

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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.

Thursday 6th January

School Re-opens

Big Schools Bird Watch 2022
(6th-21st Feb)

Week Beg 10th Jan

House Rename Launch

Week Beg 17th Jan

World Religion Day

Week Beg 24th Jan

Feast of Our Lady
Catholic Festival

Week Beg 31st Jan

DT Week
LGBT Awareness

Week Beg 7th Feb

NSPCC number Week



Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2022!

I would like to wish all of our families a warm welcome back to school at the beginning of this Spring term.

In addition to our normal curriculum, we have lots of other events planned for the children. Details about our big bird watch, NSPCC number day and Spring Song Performance can be found in this newsletter.

It is a massive term for our Year 6 children who will be completing their end of primary school assessments and we wish them all of our best wishes and positivity. As always, we look forward to working in partnership with all of our families as we move forwards through the term.

Kind regards

Mr Hewitt

Winter weather warnings



As always at this time of year, there is the possibility of snow. In recent years, this has led to school closures. These are always a last resort and only happen following comprehensive risk assessments of the school site and access routes onto the site.

The outcomes of these risk assessments are specific and unique to every school. Should a closure be necessary, we will send texts via our 'Teachers 2 Parents' facility and via Dojo. We will also post information on the front page of the school website.

House Rename Launch

Our team names in school are Anderton, Bankes, Eddleston, and Gerrard. These have been long-standing house team names at Chapel End and it is understood that they were chosen as they are names of historical figures in the local area. Through discussions with staff and our pupils it has become apparent that very little is known about these figures. Last year, we based one of our history units on house team names, however staff found it very difficult to source information about these people.

In order for our pupils to invest into our house point system they need to have ownership of the house name to increase their feeling of belonging to that team. Consequently, we are asking the children to choose new names for our school houses. Each class will vote on their favourite themes and names and then these will be taken to our School Parliament for them to decide which team names best represent our school.

Please discuss possibilities with your child at home so that they can share their ideas in class during this process. Some suggested ideas for themes are:

Wildlife, eg foxes, badgers etc

Birds, eg hawks, robins etc

Explorers in our curriculum

Significant people both from history or living today

Famous Scientists

St Helens landmarks

Musicians

Famous engineers

Famous authors...

Early Bird Club

Early Bird Club re-opened yesterday. The Club runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning. It costs £4 per session and should be paid via SchoolMoney.

Buzz Club

Buzz Club re-opened yesterday. The Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £6 per session and, like the Early Bird Club, should be paid via SchoolMoney.

Please note that these clubs are extremely popular and we are limited to numbers, so bookings should be made by the Friday before the week your child is attending, by emailing your requirements to the school office chapelend@sthelens.org.uk

PLEASE ALSO ENSURE PAYMENT IS MADE PROMPTLY ON SCHOOLMONEY. THANK YOU.

RSPB Big Bird Watch



At our school we are so lucky to be surrounded by such lovely grounds. Chapel End is in a unique position to connect children with nature and outdoor education.

Just one step to achieving this is our bid to achieve 'Wild Challenge' status with the RSPB.

Our first challenge in this bid is to participate in a big bird watch. We will be doing this on **Friday 4th February**

Each class will spend 1 hour outside exploring the ground and counting different species of bird.

We will then submit our data to the RSPB.

Your child will need appropriate footwear to explore our grounds fully and they are welcome to bring binoculars in to school as well.

We will carefully monitor the weather before this activity and in the event of a postponement we will alert families via text message and Dojo.

NSPCC Number Day

Number Day 2022



On **Friday 11th February** we are participating in the NSPCC number day. Children are invited to attend school dressed in different forms of number representations. Throughout the day, fun number activities will be completed by all. We ask for a £1 per child donation for this event. All money raised will go to the NSPCC. Money can be donated using our 'SchoolMoney' system.

Spring Song

POP

Rock

Country

As part of our Music Curriculum our children in each year group learn a song from a different genre of music. **On Friday 1st April**, each class will perform their song to the rest of the school on the junior playground. To make this event come alive we would like the children to dress in a style that represents the genre of music that they are performing.

EYFS—Pop

Y1- Reggae

Y2—Rock

Y3- Soul and Funk

Y4- Dance

Y5—Country

Y6- Rap

Soul + funk

Dance

Rap

Reggae

PTFA

Thank you to everyone for your support in what has again been a very difficult term. Your support has help raise funds from the Christmas card sales, the raffle, the Craft Workshop, the online shopping app and Christmas baubles, all of which we have been able to complete in line with COVID guidelines, so once again a huge THANK YOU! We will let you know the final amount raised as soon as possible.

For anyone who hasn't signed up to the Easy-fundraising App it is completely free and if you nominate Billinge Chapel End as your chosen charity we benefit each time you shop.

Thank you again for your continued support.

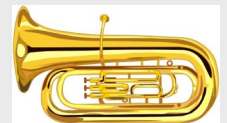
Chapel End PTFA.

Instrumental Lessons

Please find below the new start dates for January 22.



<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
Guitar	Tuesday 11.1.22
Strings	Wednesday 12.1.22
Brass	Wednesday 12.1.22



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.



Young Voices Postponement

During the rising tension around the Omicron variant and the outlook for January unfortunately the Young Voices concert has been postponed to Spring/Summer 2022.

We will let you know as soon as we have a new date. All ticket orders will be transferable and remain valid for the new date.

Please be assured the Young Voices team will be doing everything behind the scenes to make sure our concert experience is worth all of the wait!

PTFA NEWS

Non Uniform Day - Friday 14th 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. Thank you for your support.



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

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/chapelendbilinge/>

Computer Headphones

To improve our standards of computing even further in school during the pandemic where we are unable to share resources, parents and carers (of children in Y1-Y6) now have the opportunity to purchase a pair of headphones for their child which they can use when they access our computing suite. Headphones are on sale at the great price of £2 a set. Children will store the headphones in their tray and use them during Computing lessons. In the event of a child losing or breaking their headphones, parents and carers would be asked to purchase another pair.

Headphones can be purchased through our 'SchoolMoney' system.



School Meals

School meals cost £12.50 per week and are paid each Monday in advance for the week/term via Schoolmoney.

Fish Friday (packed lunches Monday-Thursday and a school meal on a Friday) is also paid in advance for the term (£15.00 this term for 6 weeks).

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



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

Nursery	Everyone!
Reception	Everyone!
Y1	Everyone!
Y2	Everyone!
Y3	Everyone!
Y4	Everyone!
Y5	Everyone!
Y6	Everyone!

Marking and Feedback Task Group

At Chapel End Primary School we recognise that effective marking and feedback improves standards of learning. We are aiming to refine our procedures regarding marking and feedback within school. Mr Hewitt is leading a 'task group' on this initiative and would welcome parental involvement. To get this right it is imperative that we have the views not only of our staff but our children, parents/carers and governors too. If you would be interested in joining this task group please contact Mr Hewitt via the school office: email: chapelend@sthelens.org.uk or telephone: 01744 678230



School Diary

Monday 10th January

House Rename Launch

Y6 Swimming

Tuesday 11th January

Schools Music Service Guitar Lessons

Choir—12 noon

Wednesday 12th January

Schools Music Service Brass Lessons

Y4, 5 & 6 Schools Music Service Strings Lessons

Y5 & 6 Judo (1 of 5) 12.15pm

Thursday 13th January

Friday 14th January

Non-uniform Day – donations of unwanted

Christmas gifts.

Rock Steady Music—PM

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