



BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 29th September 2023

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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 Beginning

2.10.23
Black History

9.10.23
E-Safety

16.10.23
Bullying Prevention

23.10.23
Celebrating Achievements

Dates for your diary

3.10.23 & 5.10.23
Parents Evening

7.11.23
Flu Vaccination

8.11.23
Autumn Disco

8.12.23
Christmas Fair

Parents Evenings

Just a reminder that our Parents Evenings are taking place next week in school.

Tuesday 3rd October
3:30-6:30pm

Thursday 5th October
3:30-6:30pm



Message to Year 6 parents:

The on-line portal on the St Helens Council website is now available for parents to apply for a secondary school place for September 2024. Letters will be sent out to St Helens residents informing you how you can apply on line.

If you have already submitted a paper application to the school office there is no need for you to take any action. However, you are still able to apply on-line as this will mean you will receive your offer by email on 1st March.

Please note that the closing date for all secondary applications (both on-line and paper) is 31st October 2023.

Please inform the school office if you are applying on-line and to which school. Thanks.



Our school Value of this half term is Kindness



School Photographs

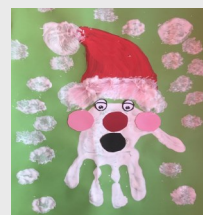
Reminder, can any orders be returned to school in the envelope provided no later than Wednesday 4th October. Thank you.



Christmas Cards

This week, your child will have brought home their own design for a Christmas card. This will be attached to an order form in which, if you require cards, paper, mugs etc, should be returned to school by Friday 6th October. All orders should be placed online following the instructions on the form and then the artwork will be collected from school on Monday 9th October, products will be delivered to school in good time for Christmas. **No** money should be sent into school as all of your ordering and payments are now handled by the Christmas card company.

Should you require a blank order form for your child to complete a different design at home please request one from the school office. Thank you in anticipation of your support, Mrs Grimshaw.



PTFA News

Autumn Disco

We will be holding our Autumn Disco on Wednesday 8th November 5:00 - 6:15pm. Tickets will be priced at £2.00 which will include a drink and a snack for the children. Volunteers of parental help will be essential for this event to go ahead, if you can help at the disco, then please inform the office staff. Tickets will be available to purchase on School Money from Monday 9th October.



Christmas Fair



This year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 8th December from 3:15pm. As in previous years, we will be collecting bottles of wine, filled jam jars, Christmas chocolate / sweets and other Christmas groceries. We will welcome donations at anytime after the half term break.



Tea with Santa

Unfortunately, Santa cannot make it to our Christmas Fair this year so we will be unable to open our Grotto. However, Santa has very kindly agreed to make it a Christmas to remember for all pupils at Chapel End by visiting us on Thursday 14th December at 3:15pm to have tea with the children - more information to follow after half term.





Pupil of the Week

Wonder Wall

Nursery	Cassian Leyland	Max Lees
Reception	Sebastian Novorojdenet	Edith Raven
Y1	Esme Pennington	Jemima Holland
Y2	Matilda Campbell	Luna McMinnis
Y3	Martha Hamilton	Scarlett Fass
Y4	Annabel Underhill	Darcy Brown
Y5	Charlie Dunn	Freddy Haworth
Y6	Benjamin Lees	William Crimes

Class Attendance for w/c 18th September

<u>Class</u>	<u>% attendance for week</u>
Nursery	95.0
Reception	97.6
Year One	91.4
Year Two	93.6
Year Three	98.3
Year Four	97.0
Year Five	91.3
Year Six	91.2

Well done to Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 classes that were above our target of 96%.

School Diary — Next Week in School

Monday 2nd October

Multi sports Years 1, 2 & 3 (3 of 5)

Tuesday 3rd October

Football Years 1 & 2 (3 of 6)

Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 4th October

Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am

Judo 12.15-1pm (3 of 5)

Thursday 5th October

Football 3, 4 & 5 (3 of 6)

Swimming Year 5 (4 of 12)

Drumming lessons 2.30-3.30pm

Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Friday 6th October

Choir 12-12.30pm

Keyboard lessons 12.30-1pm

Term Dates for 2023-2024

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2023	Wed 6 Sept	Fri 27 Oct
Autumn Term 2023	Tues 7 Nov	Thurs 21 Dec
Spring Term 2024	Mon 8 Jan	Fri 9 Feb
Spring Term 2024	Mon 19 Feb	Thurs 28 March
Summer Term 2024	Mon 15 April	Thurs 23 May
Summer Term 2024	Mon 3 June	Tues 23 July

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 6th May 2024

Term Dates for 2024-2025

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Autumn Term 2024	Wed 4 Sept	Thurs 24 Oct
Autumn Term 2024	Mon 4 Nov	Fri 20 Dec
Spring Term 2025	Mon 6 Jan	Thurs 13 Feb
Spring Term 2025	Mon 24 Feb	Fri 4 April
Summer Term 2025	Tues 22 April	Thurs 22 May
Summer Term 2025	Mon 2 June	Tues 22 July

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 5th May 2025

Y6 Residential - 20th to 22nd May 2024

Manor Adventure, Willersley Castle, Peak District

For the children that are attending the Y6 residential in May 2024, the payment balance has now been added to your child's SchoolMoney account. It has been set up so that you can pay as much as you want, when you want, but must be paid in full by 31st March 2024.

Spending money of 3 x £1 coins (in an envelope please) can be handed to the school office any time from now until May.

A meeting will be arranged for April 2024 with detailed information regarding activities, room arrangements and kit lists. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have and discuss, if necessary, any special needs.

Volunteers

A number of classes in school need volunteers to help with reading. If you are able to spare a morning or afternoon, or even an hour to help in school, we would be extremely grateful. Please inform Mrs Montrose when you would be able to help and if you have a preference for a particular age group. Thank you for your support.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30-8.50am each morning. It costs £6 per session and should be paid IN ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

After School Club

After School Club runs from 3.15-5.30pm each evening. It costs £8 per session and, like the Breakfast Club, should be paid IN ADVANCE via SchoolMoney.

Both of these clubs are extremely popular and we are limited to numbers.

IMPORTANT—We do have procedures in place for booking places in both of these clubs. Firstly, please email school by 1.00pm on a Friday for the sessions you would like booking for the following week (chapelend@sthelens.org.uk). The costs for both clubs are shown above. When you book by email you then need to total the cost of your sessions and add this to your child's SchoolMoney account. You can add this in the Club top-up section on the account.

If you need to attend Breakfast Club in an emergency, on a day that you haven't booked, please ring Breakfast Club on that morning and see if there is a place available. Likewise, if you need After School Club and you haven't booked in please ring school and we can see if there is a space.

If you need to cancel a booking on the day please ring school and speak to a member of staff to inform them that you don't need the place on that day. This place can then be offered to another child. If you need to cancel a future booking you can do this by email.

Please be aware that staff have the authority to refuse a booking if the SchoolMoney account is not up to date.

Change of Meal Arrangements

If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements after half term, please email school at chapelend@sthelens.org.uk by Wednesday 25th October.

Please note that meal arrangements can only be changed after each school holiday.

Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid **in advance of the term.**

Fish Friday for this term is **£20.00 (8 weeks).**



School Swimming Lessons

Lessons take place on a Thursday morning.

The remaining dates are as follows:

5th October 2023
12th October 2023
19th October 2023
9th November 2023
16th November 2023
23rd November 2023
30th November 2023
7th December 2023
14th December 2023

The swimming lessons will take place at Ashton Leisure Centre and transport will be arranged by school.

Below are the swimwear requirements set by the local authority.

'Pupils should be encouraged to wear swimming caps during the lessons or hair must be tied back. Correct swimwear must be worn at all times.'

Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit (no two piece at all). No Wet Suits.

Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts of no longer than mid thigh length with no pockets (no Bermudas or long shorts are acceptable as these can become dangerous when the pockets become full of water). No Wet Suits.

No Jewellery to be worn including all types of earrings.

Any child attending the pool without the correct equipment will not be allowed to swim.'

Any armbands/floats etc will be provided.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Please see the poster at the bottom of the newsletter regarding this years Nasal Flu Programme.

The immunisation team will be visiting our school on Tuesday 7th November.

Your child will only receive it if you have given consent.





Mersey Care
NHS Foundation Trust

St Helens Immunisation Team

We will be attending your child's school between September and December.

All children in nursery to year 11 will be offered a Flu Nasal Spray to protect them against Flu this winter!

We will be in your child's school on: **TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2023**

Contact details

St Helens Immunisation Team - Telephone: 01744 415 645
(Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare



Dear All

St Helens Borough Council Christmas gift appeal 2023

We are asking kind-hearted residents, businesses and organisations to come together to help us plan to make Christmas 2023 extra special for some of the borough's most disadvantaged children and young people.

Since 2010, St Helens Borough Council has run a gift appeal for children aged from birth to 21 years at risk of waking up on Christmas Day without a present. During that time, tens of thousands of items have been donated, with last year's appeal alone resulting in gifts being shared out between more than 700 children and young people - including care leavers.

The response to our previous appeals has been phenomenal and the results have spoken for themselves. Last year, over £6,500 was raised, plus gifts and other items donated from businesses, schools and residents across St Helens borough.

We know that we are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis which is affecting everyone. However, I'm once again asking that we come together this Christmas and make it a special one for all children in the true spirit of our #St Helens Borough Together mantra.

We know times are hard for many individuals, families, and businesses right now, but I would urge those in a position to do so, to make a contribution - no matter how big or small - as it can certainly go a long way in making someone's Christmas a happy one and supports our key priority as a council of ensuring all children have a positive start in life.

As part of our appeal, we are asking if local business and organisations would be able to, not only support the appeal with a donation, but also offer to be a drop off point where donations for the appeal could be left.

Items we are looking for in particular include new toys, books and clothing; gift vouchers, confectionery, toiletry gift sets and cash donations will also be most welcome. In previous years we have experienced a growing demand for gifts for babies and teenagers so we ask if consideration could be given to these ages too.


Please visit www.sthelens.gov.uk/christmasgiftappeal for more information on how to donate.

If you have any general enquiries regarding this appeal, please contact: Tracy Sexton, Service Support Manager.
Email: tracysexton@sthelens.gov.uk / Telephone: 01744 676563

Yours faithfully



Kath O'Dwyer
Chief Executive



Councillor David Baines
Leader of the Council



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