

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

12th March 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 15/3

Disabled Access Awareness

Red Nose Day

Week beg 22/3

Poetry Week

World Water Week

Week beg 29/3

Autism Awareness Week



It has been so lovely to see all of our children back together in school again. Welcome back to all of our families.



Virtual Parents Evenings

We are hosting a virtual parents evening on Monday 29th March 3.30pm-6.30pm. You will receive your 'Microsoft Teams' invitation next week. Please click the link below for information about how to download 'Teams' onto a digital device.

[Download Microsoft Teams on any Device](#)

Dinner Money Payments

Please note dinner money is paid **in advance of the week** via Schoolmoney. Dinner money is £12.25 per week (£2.45 per day).

When you log on to Schoolmoney the figure shown is your current balance either in credit or debit as at that particular day.

Debit Balance

Please remember to pay the figure that is shown as owing plus the cost of any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week.

Credit Balance

If your balance is in credit, please ensure you have enough credit for any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week. If not, a further payment will need to be paid to bring your account up to date.

Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term**. Fish Friday is £4.90 for the remainder of this term (2 weeks). Please follow the same instructions above if you have not already made your payment to bring your account up to date.

Free School Meals

Reminder: 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.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

As both Breakfast and After School Clubs are now back up and running, please can we remind you that bookings should be made in advance, preferably by Friday for the following week. Please send booking requests by email to chapelend@sthelens.org.uk.

Please remember that payment should also be made in advance. Unless you are paying by childcare vouchers, club payments should be made through your child's SchoolMoney account.

When you log on to your child's SchoolMoney account please pay the cost of what your following week's club attendances will amount to secure the place. If, for whatever reason, your child does not then need to attend on a day booked, the payment will go as a credit for the following week.

As a reminder the session costs are as follows:

Breakfast Club - £4.00 After School Club - £6.00



Junior Milk

If your child is in receipt of milk cartons in years 3 to 6, there is now an amount of £16.20 showing on your child's SchoolMoney account which covers the provision of milk for the remainder of this year (from 8th March through to July). Please can you log on to your child's SchoolMoney account and pay the amount owed before Friday 26th March. Thank you.

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 next **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.



PTFA NEWS

Bedding plants: Only two weeks remaining!

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



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.

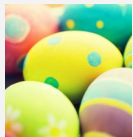
To also make things easier we will be offering a local delivery service (within 3 miles of school) for an extra £3, this will hopefully help anyone who is still unsure about going out to public places.

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.

Junior Decorated Egg Competition

Reminder: There will be a decorated egg competition for all Junior children on Wednesday 31st March. Those wishing to participate should photograph their egg and upload it to their class dojo page by Tuesday 30th March. Judging will take place on Wednesday 31st March and there will be a small prize for the best eggs in each class.



Nursery & Infant Easter Bonnet Parade

Reminder: Chapel End 'Easter Bonnet Parade' for all Nursery and Infant children will take place virtually this year on Thursday 1st April and we very much hope that all children will participate. We hope, that with your help, your child will make a simple Easter or Spring hat. Please photograph your child wearing it and post it onto Dojo. Class teachers will then create a video of all of the photos which will be played in class. Small prizes will be given to the 'best' ones in each class. Please speak with your child's teacher if you require any further information.



Remaining Term Dates 2020-2021



	<u>Opens On</u>	<u>Closes On</u>
<u>Spring Term 2</u>	Monday 8th March	Thursday 1st April
<u>Summer Term 1</u>	Monday 19th April	Thursday 27th May
<u>Summer Term 2</u>	Monday 7th June	Thursday 22nd July

NB: School Also closed on May Day—Monday 3rd May 2021

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 Thursday 1st April school finishes at **the following times:** as you are at school

1.50pm **Nursery, Reception, Y5 and Y6**

2.00pm **Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4**

If you have children that finish at different times, please collect them together at the later time.

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 Wednesday 31st March.

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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.

	<u>Wonder Wall</u>	<u>Pupil of the Week</u>
Nursery	Poppy Corish	Everyone!
Reception	George Fisher	Everyone!
Y1	Grace Marsh	Everyone!
Y2	George Norton	Everyone!
Y3	Nicole Wilde	Everyone!
Y4	Amelia Housbey	Everyone!
Y5	Isobel Norton	Everyone!
Y6	Alex Crook	Everyone!

PTFA—Easter Fun!

Unfortunately due to current COVID regulations we will be unable to hold our annual Easter Bingo event. To compensate for this we are intending to hold bingo and other fun games in our individual classes during the afternoon session of **Thursday 1st April** (before our early finish).

The EYFS children will be participating in an Easter treasure hunt around the school grounds and KS1 and KS2 will be playing bingo. Every child will bring home a small chocolate prize with the winners winning Easter egg hampers.

Whilst we are sure that everyone will enjoy participating we also recognise that this will be an excellent opportunity for the PTFA to do some fundraising. Our generous school staff have offered to buy the prizes and we propose that every child pays £1 to enter the competition. We would be grateful if you could make this payment through your child's School Money account.