



Chapel End Primary School News

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Week Ending: Friday November 29th 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. As always at this time of year, school is buzzing with anticipation of all our forthcoming Christmas events. Wherever you look, there are camels, stars, wise men, donkeys and lots and lots of glitter! By the time you read this you will have, hopefully, enjoyed all that this afternoon's Christmas Fair had to offer and no doubt you will have gone home with a little more than you came with.

Very Important -Advanced Information-please take note

In line with the majority of schools across the borough, in future, we will now be finishing at 2pm on the final day of each **term** (end of half terms will be at 3.15pm as normal). Please note that this will commence on the final day of this term. So on Friday 20th December school finishes at **2pm!** Please ensure you are at school in plenty of time to pick up your child promptly.

KS2 Boccia

Well done to our KS2 Boccia team, Harvey Marsh, Zach Berry, Megan Pye, Anna Williamson, Charlie Taylor and Alfie Taylor. The children represented our school at a tournament on Wednesday 27th November. They were fantastic ambassadors for Chapel End and thoroughly enjoyed the event.

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	Isaac Williams	Y3JK	Isabelle Crook
Nursery Full-time	James Ennis	Y4BM	Faith Ashworth
R/1KP	Annabel Underhill	Y5GR	Owen Bridge
Y1/2AA	Ella Bristo	Y6AK	Evie Ashworth
Y2KT	Ty Thomson	Y6JS	Lydia Davies

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 11th December. All pupils who are spreading the cost by making regular monthly payments of £30 should have then paid a minimum of £150 (including the deposit).

Change of Meal Arrangements

If your child would like to change meal arrangements after the Christmas holidays, please fill in a pink slip, available from the leaflet dispenser by the office. Slips must be returned by Tuesday 17th December. School meals cost £12.00 per week and are paid each Monday in advance. Fish Friday (packed lunches Monday-Thursday and a school meal on a Friday) is also paid in advance for the term (£14.40 next term for 6 weeks).

NB Please remember that meal arrangements apply for a half term and pupils may only change after a holiday period.

Instrumental Lessons

Please find below the dates of final instrumental lessons for this year and the dates of recommencement for the New Year.

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Last Lesson</u>	<u>Recommence on</u>
Violin	Tuesday 10 th December	Tuesday 14 th January
Guitar	Tuesday 3 rd December	Tuesday 14 th January
Brass	Wednesday 11 th December	Wednesday 15 th January
Keyboard & Woodwind	Tuesday 10 th December	Tuesday 14 th January

PTFA News

Tea with Santa - Thursday 5th December

Tea with Santa tickets are selling fast, so to avoid disappointment, please buy your tickets as soon as possible. They are available from the school office priced at £3.50.

Christmas Cards

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who purchased their child's Christmas card, and hope that you were pleased with the quality of the finished product. The project raised **£184.00** for PTFA funds.

Christmas Lunch - Friday 13th December



All children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers. 13th December is also National Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Cards

As part of our Eco Schools Status and ongoing discussions around looking after our planet, we are asking that, rather than sending cards individually, children send one to their own class. These cards will be displayed in the classroom for everyone to see.



NATIVITY PRODUCTIONS

A reminder that tickets for the Nativity are now on sale, we still have tickets remaining for all 4 performances (detailed below), tickets are priced at £2.00. Please ensure you purchase your tickets as soon as possible as space is limited due to fire regulations.

You will notice when you purchase your tickets that on the reverse is a space to fill in your name and contact number. Completed tickets will be entered into a raffle to win a Christmas food hamper.



"Wriggly Nativity" - Nursery & R1KP Production

The dates and times for the performances are: Tuesday 10th December at 10.30am (for Nursery full time & AM and R1KP children), and Thursday 12th December at 2.00pm (for Nursery full time & PM and R1KP children).

"Hey Ewe" - Y1/2AA & Y2KT Production

The dates and times for the performances are: Tuesday 10th December at 2.00pm and Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm. All children in Y1/2AA & Y2KT are involved.



Nativity DVD

Once again, we have decided to arrange for this year's nativity performances to be recorded. This week you will have received a letter with details of how you can order a copy of the DVD. **Orders for the DVD need to be in school no later than Thursday 12th December.** Unfortunately, no orders will be processed after this date. Thank You.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Helens Christmas Light Switch On

Saturday 30th November

Headlining this year's extravaganza in Church Square will be Bulsara and his Queenies - a team of world class musicians who deliver the most remarkable musical performances of iconic British rock band Queen.

Joining them on the day will be a whole host of local talented performers from the world of music and dance - including boy band, The Alleys; opera singer, Tom Loughlin and the mega-talented MD Productions.

While there will also be appearances from movie characters from Star Wars and Frozen; Strictly Come Dancing's Robin Windsor who is starring in the Theatre Royal's Christmas panto, Aladdin; as well as Saints ace James Roby who captained his side to victory at the 2019 Super League Grand Final - and team mate Matty Lees who was voted Super League Young Player of the Year.

Pride of St Helens winners, Mason Naylor and Joey Tildesley-Devine, will be amongst those to press the button to officially mark the countdown to Christmas in St Helens.

An ice rink and children's fair will also be in the centre of town to add to the occasion, with hot food and drink available throughout the day.

All the action will take place in Church Square between 12:00pm -6:00pm on Saturday 30 November.

Willowbrook Hospice Christmas Cuddlies

Christmas magnetic santa/elf cuddlies will be on sale from the school office from Monday 2nd December priced £1. Thank you for your support.

Rotary Club of Rainhill

Santa visit Monday 2nd December, Billinge

Due to operational difficulties, the rotary club of Rainhill are unable to carry out their street collections this year. However, not wanting to let the Billinge community down, Santa will be in residence from:

2.00.-6.00pm on the Stork Car Park

6.00-8.00pm outside the Spar Shop



Billinge Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday 6th December - 6:00pm - 6.30pm
Millenium Garden, Main Street, Billinge.



Make a difference and donate a chocolate orange - Friday 13th December 2019 at St Helens Rugby Club 9am-12pm.

Elliott Lamb (a relative of a current Y4 and Y1 child) sadly passed away of a congenital condition 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. If you would like to donate a chocolate orange, please send them into school by Thursday 12th December. You can find more information on the Facebook page, Team Chocolate Orange, Twitter @chocoranges and Instagram - chocolate_orange_man.



St Helens Council Christmas Gift Appeal 2019



St Helens Council are calling on kind-hearted residents to make a disadvantaged child's Christmas special, by donating to its gift appeal. Sadly there are many children and young people in the borough who are at risk of waking up on Christmas day without a single gift. The appeal is for toys, gifts and clothing for children aged from birth to 18 years. Last year there was a shortage of gifts for children under 1 and 7-12 years. All donations must be in school by **Friday 13th December** or can be made at various collection points detailed in the leaflet on our school noticeboard/website (under Newsletters). Thank you for your anticipated support.

North West Museum of Transport Santa Weekend - 14th & 15th December

Visit Santa in his grotto Saturday and Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

Tickets for Grotto £8 includes admission and a prize (No need to book - pay on the day)

For more information on admission to the museum please see the school noticeboard or telephone the museum on 01744 451681.

Next week in School

Monday 2nd December

Tuesday 3rd December

- Woodwind lessons
- **Final guitar lesson of year**
- Keyboard lessons
- Violin lessons

Wednesday 4th December

- Rec-Y6 Flu immunisations
- Brass lessons
- Choir 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 5th December

- Y3-6 Multi-Sports (10 of 10) 3.20-4.20pm
- Drama Club - 3.20pm-4.20pm
- Tea with Santa 3.15-5.00pm

Friday 6th December

- Y5 Trip to Imperial War Museum

Mr Smith
Headteacher

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 10.30am Choir to Bernard Wood Court

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

12th December All donations of Chocolate Oranges into school by today

13th December Christmas Lunch - children to wear Christmas jumpers (National Christmas Jumper Day all donations to Save the Children greatly appreciated)

17th December Y1&Y2 Christmas party PM

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

19th December - Junior Carol Concert whole school AM

19th December EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas party PM

20th December - Infant and Junior Carol sing on playgrounds for parents for charity - 1.30pm

Friday 20th December

Break up for Christmas at 2.00pm

Tuesday 7th January

Return to School