

# BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd December 2021

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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 6th Dec

Art Week/Animal Rights Day

### Week Beg 13th Dec

Human Rights Day

### Week Beg 20th Dec

The Christmas Story



## Chapel End Christmas Workshop

On Friday 17th December children are invited to attend a Christmas workshop in class from 3:15pm-4:30pm. Each child will make a Christmas craft item to bring home to their family and enjoy a snack and drink whilst they work. The cost for this event is £5 per child with payments made through 'SchoolMoney'.

## EYFS/KS1 Nativity Plays

Unfortunately, as I am sure you will appreciate, this year we are unable to invite parents into school to watch our nativity plays. However, EYFS and KS1 plays will be recorded professionally and parents will be able to purchase an MP4 version at a discounted cost of £10 for each copy which will be sent out via email.

We will also need permission from you for school to send your email address to Everyone Media Ltd, who are recording the performances, to enable them to send the copy to you.

Payment proformas were sent out to families this week. When we receive the returned proforma, school adds a payment option to your School Money account for you to pay £10 (per play), which should be paid by **16th December**. Please note that no orders can be placed after **16th December**.

Orders will then be sent to you before the Christmas break.

**Please be aware that due to these uncertain times, if the play is cancelled you will receive a full refund.**

## Parents Evening week beginning 6th December

The Parents Evening system has now closed.

If you haven't already booked an appointment please ring Mrs Marsh in the school office.

### Instrumental Lessons

Please find below the dates of final instrumental lessons for this year. The dates of recommencement for the New Year will follow soon.



<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Last Lesson</u>
Guitar	Tuesday 14.12.21
Strings	Tuesday 14.12.21
Brass	Wednesday 15.12.21



During these ever-changing times, more and more families are experiencing job cuts and reduced hours at work. To support our families, Chapel End has linked up with St Helens Foodbank and we are now a 'voucher school'. Families in need of support can collect vouchers discretely from our school office, which they can then use at one of the many foodbanks located around the borough. Please visit <https://sthelens.foodbank.org.uk/> for more information. Please see Christmas opening times later in the newsletter.

### Change of School Meal Arrangements

**If you would like to change your child's school meal arrangements for after Christmas please email school to let us know before Friday 17th December.**

**Email: [chapelend@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:chapelend@sthelens.org.uk)**

## Y5/6 Athletics Tournament

Well done to Faith, Charlotte, Jessica, Lois, Ruby, Seth, Hollie, Isobel, Caleb, Ryan, Luiza, Eva, Amelia, Joe, Layla, Zach, Olly, Mia, James and Henry who represented Chapel End at this year's indoor athletic tournament. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in a range of track and field events and were great ambassadors for our school.

## Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December is Christmas Lunch day.

Children may also come to school in their Christmas Jumpers, we would be grateful if each child could make a £1 donation. All donations this year will be donated to Save the Children. Please make payment via SchoolMoney.

Thank you for your anticipated support for such a worthy cause.



## Christmas Cards

As part of our 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 can be either homemade or bought and will be displayed in the classroom for everyone to see.



## Christmas Parties

This year's Christmas parties will be held on the dates below. **All children should come to school dressed in their party clothes.** At around 11am children will be provided with hot bacon/sausage/vegetarian sausage barm and then will eat their party food at around 2pm. Please pay £1 contribution towards your child's party via SchoolMoney.

If your child is on packed lunches they will not need to bring one on party day.

If your child is on school meals they will not need to pay for a school meal on party day. Dinner money for that week will therefore be £5.00.

Nursery, Reception,

Monday 20th December

Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party

Y3/4

Tuesday 21st December

Y5/6 Christmas Party



## PTA Christmas Fundraising Goes Online!

As you are aware, again it's been an unusual year for everyone! Sadly, we have not been able to run any of our usual fundraising and family-fun activities this year which includes the Christmas Fair. However, the PTFA elves are still busy behind the scenes supporting school and making plans to hopefully support the usual, lovely festive experiences that have become such a tradition for the children at Chapel End.

We appreciate that it's a difficult time for some families, however we hope that you will be able to support us with our online Christmas Raffle. In line with COVID regulations we have made this as easy and as straightforward as possible for you so that tickets and money don't have to be passed back and forth from school to home. By logging on to your SchoolMoney account you can make a donation of any amount. A £1 donation will buy you one entry into the raffle, £5 will buy you 5 entries and so on. It's up to you how many times you enter but each entry will be recorded with your child's name and we will be running a competition in school with children in the class who sell the most tickets winning a small prize.

## Christmas Shopping!

The PTFA are registered with an organisation called Easy Fundraising and we would love it if you could help us whilst you are doing your Christmas shopping.

The concept is very simple, you need to download the Easy Fundraising app and then nominate Billinge Chapel End PTFA as your chosen cause. After that for any shopping you do through the app a donation will be given to the PTFA.

This is at no extra cost to you but could be really beneficial to us, especially in the current climate where none of our usual fundraisers are able to take place.

Many thanks for your anticipated support and Happy Christmas Shopping!

Mrs Grimshaw.



## 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.



Thank you for all your donations so far. If you would like to donate a chocolate orange and haven't already done so, please send them into school by **next Thursday 9th December**.



For more information please contact [chrislamb saint@gmail.com](mailto:chrislamb saint@gmail.com).

### Christmas Bauble Competition

**Our Christmas tree has arrived!** 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 are available to purchase from the school office and Breakfast and After School Club at a cost of £1.

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.

Baubles can be brought into school from next **Monday 6th December**.

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.



### Chapel End Social Media



Reminder: We now have our own dedicated Facebook and twitter pages. Please follow us at:

@Billinge CEP



<https://www.facebook.com/chapelendbillinge/>



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

### 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**

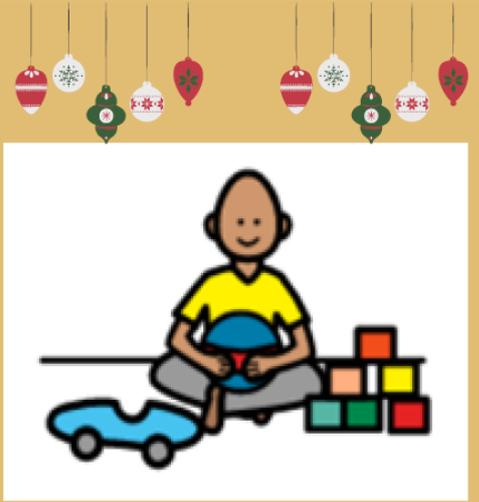
**2.00pm Years 1, 2, 3 and 4**

**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.**



# BUILDING THE BASICS



## INVITES YOU TO A CHRISTMAS STAY AND PLAY

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW

THE SESSION IS AIMED AT AUTISTIC / SEN CHILDREN  
WHO STRUGGLE WITH SOCIAL INTERACTIONS AND  
COMMUNICATING FOR PURPOSE.  
NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND

PARENTS / CARERS ARE EXPECTED TO STAY WITH  
CHILDREN AND SUPERVISE THEM AS THEY ACCESS THE  
RANGE OF STORIES, GAMES AND SENSORY ACTIVITIES  
ON OFFER



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**DECEMBER 12TH**  
**10A.M-12P.M**

SHINING LIGHTS CENTRE, FOREST ROAD,  
SUTTON MANOR, ST.HELENS

**£15 PER CHILD**  
**THIS INCLUDES SNACK, ACCESS TO ALL**  
**ACTIVITIES AND A CHRISTMAS COMMUNICATION**  
**LUCKY BAG TO TAKE HOME**

## St Aidan's Angel Trail



St. Aidan's would like you to join them to make and enjoy an Angel trail.

They are asking people to get creative. To design your very own Angel and display it, in a front of house window, or, if you are feeling very artistic you could make one to be displayed in your front garden. But do remember the weather won't be kind to your Angel and he or she may face difficult times.

What happens when we've made and displayed your Angel?

Well, this is where it gets interesting.....

You need to register your Angel so that he or she can be added to The Angel Trail Map.

Entry forms can be collected from 47 London Fields Billinge or can be emailed to you if you send a message via St Aidan's facebook page with your email details. Entries are £1 per Angel.

Each entry will be given a quote on the birth of Jesus, your Angel will hold this in their hands.

Entry forms must be returned by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

You can then collect a score and record sheet of the Angel sightings.

Score each Angel marks out of 10, ten being the best score. Also on the bottom of the sheet you can turn your hand to becoming a real life Prophet and predict the winning Angel.

Who knows? It could be yours!!

St Aidan's will post a map of the Village on Facebook with clues to where the Angels will be waiting to be found.

The winning Angel will receive a prize.

So get cracking with your 2021 Angel Trail.



# Christmas Opening Hours

## Hope House

Friday 24th December 2021 - 9:00-3:30

Christmas Day (Saturday) 9:30 - 2:30

Boxing Day (Sunday) 9:30 - 2:30

Bank Holiday Monday 27th December 2021 - 9:00 - 12:30

Bank Holiday Tuesday 28th December 2021 - 9:00 - 12:30

Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st December 2021 - 9:00 - 12:30

Normal service starts Tuesday 4th January 2022.

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## Foodbank

Monday 20th December 2021 - The Mount 12:30 - 2:30

Tuesday 21st December 2021 - The Hope Centre 11:30 - 2:30

Wednesday 22nd December 2021 - Earlestown 11:30 - 1:30

Thursday 23rd December 2021 - Hall Street 11:00 - 2:00

Friday 24th December 2021 - The Hope Centre 11:30 - 2:30

Christmas Day, Boxing Day & Bank holiday Monday & Tuesday  
foodbanks are closed

Wednesday 29th December 2021 - Earlestown 11:30 - 1:30

Thursday 30th December 2021 - Hall St 11:00 - 2:00

New Years Eve, New Years Day, 2nd & 3rd January

Foodbanks are Closed

Tuesday 4th January Foodbanks are open as normal.





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.

**Pupil of the Week**

**Wonder Wall**

**Nursery**

**Noah Ford**

**Darcie-Grace Bridge**

**Reception**

**Darcy-Rose Millington**

**Harry Hudson**

**Y1**

**Harlow Smith**

**Martha Hamilton**

**Y2**

**Sonny McMinnis**

**Alice Holland**

**Y3**

**George Norton**

**Amara Aslam**

**Y4**

**Isaac Watson**

**Mason Leigh**

**Y5**

**Ellis Lenahan**

**Luiza Bazi**

**Y6**

**Hollie Lyon**

**Ruby Clare**

## Next Week in School

### Monday 6th December

Parents Evening via Teams

### Thursday 9th December

### Tuesday 7th December

Schools Music Service Guitar Lessons

Junior Choir 12 noon with Mrs Montrose

Parents Evening Via Teams

### Friday 10th December

### Wednesday 8th December

Y 5 & 6 Archery (only pupils who have signed up for lessons) (5 of 5) 12.15pm

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