

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2nd December 2022

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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 Beginning

5.12.22

Christmas traditions

12.12.22

The Christmas Story

19.12.22

Hanukkah

Dates for your diary

2.12.22

Christmas Fair 3.30pm

8.12.22

Christmas Jumper day
& tea with Santa 3.30pm

13.12.22

KS1 Nativity 2pm

14.12.22

Christmas Lunch

15.12.22

EYFS Nativity 10.30am

19.12.22

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party

20.12.22

KS2 Christmas Party

21.12.22

Chapel End Rocks Concert

9.15am

Christmas Carol Concert

1.15pm

Christmas Big Sing!



This year, Key Stage 2 classes are again performing Christmas songs and carols on the junior playground. The performance will begin at 1:15pm on Wednesday 21st December.

Parents will be able to buy hot chocolate and treats to have whilst enjoying the performance.

The show will be finished by 1:50pm to allow parents to collect EYFS children and then children from other classes at 2pm.

We wish you a merry Christmas!



PTFA News

Christmas Fair

Thank you for all the donations that we have received so far. As we have said before, without these the fair wouldn't happen. The Christmas Fair will take place today from 3:30pm.

Christmas Raffle

We hope that you will be able to support us with our Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase at the fair. Prizes include £40 Houghwood voucher, signed Wigan Rugby League shirt, Bottle of Champagne, Christmas Hamper, Chocolates, Wine, Gift sets and a Book Token.

Tea with Santa

Unfortunately, Santa cannot make it to our Christmas Fair this year so we will be unable to open our Grotto. However, Santa has very kindly agreed to make it a Christmas to remember for all pupils at Chapel End by visiting us on Thursday 8th December at 3:15pm to have tea with the children. Tickets for this event are priced at £3.50 per pupil and will include hot food and a gift. Tickets will only be on sale on School Money until Tuesday 6th December. **Please note this is a pupil only event. Children will be taken from class to see Santa and parents should collect their children at 5.00pm.**

Christmas Bauble Competition

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 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 anytime.

Santa will choose a winner on Thursday 8th December when he comes for tea.

The designer of the winning bauble will be given a book token and a selection box.



Christmas Nativity



The dates and times for the performances are:

KS1 — Bethlehem's Buzzin! - Tuesday 13th December 2pm

EYFS — A Very Special Baby - Thursday 15th December 10.30am

All children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are involved. Tickets are on sale on SchoolMoney priced at £2 each.

Due to fire regulations, tickets are limited to 3 per child. SchoolMoney will show an amount of £6. If you want one ticket please just pay £2. If you want 2 tickets please just pay £4 by Friday 9th December, tickets will not be available after Friday 9th December. Please note these performances will not be filmed.

Team Chocolate Orange Campaign 2022

Elliott Lamb (a relative of a current Y4 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 Friday 9th December.

For more information please contact chrislamb saint@gmail.com.

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.

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,
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party

Monday 19th December

Y3/4 Y5/6 Christmas Party Tuesday 20th December

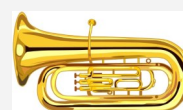


Instrumental Lessons

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 | 12.12.22 |
| Strings | 14.12.22 |
| Brass | 14.12.22 |
| Drums | 14.12.22 |



Autumn Leaves

As we move further into the Autumn months, the nights are drawing in and the leaves are starting to fall, we would like to remind everybody to take extra care when walking on our paths around the school grounds, although every effort is made to keep them clear, with the nature of the setting and being surrounded by trees it isn't always possible and as a result the paths can be quite slippery.

Volunteers

A number of classes in school need volunteers to help with reading. If you are able to spare a morning or afternoon, or even an hour to help in school, we would be extremely grateful. Please inform Mrs Trivass when you would be able to help and if you have a preference for a particular age group. Thank you for your support.

E Safety

I would like to direct all parents and carers to the E Safety section of our school website. Information about how to add parental controls to your child's digital devices along with many more useful tips can be found on there.



Pupil of the Week

Wonder Wall

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Nursery | Molly Woolfenden | Edith Raven |
| Reception | Sophia-Rose Comiskey | Luke Gardner |
| Y1 | Poppy Corish | Archie Mellor |
| Y2 | Isaac Williams | Billy Hewson |
| Y3 | Toby Skinner | Seth Ashworth |
| Y4 | Eleanor Dignam | Jack Geoghegan |
| Y5 | William McMinn | Nicole Wilde |
| Y6 | James Bailey | Daisy Broderick |

Y6 Residential - 29th to 31st March 2023

Reminder that the cost of the holiday will need to be paid in full on SchoolMoney by Friday 13th January 2023. This is 6 weeks away.

Spending money of 6 x £1 coins (in an envelope please) can be handed to the school office any time from now until March.

We will be arranging a meeting before the February holidays in 2023 where we will give out necessary paperwork and provide you with information such as a kit list etc. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have and discuss, if necessary, any special needs.

School Diary — Next Week in School

Monday 5th December

Guitar Lessons
Chapel End Rocks 12-1pm
Drumming 3:15-4:15
Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3.15-4.15 (5 of 5)

Thursday 8th December

Choir 12pm
Tea with Santa 3.15-5pm

Tuesday 6th December

Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball 3.15-4.15 (5 of 5)

Friday 9th December

Year 6 swimming 1.00-2.00 (6 of 7)

Wednesday 7th December

Santa Dash—see attached letter
String Lessons
Brass Lessons
Chapel End Rocks 12-1pm
Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am
Drumming 3:15-4:15
Dance 3.15-4pm



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

Term Dates for 2023-2024

| | Opens on | Closes on |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Autumn Term 2023 | Wed 6 Sept | Fri 27 Oct |
| Autumn Term 2023 | Tues 7 Nov | Thurs 21 Dec |
| Spring Term 2024 | Mon 8 Jan | Fri 9 Feb |
| Spring Term 2024 | Mon 19 Feb | Thurs 28 March |
| Summer Term 2024 | Mon 15 April | Thurs 23 May |
| Summer Term 2024 | Mon 3 June | Tues 23 July |

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 6th May 2024

Change of Meal Arrangements

If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements after Christmas, please email school at chapelend@sthelens.org.uk by **Friday 16th December**.

Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term**. Fish Friday for next half term is **£12.50 (5 weeks)**.

School Swimming Lessons

We are very pleased to be able to offer all children in Years 5 & 6 the opportunity to visit the swimming baths once a week over half a term period to participate in swimming lessons. Lessons will take place on a Friday afternoon between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

The dates for each year group are as follows:

Year 6

4th November 22
11th November 22
18th November 22
25th November 22
2nd December 22
9th December 22
16th December 22

Year 5

24th February 23
3rd March 23
10th March 23
17th March 23
24th March 23
31st March 23

The swimming lessons will take place at Queens Park Health & Fitness Centre and transport will be arranged by school.

Below are the swimwear requirements set by the local authority.

'Pupils should be encouraged to wear swimming caps during the lessons or hair must be tied back. Correct swimwear must be worn at all times.'

Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit (no two piece at all). No Wet Suits.

Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts of no longer than mid thigh length with no pockets (no Bermudas or long shorts are acceptable as these can become dangerous when the pockets become full of water). No Wet Suits.

No Jewellery to be worn including all types of earrings.

Any child attending the pool without the correct equipment will not be allowed to swim.'

Any armbands/floats etc will be provided.

A letter has recently been sent out to parents of Year 6 containing more details and a letter to parents of Year 5 children will be sent out nearer the time.





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Date: 11/11/22

Headteacher: Mr C. Hewitt



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday 7th December, our Smart School Council has organised a Santa Dash Fun Run. All children can wear Christmas themed clothes on that day, for example Santa hats, antlers, Christmas jumpers etc. Children should wear training shoes and bring a named water bottle on the day.

We will be asking children to bring a donation in to support the work of local food banks—our Council members will deliver all collected items to the Trussell Trust in St Helens.

We will be asking classes to bring in specific items—please see the table below. Items can be brought into school from the week beginning Monday 5th December.

| EYFS | Tinned foods |
|------|---|
| Y1 | Tinned desserts, jams, marmalades etc. |
| Y2 | Pasta/rice, dried food |
| Y3 | Powdered milk, tea, coffee etc |
| Y4 | Baby food, formula, wipes, nappies etc |
| Y5 | Toiletries, toilet roll etc |
| Y6 | Snacks, biscuits etc. Please ensure these have a long date. |

Thank you for your continued support

Chapel End Smart School Council

'Kindness is a gift that we all can afford to give.'

I do my best!





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Dear Parents,

Our Smart School Council is busy trying to make our lunchtimes more fun!

We have talked about 'zoning' our playgrounds in an effort to have a wide range of activities available to children. One of the areas that we have agreed to trial is a board games area.

In order to make this successful we obviously need board games! We are asking parents to donate any unused board games—we are not looking for anything brand new, but for those games at the back of a cupboard that haven't been used for a while. Please make sure that all pieces are there, and the rules if possible!

Please send in any unused games and they will be collected by the council members.

Thank you

Chapel End Smart School Council.





PERFECT!
★ great job! ★

i've never
had a home,
nobody to
Listen to me,
To give me
a hug when
i'm worried
or to celebrate my
achievements
at school.



i dream of
having a home,
with someone to listen,
show me The right way,



to Trust me
and to Love me... oh,
and Let me have a pet
gecko in my room!



i'm Alice and i need a foster carer.
be the foster carer i need...

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INCLUDED

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PLACES AVAILABLE

*For eligible St Helens
resident children
(see over)

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Christmas '22



Our ComputerXplorers Holiday Tech Clubs

ComputerXplorers leads the way in providing technology-based activities that are both inspirational and educational. Our unique brand of hands-on programmes are always full of fun and interaction. We encourage children to find out what's behind the technology, building in collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and confidence along the way!

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St Helens Library @ World of Glass Chalon Way E, St Helens, WA10 1BX

We'll be providing fun, exciting and educational activities as part of the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Scheme. This includes a healthy meal and fun, enriching activities for kids over the christmas holidays!

*Available to eligible St Helens residents in receipt of benefit related free school meals. If you are unsure of eligibility, please speak to your child's school.

19th-23rd December - 10am-2.30pm

Stop Motion Animation Video Game Building The Mighty Micro:Bit

Scratch Coding

Minecraft

Weds 28th December - 10am-1pm

World of Glass **MINECRAFT** **Glass Build Challenge**

29th-30th December - 10am-2.30pm

App Developer

Robotics

Minecraft

Scan the QR or follow the link for full information
& bookings: linktr.ee/compxbolton



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Passionate about computing in primary schools

We are passionate about the need to inspire children about computing and know that 'Year 8 is too late' to start that job. Whether you are looking for After School clubs, STEM workshops or computing classes for the whole school for the year or just a few weeks, we have the flexibility to work to suit you.

WHAT THEY SAY...

"It was an excellent session. Children seemed very fired up and distinctly pleased with their creations. Having an expert teacher who believes in what they are teaching makes a huge difference."

WHAT THEY SAY...

"Your micro:bit workshops have enthused many of the pupils about the idea of what STEM subjects can be, which has led to an increase in the uptake of our STEM enrichment course. A big plus is the amount of interest amongst girls as they have been a priority for us. I feel it has broken down the barrier towards STEM subjects for a number of the girls."

WHAT THEY SAY...

"ComputerXplorers Club is extremely popular as it is fun, relevant and up to date with the opportunities it offers. It has supported our Computing curriculum and is led by knowledgeable staff who guide the children well. ComputerXplorers also interacts with the parents, keeping them informed of the topics covered and providing ways they can work with their child. We can highly recommend ComputerXplorers, it is a definite hit and I know it will go on being so!"

Contact us to find out more:

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UNIQUE COMPUTING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN



- ★ AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTING CLUBS
- ★ COMPUTING CURRICULUM CLASSES
- ★ STEM WORKSHOPS

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR THE FUTURE

INSPIRING COMPUTING CLASSES FROM THE TECH SPECIALISTS

Boost children's STEM skills for a great head-start in life

AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTING CLUBS



- ★ Fun, hands-on and educational
- ★ After school or lunchtime clubs
- ★ Everything from coding and robotics to Minecraft and game design
- ★ Improve STEM enrichment opportunities
- ★ Weekly parent updates
- ★ Aligned with the National Curriculum

Now, more than ever, we need to set our children up to succeed in a technological world.

Igniting the spark that helps transform young people into creators of technology rather than just consumers of it is what we, at ComputerXplorers, do best.

With sessions on everything from coding, robotics and physical computing to web

COMPUTING CURRICULUM CLASSES



- ★ Specialist delivery of the computing curriculum tailored to your needs
- ★ Educational, engaging, hands-on computing classes
- ★ An added value alternative to PPA cover
- ★ Improve school STEM skills
- ★ Aligned with the National Curriculum

design, creative 3D animation and digital arts there is something to spark every child's creativity.

Our passion for all things tech has already inspired thousands of children across the UK. Working with children of every age from Early Years upwards, we specialise in EYFS and Key Stages 1, 2 and 3.

STEM WORKSHOPS



- ★ Increase engagement with STEM subjects
- ★ Spark creativity, ignite career possibilities and have fun
- ★ Support curriculum areas such as Maths, DT, Computing, Geography, History and English
- ★ Tailored to your needs: half day, full day, 90 minutes etc.
- ★ Aligned with the National Curriculum

We teach children not only what's behind the technology, but build in critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity and confidence to every class.

Our fun, educational and inclusive sessions ensure children with all levels of abilities and needs are supported to achieve success.

Just a few of our many programmes

- ★ Creative App Developer
- ★ STEM Inventor
- ★ Robotics
- ★ TV Producer
- ★ Physical Computing
- ★ Stop Motion Animation
- ★ Game Design
- ★ Code Camp
- ★ Python Programming
- ★ Game-based learning with Minecraft
- ★ Junior CSI



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- ▶ **SANTA'S GROTTO** 
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAYRE**
- ▶ **CHILDREN'S FUNFAIR** 
- ▶ **FOOD AND DRINK STALLS** 
- ▶ **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON - 4PM** 

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