you are at school in plenty of time to pick up your child promptly.

NB: The last After School Club of the term will be Tuesday 21st December.



Congratulations to the following children who were praised this week. Children who are attending school from each class have their work placed on Mr Hewitt's Wonder Wall to celebrate their achievements.

	<u>Pupil of the Week</u>	<u>Wonder Wall</u>
Nursery	Lyla Barker	India Lenahan
Reception	Ava Noonan	Alice Jackman
Y1	Molly Haworth	Freddie Robertson
Y2	Max Roberts	Oliver Gaskell
Y3	Ayva Lowery	Brooke Baddeley
Y4	Izaac Killa	Lucy Clare
Y5	Natasha McLean	Georgia Marsh
Y6	Heidi Blanchfield	Anna Williamson

Next Week Back in School

Monday 8th November

Friendship Week

Y1/2 Multi-Sports 3.15-4.15pm (2 of 5)

Thursday 11th November

Y6—Remembrance Service, Main Street, Billinge

Tuesday 9th November

Schools Music Service Guitar Lessons

Junior Choir 12 noon with Mrs Montrose

Y3/4 Multi Sports 3.15-4.15pm (2 of 5)

Friday 12th November

Rock Steady Music 1.00-3.00pm

Wednesday 10th November

Y4, 5 and 6 St Helens Music Service String lessons

Schools Music Service Brass lessons

Term Dates for 2021-2022

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2021	Mon 6 Sept	Fri 22 Oct
Autumn Term 2021	Mon 1 Nov	Wed 22 Dec
Spring Term 2022	Thurs 6 Jan	Fri 11 Feb
Spring Term 2022	Mon 21 Feb	Fri 1 April
Summer Term 2022	Tues 19 April	Thurs 26 May
Summer Term 2022	Tues 7 June	Wed 20 July

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 2nd May 2022

Term Dates for 2022-2023

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 5 Sept	Thurs 20 Oct
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 31 Oct	Wed 21 Dec
Spring Term 2023	Wed 4 Jan	Thurs 9 Feb
Spring Term 2023	Mon 20 Feb	Fri 31 March
Summer Term 2023	Mon 17 April	Thurs 25 May
Summer Term 2023	Mon 5 June	Wed 19 July

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 1st May 2023