



Chapel End Primary School News

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Week Ending: Friday 5th July 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope that you enjoy this afternoon's Fun Day and would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to the PTFA and everyone who helped with organising the event. We will let you know how much we raise in next week's newsletter.

Sad News

Some of you may remember Jenny Moss who worked in school as a midday supervisor. Five years ago, Jenny became pregnant and had a baby girl. Not long after, Jenny was diagnosed with a potentially terminal illness. Sadly, Jenny passed away recently. She was a lovely lady and will be hugely missed by everyone who knew her. Throughout her illness, Jenny was supported by the organisation: 'Mummy's Star' and we would like to support them in helping others who find themselves in a similar situation to Jenny's. During the Summer Fair, we will be holding a 'Name the Teddy' competition to raise money to send as a donation. If your child would like to enter, they may donate a pound in return for a 'name' and this will then be entered into the competition. If their name matches the 'chosen' name, they will be able to take him/her home with them. Thank you for your support with this.

[\(http://www.mummysstar.org/\)](http://www.mummysstar.org/)



Year 6 Residential-PGL

The Year 6 children had a fantastic time at PGL last week. They were absolutely brilliant throughout the trip; they were a credit to themselves and proved to be superb ambassadors for our school. Well done everyone!



Up Holland Festival of Music

On Thursday evening, our Choir and Orchestra performed alongside other primary, secondary and sixth form students in the Up Holland Festival of Music. Their performance was fantastic and they were an absolute pleasure to take - fantastic role models for our school. Well done everyone!

Y6 Summer Production - 'Gold'

Performances to parents will take place at 7.00pm on the evenings of Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July. Tickets for the production are still available from the school office, priced £1.50. **Reminder all orders for DVDs must be returned to school as soon as possible and no later than Thursday 11th July.** Thank you.



Reception visit to Windmill Farm

The Reception children had a great day out at Windmill Farm last week. They met Farmer Graham, fed the goats, saw the chickens' eggs in the coup and had a fun time on the adventure playground. The children were really well behaved and a credit to Chapel End. Well done Reception!



Nursery, Infant & Junior Sports Day

In spite of the chilly weather, children, staff and parents alike all enjoyed a fun sports day this week. Many thanks for being patient whilst the weather meant a change to our original plans.



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	All Nursery children for being Superstars at Sports Day!	Y3JK	Poppy Bittner
Nursery Full-time		Y4BM	Mrs Poole
R/1KP	Tilly Burrows	Y5GK	Kristian Evans
R/1SB	Amaiya Eze	Y5/6RR	Ruby Quinn
Y1/2AA	Isaac Watson	Y6JS	Natasha Wilde
Y2KT	Tilly Dennis		

Change of Meals Arrangements for September 19

If you wish to change your child's meal arrangements for September, please could you fill in a pink slip (available from the leaflet dispenser in the school entrance) and return to the office by Friday 12th July at the very latest.

NB: Children who are moving from Y2 to Y3 in September will no longer be eligible for a Universal Free School meal (please see charges below).

Dinner Money

As you are aware we operate a computerised system for recording dinner money. Dinner money is currently £11.75 per week (£2.35 per day) but this may increase from September. We will let you know as soon as we have more information. Parents can pay by cash or cheque, weekly or termly in advance. Cheques made payable to St Helens Council please not school.

Please ensure you send the correct payment as no change will be given until the end of each half term when credits and debits have been reconciled.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DINNER ARRANGEMENTS CAN ONLY BE CHANGED AFTER EACH HALF TERM. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE ON A WEEKLY OR DAILY BASIS. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please see the information below and contact Education Benefits on 675216/7.

Fish Friday

Children choosing a Fish Friday meal option (packed lunches Monday-Thursday and a school meal on Friday) should send a payment of **£16.45 7 weeks** for the term in on Wednesday 5th September. Please note the last Fish Friday of the term is on Friday 18th October. **Again we will let you know if there is an increase in price for September.**

School Uniform

As many of you will no doubt be purchasing uniform during the summer holiday, a full list is given below. Children may return to school in Summer uniform in September as September is often quite warm but all pupils should be in full Winter uniform by the second half of the Autumn term.

GIRLS	Mid-grey pinafore, skirt or school trousers White polo shirt Red cardigan or jumper	Hair bands, ribbons etc should be red, black or white. All footwear should be black or plain dark coloured. To ensure safety around school we do not allow children to wear shoes with sling backs or high heels. Trainers of shoe like appearance are acceptable but <u>must be plain black</u> . May we also remind you that make up and jewellery must <u>not</u> be worn in school.
BOYS	Mid-grey long or short trousers White polo shirt Red sweatshirt	

Hair and hair accessories

It is important that if your child, whether they are a girl or boy, has shoulder length or long hair they must have it tied back. This is especially important for PE lessons. If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band with which to tie their hair up. Hairbands should be as plain and simple as possible (a small red bow is also acceptable) as sequins and highly decorated ones can be a health and safety concern. Thank you.

Our expectations with regard to extreme hair fashions including dyed hair, closely shaven hair and images/shapes cut into the hair or eyebrows, are that these should **only be done at the beginning of the six week summer holiday** so that by the time pupils return to school they will have had time to grow out.

Music Lessons

- ❖ Last Keyboard lesson will be on Thursday 11th July.
- ❖ Last Brass lesson will be on Wednesday 10th July.
- ❖ Last Violin lesson will be on Tuesday 9th July.

Please ensure any loaned instruments are left in school AFTER your child's last music lesson

Drama Lessons

- ❖ Last drama will be Thursday 18th July

School Nurse Drop In

Our school nurse will be holding a drop in session from 8.45-9.15am in school on **Wednesday 10th July**. Do go along if you would like to discuss any issues concerning your child i.e. medical conditions, bedwetting, behaviour, head lice, healthy eating etc.

Football Training

Please note football training has now finished for the term.

Next Week in School

<p><u>Monday 8th July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports to parents• 'Gold' Production to school (filmed for DVD) <p><u>Tuesday 9th July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last Violin lessons• KS1 Summer Games (10 of 10) 3.20-4.20pm• 'Gold' Production to parents 7.00pm. <p><u>Wednesday 10th July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Nurse Drop In 8.45- 9.15am• Last Brass lessons• 'Gold' Production to parents 7.00pm.	<p><u>Thursday 11th July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• German Band to visit perform to school• Last Keyboard lessons• Drama 3.30-4.30pm <p><u>Friday 12th July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 to Up Holland <p>Mr Smith Headteacher</p>
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15th July Y6 Disco 1pm

17th July KS2 Treat Day

18th July Y6 Darkstar

19th July school closes for Summer

FREE SCHOOL MEALS - September 19

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2022.

Important note for parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2

As you know, since September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Parents and carers who receive the qualifying benefits (listed above) should still make an application for free school meals. This is because our school can get additional government funding dependent on the number of children that qualify for statutory free school meals (based on your entitlement to certain benefits and awards).

Even if your child does not wish to take a universal free meal please still claim to enable school to get the funding.

How to Apply

You can apply online as part of your initial claim for housing benefit / council tax reduction or you can complete the separate free school meals application form. Your eligibility will be checked to claim free school meals electronically so you will not normally need to provide supporting evidence. If you are successful you and our school will be informed of the decision.

Contact details

Telephone: 01744 675216 or 01744 675217

Write to: St Helens Council, Revenues and Benefits, PO Box 397, Sale, M33 6YL

Call in Person: Enquiry Counters, Wesley House, Corporation Street, St Helens, WA10 1HF

Email: educationbenefits@sthelens.gov.uk

Other Awards

If you qualify for statutory free school meals you may also be entitled to school clothing allowance.