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– SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th September 2021

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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 20th Sept Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Week Beg 27th Sept Hidden Heroes (29th)

Week Beg 4th October

Black History Month

Week Beg 11th Oct

National Baking Week

Week Beg 18th Oct

Halloween



Carpark and gates

I would like to thank our families for their patience as we have adapted to new operations relating to school access. If you require access into the pedestrian gate during school hours please press the 'CALL' button and you will be put through to the school office.

It has been reported that there are hedges and bushes that are growing over the footpath which leads from our school gate towards Nugent playing fields.

We have reported this to Highways England, but would like to ask all of our families to take care and avoid the thistles as safely as possible.

We do understand that our school is unique in its location, This has many benefits, however parking is a challenge. I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for showing

pick up our children safely from school.



kindness and consideration as we continue to drop off and

<u>COVID</u>

Reminder: As part of our risk assessment we would like to remind parents that only **one parent/carer** should visit the school site to drop off and collect their child. We would also like to ask all parents/carers to wear face coverings if they visit the school office.

Please refer to the welcome back letter that was sent out on Friday 3rd September to reference our school systems and procedures. This letter can also be found on the home page of the school website.

Admissions to Secondary School – September 2022

Parents of current Year 6 pupils will have received a letter from St Helens Council about applying for a secondary school place for September 2022, outlining in full detail how you can apply online. If you do not wish to apply online, copies of the application form are available from the school office. The closing date for all applications (both online and paper copy) is:

31st October 2021.

Afghanistan Appeal

The recent events in Afghanistan have led to many children and families becoming refugees. At Chapel End, we have always strived to look after each other and the wider community as well. With this in mind, we are acting as a collection point for donations for the Afghan Refugee Appeal. You can read more at https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/afghanistan-crisis-appeal

REMINDER: Donations can be left in the office and after Friday 24th September, Mr Montrose will take everything to The Red Cross Centre. The Red Cross are asking for items listed below:

Children's clothes – new or old (please make sure old clothes have been washed). Winter clothes would be particularly useful, gloves, scarves, warm jumpers, coats etc.

Games - simple board games, snap, uno etc.

Sleeping bags, warm bedding etc.

Underwear (new and 'practical' please) - children's and adults.

Toiletries

Many thanks for your anticipated support and generosity.

PE Kit

Just a reminder that children should come to school in their PE kit on the day they will be doing PE. EYFS Friday Y1 Monday Y2 Tuesday

- **Y3 Tuesday**
- Y4 Wednesday
 - **Y5** Thursday
 - Y6 Monday

<u>Wigan Observer – School Starters</u> <u>Supplement</u>

The Wigan Observer Newspaper visited school this week and took a photograph of our new Reception class. This will be published in a special 'School Starters 2021' supplement in the autumn, further details to follow.

School's Music Service

Instrumental Tuition at Chapel End Primary School—Junior Pupils

We are delighted to let you know that the Schools Music Service are going to be able to provide instrumental music tuition at Chapel End from week beginning 27th September onwards. They currently offer guitar, keyboard, violin, trumpet and cornet classes in school in small group half hour sessions during the school day.

It is our belief that music greatly enriches the life of a child, both academically and socially. If you would like more information about classes here is a link to their website where you can see how everything works — www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk

If you know what instrument your child would like to learn, or you have learned with the Schools Music Service before, you can register for classes on their website and they will sort everything for you.

If your child had music tuition with the Schools Music Service last year please ensure that you have made a new application for this year's tuition to put your child back onto the teacher's pupil list.

School Facilities Hire

Please be aware that our school field and hall are available for hire after school and at weekends to any local teams, fitness groups, dance troops or any other organised groups. Please contact the school office to book an appointment with Mr Hewitt if you are interested in booking regular slots.



Roald Dahl Story Day 24th September

REMINDER: It is tradition at Chapel End to celebrate the works of Roald Dahl on the last Friday in September. This will be next **<u>Friday 24th September</u>**.

On this day children have the choice to dress as a Roald Dahl character for the day, or to wear a yellow item of clothing as this was Roald's favourite colour.

We are very much looking forward to this day, and photos will be placed on class Dojo pages for parents.



Breakfast and After School Clubs

Reminder: Bookings that are persistently <u>not made the week before</u> the required session will be charged at:

Breakfast Club—£6.00

After School Club-£8.00

NB: Please send all bookings via email to chapelend@sthelens.org.uk

Dinner Money Payments

Please note dinner money is paid <u>in advance of the week</u> via SchoolMoney. From September, dinner money is now £2.50 per day (£12.50 per week).

When you log on to SchoolMoney the figure shown is your current balance either in credit or debit as at that particular day.

<u>Debit Balance</u>

Please remember to pay the figure that is shown as owing **<u>plus</u>** the cost of any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week.

<u>Credit Balance</u>

If your balance is in credit, please ensure you have enough credit for any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week. If not, a further payment will need to be paid to bring your account up to date.

Fish Friday Payments

Please remember Fish Friday is paid in advance of the term. Fish Friday this term is ± 17.50 (7 weeks). Please follow the same instructions above.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE—SUPPORTING TEACHING AND LEARNING COURSE

Ever thought about becoming a teaching assistant? Do you enjoy helping and supporting your child with their work? Do you know what qualifications you will need?

Contact Teresa on 01744 677328/07749 709715 Email: teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk







Join the Adventure! The Boys' Brigade & Girls Association provide opportunities for children and young people to learn, grow and discover in a safe fun and caring environment. There is something for every child and young person including opportunities to develop skills, build confidence, make friends, work towards awards, make a difference in their communities and of course have fun.

If your child is aged 4-8 years and would like to join, the group meet on <u>Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm Rainford Church Hall</u> For more information contact Hannah on 07964 978546 or Facebook at 1st Rainford Boys'Brigade and Girls' Association



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	Alannah Lenahan	Darcy Hughes
Reception	Jessica Gaskell	James Barnes
Y1	Billy Hewson	Harlow Smith
Y2	Grace Marsh	Ella Tobias
Y3	Charlie Dunn	Laila Clark
¥4	Ty Thomson	Theo Boylan-McCann
Y5	Ellis Lenahan	Daisy Broderick
Y6	Jennifer Peers	Isobel Norton

Wow—The Walk to School Challenge

We are once again taking part in the Living Streets Walk to School Challenge. We are trying to encourage as many children to walk, park and stride, cycle or scoot to school. Your child will log how they have travelled each day, if they travel sustainably at least once a week for a month, they will be rewarded with a badge. More information about this initiative can be found on the next page.



Dear parent/carer,

Living Streets' **WOW – the walk to school challenge** is back to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school.

As you know, WOW is a pupil-led behaviour-change initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel sustainably (walk, wheel, cycle, scoot or Park and Stride), at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

What are the benefits of walking to school?

Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier. They arrive refreshed, healthy and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates.

What if we can't walk to school?

Remember, if you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. Park or hop off public transport **at least ten minutes away** from the school and walk the rest of the way.

The WOW badges

There is a new set of WOW badges to be earned, one for every month of the school year. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition.

Pupils will start the year by completing a celebration of the *Wonders of the World*. From November, they will then *Walk for the World*, earning badges featuring wildlife they can help protect from climate change through sustainable travel.

The badges are made in Cornwall from repurposed plastic material that was otherwise destined for landfill, including fridge trays, plastic plates and yoghurt pot off-cuts. For more information, visit: **livingstreets.org.uk/recycling**

In the UK, thousands of schools and around one million pupils are enjoying the benefits of walking to school with WOW. Will you join us?

If you have any questions about the programme, please contact <u>MRs</u> KNOWLES or find more information at: **livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch**

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.

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Next Week in School

Monday 20th September

Thursday 23rd September

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Week

Y1/Y2 Multi-sports 3.15-4.15pm (2 of 5).

Tuesday 21st September

Friday 24th September

Y3/Y4 Multi-sports 3.15-4.15pm (2 of 5). Y5/6 Football with Mr Montrose 3.15-4.15pm Junior Choir 12 noon

Roald Dahl Day—Pupils to dress as Roald Dahl character or wear something in yellow (Roald's favourite colour).

Wednesday 22nd September

