

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 14th March

Neurodiversity Celebration

Week Beg 21st March

World Poetry Day (21st)

Week Beg 28th March

World Theatre Day



Careers Week



Next week, our children will participate in sessions which will allow them to think about what career they would like when they are older.

Click the link below and share the information with your child at home to help them to have a think about what path they may choose.

[Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)

REMINDER: COVID Restrictions in school

Following the government's announcements on the changes to isolation, we have had a few parents asking about the advice for children coming to school with Covid symptoms. We have received the advice below and will follow this until we are told to change.

Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?

If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test, and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result.

If children test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice.

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

If anyone needs support obtaining a test, please ring the school office for advice.

We know it is a little frustrating and at times seems a little contradictory and confusing, but if we work together, I'm sure we will get through the next few months and keep everyone safe and school as 'normal' as possible for our children.

Imagine all the people, living life in peace

We have all seen the devastating images on our screens over the last couple of weeks in the Ukraine. Under normal circumstances, as a school, we wouldn't involve ourselves in something political. However, the scale of the humanitarian issues is something we feel we simply cannot ignore. For this reason, we have looked at what we could do as a school community. Our plan is quite simple – on **Thursday 17th March**, children and staff will dress in yellow and/or blue as a visible sign of our support for the victims of this conflict.

We would ask that parents who would like to make a donation to contribute directly to the 'Disaster Emergency Committee' (<https://www.dec.org.uk/>). We are conscious that it is also Comic Relief the same week—this charity is also using its donations to support the work of the DEC, so any contribution to either or both charities will be welcome.

Children will also be making 'peace please' posters. These will not carry any political message, merely the words 'peace please' and/or 'imagine all the people sharing all the world'. We are hoping to tweet these messages to make them as visible to as many people as possible. In addition, each class will be planting sunflowers around the school as a sign of hope for the future - the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine.

We are also aware that some families may be shielding their children from the news at the moment and obviously we do not want to impact on family decisions. For this reason, we thought it wise to inform you of how we are communicating world events to the children. In EYFS and KS1, discussions at the moment will focus on peace and harmony in the world – there will be no explicit mention of war. In KS2, we will be looking at the BBC Newsround coverage later in the week – you can have a look at their coverage at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

If you have any concerns or worries, please contact Mr Montrose or Mr Hewitt. Those parents who may not want their children to watch newsround coverage should inform school before Wednesday 16th March.

Y6 Booster Classes - Maths & English

In preparation for the Year 6 children's SATS in May, booster classes have now commenced. There are 3 remaining sessions up until Easter then a further 3 sessions after Easter, please see remaining dates below.

Booster classes are on Thursdays 3.15-4.30pm and will cover Maths and English. Children are invited to bring an additional snack and drink to have at 3.15pm before their class begins.

Thursday 17th March

Thursday 24th March

Thursday 31st March

After the Easter holidays, the sessions will be on the following dates:

Thursday 21st April

Thursday 28th April

Thursday 5th May



Mother's Day Gift Shop



Our Mother's Day Gift Shop will open next week. All children will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for £2.50

Please send the money into school for your child to spend when it is their turn to visit the shop.

Y5 and Y6—Wednesday 16th March

Y3 and Y4—Thursday 17th March

Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2—Friday 18th March.

Mother's Day this year is on Sunday 27th March

Many thanks for your support



Grand Chocolate Raffle

Tickets are now available to purchase at the price of £1 each via SchoolMoney.

All prizes are chocolate and include a range of hampers and Easter Eggs of all sizes. The Grand Chocolate Raffle will take place on the last day of term, Friday 1st April.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Reminder: Bookings should be made a week in advance, but always 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 to secure the place. If your child does not then need to attend on a day booked, the payment will go as a credit for the following week.

If your child will not be attending a Breakfast Club session please ensure you ring school and speak to a member of the Breakfast Club staff to inform them (01744 678230 option 3). Likewise, if your child will not be attending After School Club please leave a message with the school office.

As a reminder the session costs are as follows:

Breakfast Club - £4.00

After School Club - £6.00

Y5 Trip to Rivington

Year 5 had a fantastic day out on Wednesday when, following their unit of work on mountains, they climbed Rivington Pike.

All the children were well prepared and enjoyed the 5km walk followed by a treat at the Snack Shack, Rivington (their hot chocolate was excellent!)



Nursery & Infant Easter Bonnet Parade

It is traditional at Chapel End to hold an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' for all Nursery and Infant children. This will take place on Friday 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 to bring to school on that day. Small prizes will be given to the 'best' ones in each class. Hopefully the weather will be fine and the children will be able to go home wearing their decorated hat. Please speak with your child's teacher if you require any further information.

Chapel End Toddler Group

Chapel End toddler group commenced this week. All the toddlers and parents enjoyed a fun filled activity session.

The toddler group staff would like to thank all of our very generous parents for their kind donations of toys for the group. Unfortunately due to limited storage, they are unable to accept any more donations at the moment.

Toddler Group is held every Thursday (term time only)
9.30-11.00am in the Infant Hall.

Thank you for your support!



Comic Relief Next Friday 18th March

Together at Chapel End Primary School this year we are joining the Red Nose Day campaign.

Children are invited to tell a 'child friendly joke' via Dojo on or before **Friday 18th March**. Each class will then have a 'jokeathon' session on the 18th. Class teachers will also be organising activities for each year group on the day, as well as posting their own joke!

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.

Thank you in advance for your support.



School Uniform

Summer uniform may be worn after Easter and a reminder of the uniform is given below.

Boys Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.
White polo T-shirt
Grey trousers/short-trousers in summer
Plain grey socks
Black school shoes

Girls Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper or red school cardigan displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.
White polo T-shirt
Plain grey pinafore, grey skirt (appropriate length) or grey trousers
Red gingham dress in summer (red and white checks)
Grey tights
White socks (recommended for Summer) Grey socks (recommended for Winter)
Black Shoes

Footwear

We want our children's feet to be healthy and flourish, therefore all pupils must wear sensible, well-fitting shoes with an appropriate low heel. Boots are not allowed in the classroom, therefore on bad weather days if your child wears boots to school they must remember to bring their school shoes to change into. Trainers are not allowed to be worn in school with the exception of times when children are participating in planned physical activities.

Nursery

Children of Nursery age are permitted to wear black or grey jogging trousers to support gross motor skill activities and toilet training.

Important—Advanced Information

In line with the majority of schools across the borough, we finish early on the final day of each **term** (end of half terms will be normal times). **Please note on Friday 1st April school finishes at the following times:** 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 Thursday 31st March.



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

Wonder Wall

Nursery	Ryder Barker-Alban	Harry Keane
Reception	Archie Mellor	Lilly Haworth
Y1	Ayat Aman	April Cameron
Y2	Alice Holland	Grace Marsh
Y3	George Broderick	Madge Turnbull
Y4	Joe Forster	Tim Martindale
Y5	Everyone!	Evelyn Gardner
Y6	Jake Roberts	Zac Boylan-McCann

REMINDER: BAG 2 SCHOOL

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged for them to make a collection from Chapel End. All the bags will be weighed and we will be paid for the total weight collected. When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

Remember, the more we collect the greater the benefit to our school.

PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT)

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

Please return your Bag2School on:

Next Friday 18th March 2022

NB: please do not send bags into school until the morning of 18th March as we have no facility in school to store them.





Easter holiday Camp

2022






Legh Vale Primary School



Easter multi sports and activity camp at Legh Vale Primary, Haydock, St Helens.

Week 1 – Monday 4th – Thursday 7th April 2022

Week 2 – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th April 2022

-  The chance to experience many different sports and activities
-  16 children per group
-  The same coach with your child for the 4 days
-  A safe and fun environment
-  Full four day must be booked (£60.00 for 4 days)

Camps run 9am until 3.15pm each day.

To confirm your interest please email office@thepeacademy.co.uk or send a direct message on Facebook places are first come, first served.

Pre-payment will be required once the camp is confirmed and a waiver must be signed.

Kind regards

Andy Hilton
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School Diary

Monday 14th March

Neurodiversity Celebration

Y6 Swimming

Drumming Lessons 3.15-4.15pm

Y1/Y2 Dodgeball 3.15-4.15pm (3 of 5)

Tuesday 15th March

Schools Music Service Guitar Lessons

Choir—12 noon

Y5 & 6 Football Training 3.15-4.15pm

Y3/Y4 Football 3.15-4.15pm (3 of 5)

Wednesday 16th March

Y5 & 6 Mother's Day Gift Shop

Schools Music Service Brass Lessons

Y4, 5 & 6 St Helens Music Service Strings Lessons

Y3/4 Judo—Lunchtime (3 of 5)

Year 4, 5 & 6 Netball 3.15-4.00pm

Drumming Lessons 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 17th March

Non Uniform Day—wear something blue or yellow

Toddler Group, Infant Hall 9.30-11.00am

Y6 Inventors Club 12.00-12.30pm

Y3 & 4 Mother's Day Gift Shop

EYFS Baking Club 3.00-4.00pm (2 of 4)

Friday 18th March

Bag2School items to be brought into school today

Foundation Stage, Y1 & 2 Mother's Day Gift Shop

Comic Relief— wear something red

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