

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

5th 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 8/3

Careers and Aspirations

Mothers' Day

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



School reopening

We are reopening School on Monday 8th of March to all of our children! Please refer to the curriculum letter and the Key Stage 2 amendments letters that were emailed out this week for information regarding this.

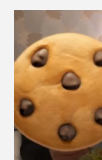
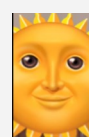
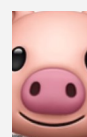
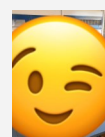
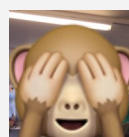
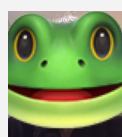
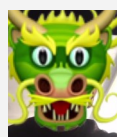
We look forward to offering you a warm welcome back on Monday morning!

Please also see the letter from Jo Davies, Assistant Director of Education, at the end of the newsletter.



World Book Day

Did you guess who was behind each mask? We hope that you all had a wonderful world book day at home. Please be reminded that you can still access our school story on the 'World Book Day' tab on the school website.



COVID testing kits are now available for parents of children who are of Nursery or primary school age. Please follow the following link for more information:

[Find out if your area offers rapid lateral flow test sites - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Music Lessons

Reminder: Music lessons will resume next week on the following dates. Music teachers will contact participating pupils directly.



Tuesday 9th March: Guitar

Wednesday 10th March: Brass



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 on **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.



Rock Steady music will be operating in school again from Friday 12th March. Parents/carers of children who participate in these sessions will be contacted by the service in the coming days if they have not been contacted already.

PTFA NEWS

Bedding plants for summer colour in your garden



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.

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

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.

Change of School Meal

Arrangements

If you would like to change your child's school meal arrangements for when they return to school next week please let school know via Email: chapelend@sthelens.org.uk as soon as possible.

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 Friday) dinner money will be £7.35 for the remainder of the term (3 weeks).



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	Darcy Hughes	Veronica Malowicz
Reception	Alfie Baddeley	Zachary Roberts
Y1	Alfie Haggerty-Arnold	Darcy Brown
Y2	Isla Jackman	Freddy Haworth
Y3	Luca Hanna	Alfie Gough
Y4	Eleanor Crimes	Max Parsley
Y5	George Wakefield	Anna Williamson
Y6	Mia Jackman	Poppy Piert



Junior Decorated Egg Competition

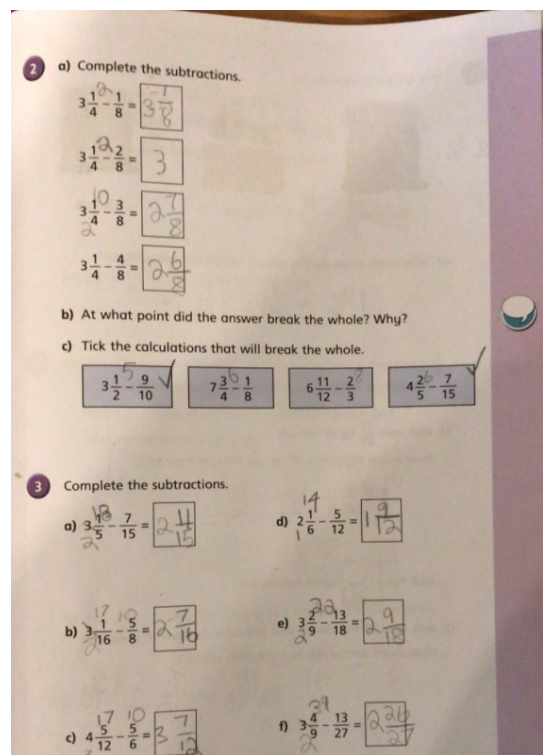
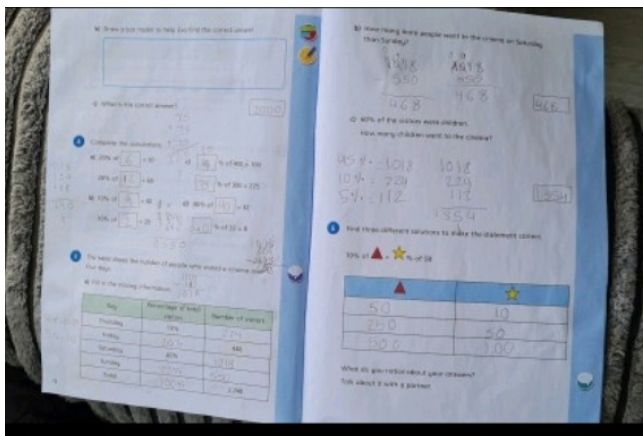
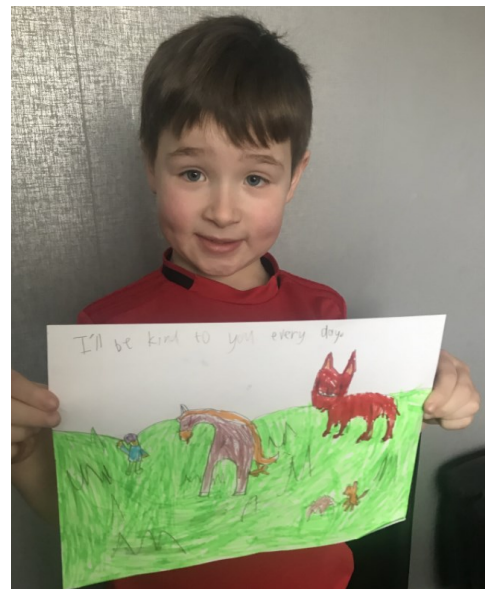
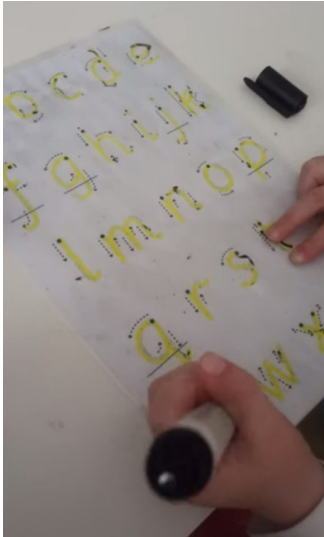
There will be a decorated egg competition for all Junior children on Wednesday 31st March. Those wishing to participate should photograph their egg and upload it to their class dojo page by Tuesday 30th March. Judging will take place on Wednesday 31st March and there will be a small prize for the best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

Nursery & Infant Easter Bonnet Parade

It is traditional at Chapel End to hold an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' for all Nursery and Infant children. A virtual parade will take place 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.



Our Wonder Wall





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3rd March 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you are well and like us, are looking forward to the wider opening of schools from Monday 8th March. Schools and colleges will have already contacted you to make you aware of the arrangements for the safe return of all students. To confirm, these actions are being taken in line with government guidance. We would like to thank you for all the support you have given during the period of lockdown. You have done a great job!

On Monday 8th March, all primary school age children will return to school and attendance will be compulsory. If your child is ill or presenting with symptoms associated with COVID then you must inform your child's school following the usual attendance procedure. Schools may have staggered the start and finish time to safely accommodate drop off and pick up sessions.

Secondary schools and colleges will be testing all children and young people. This will help identify those who have the virus but do not have symptoms and will help to keep safe the wider population of the school/college. Children and young people of secondary school age will be asked to complete three tests during the first two weeks of their return to school. They will then be provided with home testing kits to enable them to test safely. Information regarding these arrangements will have been provided by your child's school/college. Some schools/colleges have already begun this process but for others this will start the week beginning Monday March 8th and may mean that your child will start school during the course of that week depending on their year group.

A further change for secondary age pupils and staff is the requirement to wear face coverings indoors. Again, this will have been communicated to you by your child's school, but we wanted to remind you of the need to ensure your child has a clean and suitable face covering.



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Throughout this pandemic, our schools and colleges have worked extremely hard and have continually reviewed their risk assessments to provide safe learning environments. This will continue over the coming weeks and will include the need for all students and staff to wash their hands regularly, use tissues in line with the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' and for good ventilation across school and college buildings. We would ask that you talk to your children about the need for them to follow guidance provided by schools in order to ensure they remain safe and make the most of being able to return to school and to access face to face learning amongst their peers.

If we are made aware of any further changes to guidance in relation to the wider return of children and young people to schools/colleges we will of course inform you.

We know that all school and college staff are very much looking forward to welcoming all children and young people back next week and we wish all of our children and young people every success over the final few months of this academic year.

Warmest regards

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Jim Leivers,
Director of Children and Young People's Services

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Davies'.

Jo Davies
Assistant Director, Education and Learning