



Chapel End Primary School News

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Week Ending: Friday January 10th 2020



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. Apologies in advance but the start of a new year is always a good time to issue reminders!

Carol Sing

This year's Carol Sing in aid of The Samaritans raised a total of **£154.20** Thank you so much for your kind donations.



Car Park

Can I please reiterate again that the school car park is for **staff, authorised visitors and blue badge holders only**. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

End of School Procedure

Please note: school gates will only be opened five minutes before the end of school, 3.10pm, to ensure the safety of all pupils. Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform Reminder

Can I please ask for your assistance in maintaining our high standards of dress and ensure your child adheres to our uniform rules. School uniform is:

Girls	Grey pinafore, skirt or school trousers, white polo shirt, red cardigan or sweatshirt
Boys	Grey school trousers, white polo shirt, red sweatshirt

All footwear should be plain black. In the interests of safety, shoes should have low heels of no more than 2.5cms.

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 they return to school they will have had time to grow out.

Pierced Ears

We have noticed recently an increasing number of children having their ears pierced during term times. As you will be aware from our school prospectus, we ask that piercings only be done at the beginning of the summer break in order to allow the healing process to take place fully before returning to school in September.

Ear rings (including studs) are not allowed to be worn in school as they constitute a safety risk when children are actively playing or taking part in sports activities.

If, despite our request, your child has their ears pierced during term time, we will need you to sign an indemnity statement taking full responsibility should an injury arise as a result of wearing studs during the healing period. They will be expected to take them out whilst in school after they have been in for six weeks. Thank you for your cooperation with this important Health & Safety concern.

School Meals

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

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

Early Bird Club

Early Bird Club runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning. It costs £4 per session and can be paid by: cash, cheque payable to St Helens Council, child care vouchers or BACS, details of which can be obtained from the school office. **Please note that this club is extremely popular and we are limited to numbers, so bookings (with payment) should be made as early as possible, preferably a week in advance, and also that children will not be allowed to use the facility if payment has not been made.** Early Bird Club has a limited number of places for children of Nursery age (8 places) and these are prioritised in the first instance to children accessing the 30 hours funding. If your child is accessing the 15 hours morning session, please enquire at the school office to see if there are places available should you need them.

Buzz Club

Buzz Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £6 per session and, like the Early Bird Club, can be paid by cash, cheque, child care vouchers or BACS. Again, this club is very popular and we are limited to numbers, so bookings (with payment) should be made as early as possible, preferably a week in advance, **and children will not be allowed to use the facility if payment has not been made.** Buzz Club has a limited number of places for children of Nursery age (8 places) and these are prioritised in the first instance to children accessing the 30 hours funding. If your child is accessing the 15 hours afternoon session, please enquire at the school office to see if there are places available should you need them.

Y6 PGL Holiday 2020 - 17th-19th June 2020

A reminder - Payments can be made weekly, monthly, or at intervals to suit you, but the total of £280 must be paid by 1st April 2020. Following our suggested monthly payment dates, another is due to be paid by next Wednesday 15th January. All parents who are spreading the cost by making regular monthly payments of £30 should have then paid a minimum of £180 and the final three payment dates are as follows:

Wednesday 12th February 2020

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Wednesday 1st April 2020

Pupil 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	Isabelle Mills	Y3JK	Scarlett Roberts
Nursery Full-time	Harlow Smith	Y4BM	Thomas Liptrot
R/1KP	Megan Pilling	Y5GR	Ella Brown
Y1/2AA	Ella Turner	Y6AK	Annie Liptrot
Y2KT	Jayden Baddeley	Y6JS	Lydia Davies

Junior Milk Money (Years 3-6)

Milk Money is now due for payment from parents of junior children who signed up for their child to have milk for this year. The cost for the Spring Term is **£12.00**. If you have not already done so, please send this amount into school by Wednesday 22nd January. Payment should be sent in an envelope clearly labelled 'milk money' and your child's name and class. Cheques should be made payable to **Chapel End School**. Thank you.



PE Kit

Please ensure your child brings in their PE Kit each Monday so that it is available for all PE sessions during the week. Each Friday your child will bring their PE kit home for you to wash and return the following Monday.



VICTORIAN ARTEFACTS

Y2 are, at present, studying life in Victorian times and will be holding a Victorian Day on Thursday 6th February. One aspect they will be looking at is a Victorian washday. If anyone has a 'posser', 'dolly legs' or any other Victorian artefacts that we could show to the children, we would be very grateful. Anyone who is able to help should contact Mrs Trivass or Ms Ashworth.



Toast Tuck Shop

A reminder that the Toast Tuck Shop re-commenced this week thanks to Mrs Keogh who kindly volunteers making toast for the children. Toast is available to purchase each Tuesday for Years 1-6 (10p per slice).

PTFA NEWS

Non Uniform Day - Friday 17th January

Are you drowning in surplus bubble baths and body lotions after the Christmas period?

Have you got spare or unwanted presents that you could donate to school?

If you remember; we ran this appeal this time last year and many of you were generous enough to donate gifts and toiletries that we could use for several of our events throughout the year. This raised valuable funds for the PTFA and was very much appreciated. We are asking the same again, so please send any unwanted gifts into school on non-uniform day and we will then use them for raffles, tombolas, etc at many of our upcoming events.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Congratulations to Chris Lamb who has been awarded a British Empire Medal for his chocolate orange appeal.

The award for services to charity and the civil service lifeboat fund was announced in the New Year's honours.

Chris is a relative of two of our children at Chapel End. Sadly Chris's son Elliott passed away of a congenital condition in 2010.

As part of his legacy the family 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. Click on the link to read the article in the St Helens Star.

<https://www.sthelensstar.co.uk/news/18120212.new-year-honours-choc-orange-dad-chris-lamb-receive-british-empire-medal/>

Next Week in School

Monday 13th January

Tuesday 14th January

- Violin Lessons
- Guitar Lessons
- Keyboard Lessons
- Woodwind Lessons
- Y1/2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm (1 of 4)

Wednesday 15th January

- Brass Lessons
- Archery 12-12.50pm (1 of 5)
- Choir 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 16th January

- KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm (1 of 4)
- Drama Club - 3.20-4.20pm

Friday 17th January

- **Non-uniform Day - donations of unwanted Christmas gifts.**

Mr Smith
Headteacher

Remaining Term Dates for 2019-2020

	Opens on	Closes on
Spring Term 2020	Tues 7 Jan	Fri 14 Feb
Spring Term 2020	Mon 24 Feb	Fri 3 April
Summer Term 2020	Mon 20 April	Wed 20 May
Summer Term 2020	Mon 1 June	Wed 22 July

School also closed:
May Day—Fri 8 May 2020

Handy wallet/purse-sized cards are now available from the school office and the dates are also available to view anytime on our website under 'Virtual Office'.