

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.

Week Beg 13th Sept

Roald Dahl Story Day
(13th)

Week Beg 20th Sept

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Week Beg 27th Sept

Hidden Heroes (29th)

Week Beg 4th October

Black History Month

Week Beg 11th Oct

National Baking Week

Week Beg 18th Oct

Halloween



Information Documents

May I remind all parents to update school information if home/work phone numbers or emergency contacts have recently changed.

If your child has a new medical condition which requires medication such as asthma, please ensure that you have completed a medical form at the school office.

Thank you to all of our parents/carers who have already completed: child collection forms, acceptable user forms and our home school agreement. If you have not completed these and returned them to your child's class teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

All children will be bringing home a permission to display images form next week. This form will ask you to allow school to publish images of your child on displays, Dojo, the school website, social media platforms, school prospectus and newspaper reports.

COVID

I would like to inform parents that Chapel End Primary School has completed a full risk assessment of school operations with the support of the Local Authority.

As part of this we would like to remind parents that only one parent/carer should visit the school site to drop off and collect their child. We would also like to ask all parents/carers to wear face coverings if they visit the school office.

Please refer to the welcome back letter that was sent out on Friday 3rd September to reference our school systems and procedures. This letter can also be found on the home page of the school website.

Attendance and holiday requests

The Local Authority and DFE are now working very closely with schools to ensure that all children are attending school regularly and consistently. If a child is missing school regularly or is persistently late their academic progress can be seriously jeopardised. For example; a child with a 90% attendance rate at the end of the year will have missed four whole weeks of school and 100 hours of learning opportunities. As a school, we have a threshold agreed with the LA of **96%** attendance as a minimum and our Education Welfare Officer will be proactive in contacting parents/carers of children whose attendance is falling below this threshold.

Earrings

It is school policy that children do not wear earrings in school, this includes earring with plasters covering them. We would like to ask all parents/carers to remove children's earrings before they arrive at school. Teachers are authorised to support children in removing earrings if they wear them in school.



School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Thursday 16th September**. Children will have individual photos and photos with siblings. More information about how to purchase a photo will follow.

Medical Appointments during school hours

Last year **60** school sessions were missed through pupil's medical appointments being arranged in school time. All medical appointments, including dentist and doctor's appointments, should be arranged, whenever possible, outside of school hours. **Please note that in order to satisfy DFE requirements, when appointments are taken in school time, parents must provide medical evidence to support the absence for example by providing an appointment card or hospital appointment letter, clearly marked for the attention of the office staff.** Thank you for your cooperation with this.

PE Kit

Just a reminder that children should come to school in their PE kit on the day they will be doing PE.

EYFS Friday

Y1 Monday

Y2 Tuesday

Y3 Tuesday

Y4 Wednesday

Y5 Thursday

Y6 Monday

Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons with the Schools Music Service will begin in the week beginning

27th September for children currently registered with them.

For more information on timetables please contact Schools Music Service directly via email at schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com

Afghanistan Appeal

The recent events in Afghanistan have led to many children and families becoming refugees. At Chapel End, we have always strived to look after each other and the wider community as well. With this in mind, we are acting as a collection point for donations for the Afghan Refugee Appeal. You can read more at <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal>

Donations can be left in the office and after Friday 24th September, Mr Montrose will take everything to The Red Cross Centre. The Red Cross are asking for items listed below:

Children's clothes - new or old (please make sure old clothes have been washed). Winter clothes would be particularly useful, gloves, scarves, warm jumpers, coats etc.

Games - simple board games, snap, uno etc.

Sleeping bags, warm bedding etc.

Underwear (new and 'practical' please) - children's and adults.

Toiletries

Many thanks for your anticipated support and generosity.

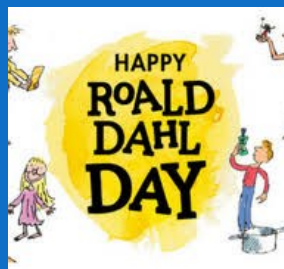
Roald Dahl Story Day 24th September

In school we will be learning about Roald Dahl in National Roald Dahl week which is week beginning 13th September.

It is tradition at Chapel End to celebrate the works of Roald Dahl on the last Friday in September. This will be **Friday 24th September**.

On this day children have the choice to dress as a Roald Dahl character for the day, or to wear a yellow item of clothing as this was Roald's favourite colour.

We are very much looking forward to this day, and photos will be placed on class Dojo pages for parents.



Breakfast and After School Clubs

Reminder: Bookings that are persistently not made the week before the required session will be charged at:

Breakfast Club—£6.00

After School Club—£8.00

NB: Please send all bookings via email to chapelend@sthelens.org.uk

Dinner Money Payments

Please note dinner money is paid **in advance of the week** via SchoolMoney. From September, dinner money is now £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week).

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 this term is £17.50 (7 weeks). Please follow the same instructions above.





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>Pupil of the Week</u>	<u>Wonder Wall</u>
Nursery	Everyone	Everyone
Reception	Everyone	Everyone
Y1	Amias Aslam-Gallagher	April Cameron
Y2	Leela Kavanagh	Harmony Slater
Y3	Daniel Partington	Eleanor Dignam
Y4	Alfie Gough	Joe Piert
Y5	Elle Thomson	Lucas Berry
Y6	Wisam Al-Gburi	Emily Rowling

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school next **Thursday 16th September** to take individual and family group photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform.



Up Holland High and Rainford High School Open Evenings

Hopefully open evenings will be taking place at the above schools and not virtually. We have been advised that current Y5 and Y6 should visit each schools' website for information regarding open evenings which are due to take place towards the end of September.

<u>School</u>	<u>Website address</u>
<u>Rainford High School</u> Date to be confirmed	http://rainford.org.uk
<u>Upholland High School</u> Tuesday 28th September 5.00-7.30pm	https://uhhs.uk

Morning Snacks

As part of our aim to promote healthy eating in school we would ask that children in Y1-Y6 are discouraged from bringing crisps and chocolate biscuits for morning break. Some alternative snacks could include dried fruit, crackers, plain biscuits or toast. Children in Key Stage One will continue to be provided with a piece of fruit. Children in Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) are provided with the fruit and a healthy snack.



Water Bottles

Water is available, during the day, for all children. Pupils from Year 1 onwards are allowed to have a bottle of water with them on their desk during lessons. All bottles should be clear with a non-spill sports top, **contain only plain water** and be clearly labelled with the child's name. Suitable water bottles are available from the school office Priced £1.00.





Uniform Shop

Thank you for all your kind donations of school uniform last term. Our onsite uniform shop was open in our Early Bird Club room from 9:15am every day on the last week of last term and proved very popular with parents.

This is an initiative that we wish to continue each year and in addition, if we have any items of clothing left over we will provide the same service when Christmas and Summer school festivals resume. Thank you for your support.

Next Week in School

Monday 13th September

Y1/Y2 Multisports 3.15-4.15pm (1 of 5).

Thursday 16th September

School Photographer in School

Tuesday 14th September

Y3/Y4 Multisports 3.15-4.15pm (1 of 5).

Friday 17th September

Wednesday 15th September