



Chapel End Primary School News



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Week Ending: Friday September 6th 2019

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back after the summer break! Once again, the school year promises to be very exciting with lots of things planned for the children. Important dates for the Autumn term will be in the newsletter shortly to help you plan ahead but, as always, please read future newsletters carefully to ensure you have the most up to date information as things are prone to change as the year progresses.

May Bank Holiday Date Change- IMPORTANT

Please note: The Government has decreed that the traditional May Day Bank Holiday (originally Monday 4th May 2020) has been moved to Friday 8th May 2020 to celebrate 75th Anniversary of VE Day. School will now be open on the 4th of May and closed on the 8th May.

Parking Nugent House

Following conversations with a number of parents, I have spoken with Ellen Rigby (Head of Nugent house) regarding the new dropping off/picking up arrangements at Nugent House. Although we were not made aware of the new entrance/exit on Greenfield View, she assured me that all residents in that area have received notification as part of a two year consultation process, involving the council's planning department. She explained that the entrance in question is now a 'turnaround' facility for taxis and buses dropping children off at the school.

With regard to the limited parking on Carr Mill Road, I have asked her to instruct staff at Nugent House to park on their designated car park to release space for our parents at dropping off and pick up times and she has assured me that she will do this.

I have also contacted the council to seek their views on the situation. In the meantime, can I please ask that when dropping off or picking up, you park legally and sensibly with due regard to residents of properties around school and drive with due care and diligence so the safety of our children is not compromised.

Road Safety and Traffic Discipline

- The Car Park should not be used at any time without prior arrangement with the school office. (Dropping off at Breakfast club and picking up from Buzz club after 4.30pm are the only exceptions).
- Do not park on yellow lines or zig-zags
- Do not park on pavements or double-park.
- Observe the 20mph rule
- Follow the directions of the Crossing Patrol Officer so that she can cross children safely.

We have been asked by the police to provide registration numbers of any vehicles which do not comply with the restrictions or demonstrate practices that put pedestrians or other road users in danger. Verbal abuse of any kind towards the Crossing Patrol Officer is unacceptable- anyone doing so will be reported to the police.

Attendance and holiday requests

The Local Authority and DFE are now working very closely with schools to ensure that all children are attending school regularly and consistently. If a child is missing school regularly or is persistently late their academic progress can be seriously jeopardised. For example; a child with a 90% attendance rate at the end of the year will have missed four whole weeks of school and 100 hours of learning opportunities. As a school, we have a threshold agreed with the LA of **95%** attendance as a minimum and our Education Welfare Officer will be proactive in contacting parents/carers of children whose attendance is falling below this threshold.

Contact Information

May I remind all parents to update school information if home/work phone numbers or emergency contacts have recently changed. The school also has, as you already know, a system of class 'concern' files where any health or education problems may be noted. If this information needs updating please send in any relevant details to your child's teacher. Staff will have these files available at the October Parents' Evenings if you

wish to update information then. Also, please note that should any Children and Young Peoples Services agencies need to contact you, these are the details we will pass on to them.

Buzz Club & Early Bird Club

Buzz Club runs from 3.15pm-5.30pm and Early Bird Club from 7.30am-8.50am.

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. 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.

Reminder: 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, please ensure that you send the correct payment in or know that the additional money will be banked to be used as credit for future sessions.

Dinner Money

As you are aware we operate a computerised system for recording dinner money. Dinner money is **£12.00 per week (£2.40 per day)**. Parents can pay by cash or cheque, weekly or termly in advance. Cheques made payable to **St Helens Council** please not school. Unfortunately payments cannot be made by BACS. 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.

PE Kit

Indoor PE Kit - Red shorts, white tee-shirt, pumps.

Outdoor Games Kit - Red shorts, white tee-shirt, trainers or pumps. In colder weather children may bring a tracksuit.

Please note that we recommend that kits are brought in on a Monday and left in school until the Friday so they are always available. Football/rugby shirts are not part of uniform.

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 12th September to take individual and family group photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform.

Roald Dahl Day Friday 13th September

Next Friday is Roald Dahl Day. Children can dress in yellow - Roald Dahl's favourite colour. In return, the children may bring a £1 to be donated to Roald Dahl's 'Marvellous Children's Charity'.



GP Paralympian Visit

On Thursday, 26th September, we will be visited by Bev Jones, a GB Paralympian. Bev will be running a series of fitness activities with all children on that day, as well as taking us through the rigours of being an international athlete. Your child will have brought home a sponsor form to support this activity - all monies raised will support both our school our future Olympians. Please return all sponsor forms and money on or before Tuesday 24th September. On Thursday 26th September, children should attend school in their PE kit and bring a labelled bottle of water with them.



School Council Toast Tuck Shop

The toast tuck shop will resume on **Tuesday 17th September** and is available for years 1 -6. Toast is priced at 10p per slice.

Football Training

Football training for Yrs 4-6, will resume after school on Wednesday 11th September 3.20 - 4.15pm, and will continue every Wednesday until October half term. Please note if your child is not collected at 4.15pm s/he will be placed in After School Club for which there will be a charge.



Morning Snacks

As part of our aim to promote healthy eating in school we would ask that children in Y1-Y6 are discouraged from bringing crisps and chocolate biscuits for morning break. Some alternative snacks could include dried fruit, crackers, plain biscuits or toast. Children in Key Stage One will continue to be provided with a piece of fruit. Children in Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) are provided with the fruit and a healthy snack.

Water Bottles



Water is available, during the day, for all children. Pupils from Year 3 onwards are allowed to have a bottle of water with them on their desk during lessons. All bottles should be clear with a non-spill sports top, **contain only plain water** and be clearly labelled with the child's name. Suitable water bottles are available from the school office Priced £1.00.

Up Holland High School Open Evening

Current Y6 students are invited to an open evening at Up Holland High School on **Tuesday 24th September 5.00-7.30pm**. The evening is designed to provide parents and students with more information about the school and an opportunity for you to meet staff and students. For more information, please see your child's invitation letter sent out this week.

Musical instrument tuition at Chapel End Primary School

The Schools Music Service Roadshow will be visiting school with a selection of musical instruments to explain how your child can receive instrumental tuition at school on:-

Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 6.00p.m.

Come along and make some music!! Parents and children welcome!!

Tuition is offered in school to pupils on flute, clarinet, violin, trumpet, cornet, keyboard & guitar. Pupils must have their own instruments and the Schools Music Service can help and advise parents about purchasing or hiring them at the meeting.

Payment details

Children are taught in groups of about three for a half hour session during the school day. There will be a total of 30 sessions across the school year at a cost of £6.60 per lesson for which payment can be made monthly by 10 standing order payments of £19.80 or by 3 termly payments of £66.00 in advance of each term. You can register online at www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk.

Alternatively, registration forms will be available at the roadshow or from the school office after the event.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Willowbrook Hospice

Willowbrook Hospice is looking for new people to join their team of volunteers within Willowbrook Hospice across St Helens and Knowsley. There are various roles including: retail, fundraising, admin/reception, wellbeing services, hospitality/housekeeping, garden/maintenance and driving.

If you are interested in finding out more please call Bev or Ian on 01744 766929 or email help@willowbrookhospice.org.uk

North West Museum of Road Transport

Sunday 15th September 10am-4pm

Family Fun Day, face painting, Morris dancing, crafts, model railway, bus rides and lots more.
Adults £4, children aged 5-7yrs £2.50, under 5's Free, disabled/carers £2.50.

Next Week in School

Monday 9th September

Tuesday 10th September

Wednesday 11th September

- Football Training 3.20-4.15pm
- Schools Music Service enrolment evening 6.00pm

Thursday 12th September

- Individual & family photographs
- Drama 3.20-4.20pm

Friday 13th September

- Roald Dahl Day - Wear Yellow

Mr Smith
Headteacher