



Chapel End Primary School News

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Week Ending: Friday November 8th 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. As always, it is going to be a very exciting time in the run up to Christmas. Below, you will find all the dates for the forthcoming events so you can make sure they are in your diaries.

We have had a lovely week in school this week. Thank you to all the children who bought poppies and wore them in recognition of their gratitude to all who gave their lives during the World Wars. The children in Y6 were a credit to us when they represented Chapel End at the annual memorial service on Main Street and the one minute silence was beautifully observed in classes at 11am.

St Helens Council Christmas Gift Appeal 2019 - Birth to 18 years

St Helens Council are running their Christmas Gift Appeal again this year. Sadly there are still many children and young people in the borough who are at risk of waking up on Christmas day without a single gift. All gifts of rattles, teething rings, books, toys, toiletries and clothing would be most welcome. Last year there was a shortage of gifts for children aged under 1 and 7-12 years, it is asked that parents consider this age range when donating to the appeal.

All donations must be in school by Friday 13th December or can be made at various collection points detailed in the leaflet at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Crossing Patrol

I have been asked by our Crossing Patrol Officer (CPO) to remind you that although she is there to help cross the children over the road, the responsibility for children remains with the parent/carers. Children should still be closely supervised as they cross and not be allowed to: run across the road, cross behind; or cross some distance away from the CPO.

Dogs on school premises

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that dogs, unless they are guide dogs, are not permitted on the school premises at any times. Thank you.

After School Activities

If your child attends any after school club i.e. choir, football, drama and they are not going to attend, please ensure you let the teacher running the club know so that they know your child is safe. Thank you.

Y2 Football

Well done to our Year 2 football team - Ty Thomson, William Mather, William Crimes, Jayden Baddeley, Theo Boylan-McCann and Luca Hanna- they represented our school at a tournament at Ruskin Drive on Tuesday 5th November. They were super ambassadors for our school and played really well.

Y3 Football

Apologies to Olly Regan from Y3 whose name was omitted from the list of children who attended the Y3 tournament before half term. Well done Olly for your sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Y5 Football

Well done to our Year 5 football team - they represented our school at a tournament at Ruskin Drive on Tuesday 22nd October and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done to Tom Martin, Thomas Hitchen, Riley Underhill, Willow Peaty, Madison McCowan, Archie Murphy, Aiden Roberts and Oliver Vernazza.

Y1/2AA Visit to Billinge Library - Monday 11th November

Year Y1/2AA will visit Billinge Library next Monday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing full school uniform, suitable footwear and a waterproof coat. Thank you.

Anti-bullying week Mon 11th - Fri 15th Nov

Next week is National Anti-bullying Week. As usual, our Personal, Social, Health and Citizen Education (PSHCE) will focus on this throughout the week.

On Tuesday 12th November all children may come to school wearing odd socks with their school uniform to show their support for Anti-bullying.

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 | Billy Hewson | Y3JK | Olly Regan |
| Nursery Full-time | Joel McLean | Y4BM | Oscar Roby |
| R/1KP | Max Roberts | Y5GR | Willow Peaty |
| Y1/2AA | George Norton | Y6AK | Caitlin Fass |
| Y2KT | Charlotte Ford | Y6JS | Isabel Davies |

Scholastic Book Club - A leaflet was sent home this week. Please return any orders by Friday 15th November. If paying by cheque, please make them payable to 'Chapel End School'. Thank you.

Y6 PGL Holiday - 17th-19th June 2020

A reminder - Payments can be made weekly, monthly (or at intervals to suit you) but must be paid by 1st April 2020 (total cost is £280). Please send money in a named, sealed envelope. Also, if you prefer, you can hand this money directly to the office staff. If you are following our suggested monthly payment dates; another payment is due to be paid by Wednesday 13th November. All pupils who are spreading the cost by making regular monthly payments of £30 should have then paid a minimum of £120 (including the deposit).

School Meals Menu

Reminder: our new school Autumn menu starts next Monday; 11th November. All food is 'farm assured' ensuring animal welfare is respected; all fish on the menu is sustainably sourced; all eggs used are free range and British. All menus are discussed with and designed by children. Our school cook Miss Hannah and her staff currently provide, gluten free, dairy free, egg free, vegan and allergen awareness menus. They are also able to provide carbohydrate counts for all items on the menu for diabetics. If you would like to give school meals a try, please contact the school office. Copies of the new school meals menu can be found in the dispenser in the entrance hall and on our school website.

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) paid in advance**. Parents can pay by cash or cheque, weekly or termly. Cheques made payable to **St Helens Council** please NOT school. Please also write your child's name and class on the reverse of your cheque.

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 contact Education Benefits on 675216/7.

Children choosing a Fish Friday meal option (packed lunches Monday-Thursday and a school meal on Friday) this term should send a payment of **£16.80** for the term in as soon as possible. Please note this is payment for 7 weeks in advance; the last Fish Friday of the term is on **Friday 20th December**.

Christmas Lunch - Friday 13th December

On Friday 13th December all children from R-Y6 are invited to have a Christmas lunch at lunchtime. Letters went out this week with all the information. Please return your reply slips as soon as possible to enable our cook, Ms Hannah, and her staff to organise the ordering and delivery of food.



Children In Need

Reminder: Children in Need is on Friday 15th November.

Children may come into school in non-uniform suitable for physical activities and bring a donation to Children in Need. We will be joining in with Joe Wicks 'Big Morning Move' workout. We also have wristbands available from the school office should anyone like to purchase one, priced at £1 each.

PTFA News

Our Autumn Disco was a huge success this week and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped with the event!

Chester Shopping Trip

Tickets are still available from the school office, priced £10 to our annual Christmas Shopping Trip on **Saturday 16th 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.



Christmas Fair - Friday 29th November

Many thanks for all the donations of Christmas chocolates/sweets this week. The focus during next week will be Christmas groceries, although you can of course still donate chocolates and sweets. Any child who brings a donation will be given a raffle ticket and entered into a draw during Friday's assembly to win a small selection box.

Tea with Santa

Unfortunately, Santa cannot make it to our Christmas Fair this year so we will be unable to open our Grotto. However, Santa has very kindly agreed to make it a Christmas to remember for all pupils at Chapel End by visiting us on **Thursday 5th December at 3.15pm** to have tea with the children. Tickets for this event are priced at £3.50 per pupil and will include hot food and a gift. Tickets will be on sale from the school office from Tuesday 12th November.



Christmas Bauble Competition



We are holding a Christmas Bauble Competition and the baubles will be used to decorate our Christmas tree in the main hall. Polystyrene balls are available from the school office at a cost of a £1. Baubles can be decorated using any materials but please ensure they have a hook/loop to enable them to be hung on our Christmas tree. Baubles should be brought into school on **Thursday 28th November** and will be judged by Santa at his Tea with the children on 5th December. Children can collect their baubles at the end of term to take home and hang on their own Christmas tree!

Community News!

Martin Mere Wetland Centre

Guided Winter Walks, Floodlit Swans, Sail to Santa with Elf Academy, A Tale of Two Swans,
Puddle Jumping Championships, New Otter Enclosure.

For more information on the above pick up a leaflet from Reception or log onto wwt.org.uk/martin-mere.

Next Week in School

Monday 11th November

- **Christmas grocery donations for Christmas Fair all week.**
- Y1/2AA to visit Billinge Library PM

Tuesday 12th November

- **Anti-bullying Week** - children to wear odd socks with their uniform
- Woodwind lessons
- Guitar lessons
- Keyboard lessons
- Violin lessons
- Y1 & 2 Multi-Sports (8 of 10) 3.20-4.20pm

Wednesday 13th November

- Brass lessons
- Y4 Music (8 of 10)
- Choir 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 14th November

- Y3-6 Multi-Sports (7 of 10) 3.20-4.20pm
- Drama Club - 3.20pm-4.20pm

Friday 15th November

Children in Need - non uniform suitable for physical activities.

Saturday 16th November

Chester Shopping Trip 9.00am

Mr S Smith
Headteacher

12th November Anti Bullying Week N-Y6 Odd Socks Day

15th November Children in Need Day - Own clothes suitable for physical activity

16th November PTFA Shopping Trip to Chester

18th November Y3 Visit to Billinge Library

19th November Y6 & Reception Height & Weights checks

21st November Y6 Raising Aspirations Careers Carousel

29th November Christmas Fair 3.15-5.30pm

4th December Nasal flu immunisations- R-Y6

5th December Tea with Santa - 3.15pm

6th December Y5 Trip to Imperial War Museum

9th December 10.30am All Nursery Children & R1KP play dress rehearsal to whole school (videoed)

9th December 2.00pm- Y1/2AA and Y2KT play dress rehearsal to school (videoed)

10th December 10:30am Nursery full time, NAM children, & R1KP play to parents

10th December 2:00pm Y1/2AA and Y2KT play to parents

11th December 2.00pm Y1/2AA and Y2KT play to parents

12th December 2.00pm Nursery full time, NPM children & R1KP play to parents

12th December Fish Friday served today instead of tomorrow due to Christmas Lunch

13th December Christmas Lunch

17th December Y1&Y2 Christmas party PM

18th December Y3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas party PM

19th December - Junior Carol Concert whole school in Junior hall AM

19th EYFS (Nursery & R1KP) Christmas party PM

20th December - Infant and Junior Carol sing on playgrounds for parents for charity - 2.45pm

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| <u>Friday 20th December</u> | Break up for Christmas |
| <u>Tuesday 7th January</u> | Return to School |

CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL 2019

St Helens Council's Christmas gift appeal is back for the ninth year - and kind-hearted residents, businesses and organisations are being asked to help make a disadvantaged child's Christmas a special one.

Since 2010, the appeal for children aged from birth to 18 years has seen tens of thousands of items donated, with last year's alone resulting in around 5,000 gifts being shared out between more than 400 children and young people.

St Helens Council's Cabinet Member for Developing Young People, Councillor Nova Charlton, said: "Our annual gift appeal is always a huge success and the generosity shown from those who contribute never ceases to amaze me.

"But sadly, the truth is that there are still many children and young people in the borough who are at risk of waking up on Christmas day without a single gift, so I'd encourage anyone able to do so, to bring some much needed joy into these youngsters' lives at what should be the happiest time of the year."

Items such as rattles, teething rings, books, toys, toiletries and clothing will be most welcome - but with a shortage of gifts last year for children aged under 1 and between 7-12 years, it is asked that residents consider this age range when donating to the appeal. For health and safety reasons, soft toys cannot be accepted and it is asked that gifts are bought as new and are not wrapped.

Collection points have been set up in various locations across the borough including:

- St Helens Town Hall
- Atlas House
- Wesley House
- Any St Helens library
- Billinge Chapel End Primary School

While donations can also be made at:

- Parr Children's Centre, Ashtons Green Drive
- Fourways Children's Centre, Burnage Avenue
- Thatto Heath Children's Centre, Brisbane Street
- Sutton Children's Centre, Ellamsbridge Road
- Newton Children's Centre, Patterson Street

The deadline for donations is Tuesday 17 December 2019.

For more information contact Tracy Sexton on 01744 676563.

