

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29th January 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 1/2

National Story Telling Week

Children's Mental Health Week

Week beg 8/2

Safer Internet Week

Chinese New Year



From Monday 25th January, staff at Chapel End Primary were given access to home testing kits.

Staff use these kits twice a week to obtain rapid results in relation to the COVID 19 virus. I am sure that you will agree this is just one more step that we are taking to keep our school community as safe as possible.



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.



During lockdown children will be accessing lots of work online. It is imperative that we keep all of our children safe whilst using the internet.

For advice and guidance about e-safety please visit the safety section of our school website:

[Billinge Chapel End Primary School: E-Safety](#)



Dogs at our school entrance

Recently we have had an increasing amount of parents tying their dogs up at the school gates and leaving them as they drop off their children. Due to this increased number, the dogs are becoming distressed and it could be a risk to one of our children if they tried to stroke them. Please can I ask parents to leave their dogs at home if they need to walk their child up to the classroom door when dropping off and picking up.

Reminder: If any families are struggling financially at the moment and would like to apply for a food hamper, please contact : Kellyfield11@yahoo.uk

Hampers will be dropped off at school for families to collect discretely at a time that is convenient.



Change4Life

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for children for around £15 each week. Please use the link below for lots of healthy cheap lockdown lunch ideas.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

PTFA NEWS

Bedding plants for summer colour in your garden



In the current climate, where we are unable to visit beautiful places, why not make your garden as beautiful as possible by ordering top quality professionally-grown bedding plants from the comfort of your own home.

For over 15 years the PTFA have been ordering bedding plants, hanging baskets, vegetable plants and much more from the same firm and the quality has always been excellent. We have had lots of positive reports from people over the years, some who say their plants keep on flowering through to October!

We thought that once again 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, so two weeks ago we 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, please look out for the email!

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

Home and Car Insurance — Easy Fundraising

If anyone is looking to renew any home or car insurance soon you can raise up to £15 towards school funds. You would need to go on Go Compare Insurance, generate a BRAND NEW quote and purchase your insurance policy immediately (i.e. in the same session) without exiting your internet browser. Donations will then be added to school's Easyfundraising account within 90 days.

The concept is very simple, you need to download the Easy Fundraising app and then nominate Billinge Chapel End PTFA as your chosen cause, after that for any shopping you do through the app a donation will be given to the PTFA. This is no extra cost to you but could be really beneficial to us, especially in the current climate where none of our usual fundraisers are able to take place.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already registered with Easy Fundraising. If you haven't registered yet please follow the information above.

Thank you for your continued support.





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. Also, we have a virtual Wonder Wall attached to this letter to celebrate children who are learning remotely during lockdown.

	<u>School</u> <u>Wonder Wall</u>	<u>Virtual</u> <u>Wonder Wall</u>
Nursery	Alice Jackman	Alan Mehrjouei
Reception	James Ennis	Billy Hewson
Y1	Olly Lemaire	Darcy Brown
Y2	Ruby Ball	Lucy Osborne
Y3	George Glynn	Charley McAuliffe
Y4	Matilda Haggerty	Evelyn Gardner
Y5	Seth Hamilton	Anna Williamson
Y6	Owen Bridge	Thomas Martin

Change of School Meal Arrangements

If you would like to change your child's school meal arrangements for after half term please email school to let us know before Wednesday 10th February.

Email: chapelend@sthelens.org.uk

NB: School meals cost £12.25 per week (£2.45 per day). If your child chooses Fish Friday (packed lunches Mon-Thurs and a school meal on a Fri) dinner money will be £12.25 for the term (5 weeks).

Our Wonder Wall

