

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER December 11th 2020



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions all events in school will be restricted to children and staff in school. Parents/carers cannot be invited into school. Please use our website and school dojo for updates

Monday 14th December

Y3/4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th December

Y5/6 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December

**Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day
KS2 Big Sing**

Friday 18th December

School Closes

N/Rec/Y5 & Y6 1.50pm

Y1/2/3 & Y4 2.00pm

Wednesday 6th January

School Re-opens



School Opening

Some of you may be aware that on Tuesday the DFE released guidance for schools with a recommendation to close schools on Thursday December 17th. I have consulted with many other Headteachers across St Helens and we can confirm that Billinge Chapel End along with many other schools across the authority will **remain open**. This means that Friday the 18th December will be a normal school day with the early closing times of 1:50pm for Y6, Y5 and EYFS and 2pm for Years 1,2,3 +4.

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.



Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day+ KS2 Big Sing



Next Wednesday 16th December is Christmas Lunch day. If your child is not having a Christmas school lunch they may bring a 'festive' packed lunch to school.



Children may also come to school in their Christmas Jumpers and we would be grateful if each child could make a £1 donation. All donations this year will be donated to Save the Children. Please make payment via Schoolmoney. Thank you for your anticipated support for such a worthy cause.

Y3/4 Christmas Party — Monday 14th December

Y5/6 Christmas Party —Tuesday 15th December



Next week Y3/4 and Y5/6 Christmas parties will take place on the above dates. At around 11am all children will be provided with hot bacon/sausage barmes and then will eat their party food at around 2pm. All food will be provided by school free of charge on the day. 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 next week will therefore be £9.80

All children to come to school dressed in their party clothes.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to our Easyfundraising shopping app. Every time you shop on line school receives a percentage of your spend. It really is that simple! Please find details of the app on the school Dojo page. Thanks also to everyone who has bought raffle tickets for our in-school Christmas raffle. This draw will take place next Wednesday 16th December. If you haven't already bought your tickets please follow the link on Schoolmoney.



Please continue to use class Dojo to access information about your child's class on a daily basis.

If you need to contact Mr Hewitt, please use the school email address chapelend@sthelens.org.uk

Please do not use Dojo as it does not generate an alert and important messages may be overlooked.



Reminder:

Key stage 2 will be hosting a BIG SING carol concert on the upper junior playground at **3:30pm** next **Wednesday 16th December**.

Parents/carers are invited to social distance on the yard and watch/join in with our carol concert. Don't forget to bring along your own hot chocolate (in a sealed cup) or treats as we cannot provide any food or drink at the moment. All children in Years 3-6 will be performing and should be collected from their normal collection point at the end of the show (approx. 4.00-4:15pm).

Reminder: School finishing times next Friday 18th December

Please ensure you are at school in plenty of time to pick up your child promptly.

1.50pm

Nursery, Reception, Y5 and Y6

2.00pm

Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

NB: The last afterschool club of the term will be Thursday 17th December.

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Open days

We are pleased to announce that our EYFS unit will be available for parents to look around every Friday afternoon from 3:15-4:15pm during the dates of January 8th to January 29th.

We will be restricting the visits to one family at a time. Due to this fact we are taking bookings at the school office for 15 minute slots per family.

All visitors must be aware that this area of the school will have been used by our children during the day and will visit at their own risk and will need to sign a disclaimer on arrival.

The classrooms will quarantine over each weekend, ready for the children to return on the Monday.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December

Years 3-6 Pupils

If your child is on packed lunches and is having a Christmas lunch next Wednesday 16th December, please pay £2.45 via School-money.

If your child is on school meals please pay weekly dinner money as usual.

Thank you.



Change of School Meal

Arrangements

Reminder: Next Wednesday 16th December is the last day to change your child's school meal arrangements for after half term please email school to let us know before Wednesday 16th December.

Email:

chapelend@sthelens.org.uk



Congratulations to the following children who were praised this week. Each week a child is selected as star of the week in recognition of their best efforts. One child from each class also has their work placed on Mr Hewitt's wonder wall to celebrate the child's achievement.

	<u>Star Pupil Award</u>	<u>Wonder wall</u>
Nursery	Toby Cottington	
Part-time		Seb Colquitt
Nursery	Luna McMinnis	
Full-time		
Reception	Olivia Hawkes-	Alfie Armstrong
Y1	Everyone for a fantastic production	Oliver Gaskell
Y2	Everyone for a fan-	George Broderick
Y3	Megan Roberts	William Mather
Y4	Poppy Sheil	Evelyn Gardner
Y5	Megan Pye	Lois Churchill
Y6	James Rathbone-	Riley Underhill

Parking Reminder

Please can I ask all members of our school community to consider our neighbours in the local area when parking their vehicle. We are a hub of the community and I ask us all to remain considerate when thinking about the access needs of residents within the local area.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have already responded and please may I encourage any parents that haven't yet responded to take part. Your views are very important to us as a school and used in our continual school improvement strategies.



Next Week in School

Monday 14th December

Y3/4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th December

Last Guitar Lessons until 12th Jan

Y5/6 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper

Day

Y5 String Lessons

KS2 (Y3-6) Big Sing 3.30pm

Thursday 17th December

Friday 18th December

School closes:

1.50pm—N,R, Y5 & Y6

2.00pm—Y1,Y2,Y3 & Y4

Mr C Hewitt

Headteacher

Billinge Juniors

Under 10s

Billinge Under 10s football club are looking to recruit new players. There are places available for boys and girls.

For more information visit their web site

[Billinge Juniors Football Club | This is the home of Billinge Juniors Football Club \(billingejuniorsfootballclub.co.uk\)](http://billingejuniorsfootballclub.co.uk)



ST HELENS FOODBANK CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES 2020/2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time Open</u>
Wed 23rd Dec 20	St John the Baptist Church, Earlestown	11.30am – 1.30pm
Thurs 24th Dec 20	St Helens Baptist Church, Hall Street	11.00am – 2.00pm
CHRISTMAS DAY	CLC, Atherton Street (Emergency Food Only)	10.00am – 12 noon
BOXING DAY	CLC, Atherton Street (Emergency Food Only)	10.00am – 12 noon
Sun 27th Dec 20	CLC, Atherton Street (Emergency Food Only)	10.00am – 12 noon
Mon 28th Dec 20	Hope House, 103 Church Street St Helens	10.00am – 12 noon
Tues 29th Dec 20	Hope House, 103 Church Street St Helens	10.00am – 12 noon
Wed 30th Dec 20	St John the Baptist Church, Earlestown	11.30pm – 1.30pm
NEW YEARS EVE	St Helens Baptist Church, Hall Street	11.00am – 2.00pm
Fri 1st Jan 2021	CLOSED	

ALL FOODBANK HUBS WILL BE OPEN AS NORMAL FROM MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2021

PLEASE NOTE: FROM FRIDAY 25TH DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS MAY BE OBTAINED WITH A VOUCHER FROM CLC, ATHERTON STREET, ST HELENS AND 28TH AND 29TH DECEMBER FROM HOPE HOUSE, 103 CHURCH STREET, ST HELENS.

CONTACT NO: 01744 20032 OPENING HOURS ARE 10.00AM – 12 NOON