

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th February 2021



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. Teachers will incorporate activities linked to these themes into blended learning.

Week beg 22/2

Fairtrade

Week beg 1/3

World Book Day

Careers and Aspirations

St David's Day

Week beg 8/3

Mothers' Day

Week beg 15/3

Disabled Access Awareness

Shakespeare Book Day

Red Nose Day

Week beg 22/3

Poetry Week

World Water Week

Week beg 29/3

Autism Awareness Week



This week I would like to again thank all of our parents and carers who are doing an amazing job in supporting their children with home learning.

This week the Department for Education released guidance on how to support your child with home learning. To access the guidance click the link:

[Supporting your children's remote education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19)
(www.gov.uk)

The link provides information about educational websites along with links to agencies that can support mental health and wellbeing.

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.



During lockdown children will be accessing lots of work online. It is imperative that we keep all of our children safe whilst using the internet.

For advice and guidance about e-safety please visit the safety section of our school website:

[Billinge Chapel End Primary School: E-Safety](#)

Free School Meals

We appreciate that with the ongoing corona virus your household income may have declined.

If you feel that you would now qualify for Free School Meals as a result of a fall in household income then you may apply to St Helens Council, Education Benefits using the online application form available through St Helens Council website under Free School Meals.

The application process will require you to provide evidence of proof of income and benefits such as Universal Credit which you can upload directly to the website.

If you are experiencing financial hardship or no food over the February Half Term period, then the government has allocated funding to local authorities under "The Covid Winter Grant" Scheme. You need to apply to your home local authority for Covid Winter Grant for the half term period (not Free School Meals) .

Comic Relief Friday 19th March



Together at Chapel End Primary School this year we are joining the Red Nose Day campaign to 'share a smile'.

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on **Friday 19th March**. It would be brilliant if each child could wear something red, however if they do not have anything in their wardrobe of this colour it is fine to wear other colours. We would ask for a voluntary donation of your choice towards 'Red Nose Day' and this can be paid via SchoolMoney. Please note that plastic-free noses are now available from local supermarkets, which impact less on our environment.

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March



This year our theme is 'The Masked reader/storyteller'. To include children who are learning remotely we are providing resources for children to make a mask.

More information about this will be released through class dojo pages in the first week back after half term.

PTFA NEWS

Bedding plants for summer colour in your garden



In the current climate it may be particularly important to make our gardens as colourful as possible, especially if we are going to spend as much time in them as last year. We recently sent home our order forms via email. In a change to previous years, we will be accepting orders via email and payment through school money but please note that any friends or family members are also very welcome to place orders and we will accept paper copies and cheques if payments can't be linked to a child's school money account.

To also make things easier we will be offering a local delivery service (within 3 miles of school) for an extra £3, this will hopefully help anyone who is still unsure about going out to public places.

As all of our usual PTFA activities are currently on hold then your support for this initiative is vital.

If you would like a further copy of the order form emailed to you, please email a request to chapelend@sthelens.org.uk.

Please note all orders must reach school by Friday 26th March 2021.

Home and Car Insurance — Easy Fundraising

Reminder if anyone is looking to renew any home or car insurance soon you can raise up to £15 towards school funds. You would need to go on Go Compare Insurance, generate a BRAND NEW quote and purchase your insurance policy immediately (i.e. in the same session) without exiting your internet browser. Donations will then be added to school's Easyfundraising account within 90 days.

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 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.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already registered with Easy Fundraising. If you haven't registered yet please follow the information above.

Thank you for your continued support.





Congratulations to the following children who were praised this week.

	<u>School</u> <u>Wonder Wall</u>	<u>Virtual</u> <u>Wonder Wall</u>
Nursery		Seb Colquitt
Reception		Alfie Armstrong Molly Haworth
Y1	Sophie Partington	Ella Tobias
Y2	Matilda Newcombe	Corey Davies
Y3		William Crimes
Y4		Alexa Devine
Y5		James Turtle Ruby Forsyth
Y6		James Rathbone-Britch

Many thanks to the Abbey Group who have completed excellent work on our windows at school recently.

