

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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 29th Nov

St Andrew's Day

Week Beg 6th Dec

Art Week/Animal Rights Day

Week Beg 13th Dec

Human Rights Day

Week Beg 20th Dec

The Christmas Story



Chapel End Christmas Workshop

On Friday 17th December children are invited to attend a Christmas workshop in class from 3:15pm-4:30pm. Each child will make a Christmas craft item to bring home to their family and enjoy a snack and drink whilst they work. The cost for this event is £5 per child with payments made through 'SchoolMoney'.



Coats



As we go through the winter months, we ask children to wear a coat for every break time. We are receiving daily requests from children asking if they can take their coat off. With so many children outside at once, this is not possible. We thank you for your understanding.

Parents Evening week beginning 6th December

Information regarding the organisation of parents evenings week beginning 6th December was sent out to all families last Friday.

Parents and carers are able to book slots using our 'Parents Evening' system. If you haven't already done so and need assistance booking your slot please ring Mrs Marsh in the school office.

Parents
Evening



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.

Y5/6 Boys Football

Well done to Zac, Thomas, Caleb, Jake, Alex, Joshua, James and Henry who were great sporting ambassadors for our school last week. The boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the tournament.



Y4 Football

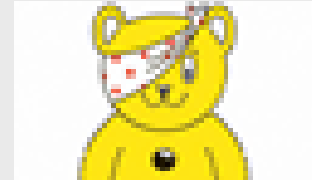
Well done to Jayden, William, Joseph, George, Mason, Tim and Ty who tried really hard at the football tournament this week. They really enjoyed themselves and scored a few goals.



Children in Need

Thank you for all your donations in aid of the Children in Need Appeal.

A fantastic amount of **£159.00** was raised.



Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December is Christmas Lunch day.

Children may also come to school in their Christmas Jumpers, 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.



Christmas Cards

As part of our ongoing discussions around looking after our planet, we are asking that, rather than sending cards individually, children send one to their own class. These cards can be either homemade or bought and will be displayed in the classroom for everyone to see.



Christmas Parties

This year's Christmas parties will be held on the dates below. **All children should come to school dressed in their party clothes.** At around 11am children will be provided with hot bacon/sausage/vegetarian sausage barmes and then will eat their party food at around 2pm. Please pay £1 contribution towards your child's party via SchoolMoney.

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 that week will therefore be £5.00.

Nursery, Reception,
Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party

Monday 20th December

Y3/4
Y5/6 Christmas Party

Tuesday 21st December



EYFS/KS1 Nativity Plays

Unfortunately, as I am sure you will appreciate, this year we are unable to invite parents into school to watch our nativity plays. However, EYFS and KS1 plays will be recorded professionally and parents will be able to purchase an MP4 version at a discounted cost of £10 for each copy which will be sent out via email.

We will also need permission from you for school to send your email address to Everyone Media Ltd, who are recording the performances, to enable them to send the copy to you.

Payment proformas will be sent out to families next week. When we receive the returned proforma, school will add a payment option to your School Money account for you to pay £10 (per play), which should be paid by 16th December. Please note that no orders can be placed after 16th December.

Orders will then be sent to you before the Christmas break.

Please be aware that due to these uncertain times, if the play is cancelled you will receive a full refund.

PTA Christmas Fundraising Goes Online!

As you are aware, again it's been an unusual year for everyone! Sadly, we have not been able to run any of our usual fundraising and family-fun activities this year which includes the Christmas Fair. However, the PTFA elves are still busy behind the scenes supporting school and making plans to hopefully support the usual, lovely festive experiences that have become such a tradition for the children at Chapel End.

We appreciate that it's a difficult time for some families, however we hope that you will be able to support us with our online Christmas Raffle. In line with COVID regulations we have made this as easy and as straightforward as possible for you so that tickets and money don't have to be passed back and forth from school to home. By logging on to your SchoolMoney account you can make a donation of any amount. A £1 donation will buy you one entry into the raffle, £5 will buy you 5 entries and so on. It's up to you how many times you enter but each entry will be recorded with your child's name and we will be running a competition in school with children in the class who sell the most tickets winning a small prize.

Black Friday Shopping!

The PTFA are registered with an organisation called Easy Fundraising and we would love it if you could help us whilst you are doing your Christmas shopping.

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 at 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.

Many thanks for your anticipated support and Happy Shopping!

Mrs Grimshaw.



Team Chocolate Orange Campaign 2021 (November —10th December)

Elliott Lamb (a relative of a current Y6 and Y3 child) sadly passed away of a congenital condition at Christmas time in 2010. As part of his legacy the family try to collect as many chocolate oranges as possible to pass on as a small gift and gesture of kindness to those going through challenging times at Christmas and to our incredible NHS heroes, our carers and all of those who helped when lockdown came.



Thank you for all your donations so far. If you would like to donate a chocolate orange and haven't already done so, please send them into school by **Thursday 9th December**.

For more information please contact chrislamb saint@gmail.com.

Christmas Bauble Competition

We are again holding our Christmas Bauble Competition and the baubles will be used to decorate our Christmas tree in the Junior hall. Polystyrene balls are available to purchase from the school office and Breakfast and After School Club at a cost of £1.

Baubles can be decorated at home using any materials but please ensure they have a hook/loop to enable them to be hung on our Christmas tree. Baubles can be brought into school from Monday 6th December. Children can collect their baubles at the end of term to take home and hang on their own Christmas tree! Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated baubles.



Chapel End Social Media



Reminder: We now have our own dedicated Facebook and twitter pages. Please follow us at:
@Billinge CEP



<https://www.facebook.com/chapelendbillinge/>



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

Important -Advanced Information!!

In line with the majority of schools across the borough, we now finish early on the final day of each **term** (end of half terms will be normal times). Please note on Wednesday 22nd December school finishes at the following times:

1.50pm Nursery, Reception, Y5 & Y6

2.00pm Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

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

NB: The last After School Club of the term will be Tuesday 21st December.

ST HELENS WELLBEING



Sign up for our free virtual two week programme to support healthy eating and physical activity for two to four year olds.

Tuesday: 18th and 25th January, 8th and 15th February and 15th and 22nd March 2022.
10 -11.15am, to cover the following:

- Eatwell Guide
- Portion Sizes
- Sugars
- Food Labels
- Healthy Snacks



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Please see above a poster from the City Health Care Partnership. The programme supports healthy eating and physical activity for two to four year olds with parents/carers. The programme starts in January 2022.

For more details please contact the City Health Care Partnership as follows:

Sharon Yates
Community Food and Nutrition Worker
Community Food Team
(Available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays)

City Health Care Partnership CIC,
St Helens College,
Water Street,
St Helens, WA10 1PP. Tel: 01744 371111



School Meals Menu



Reminder our new school meals menu has started and is now available to view on our school's website under Virtual Office. Copies are also available in the school entrance.

All food is 'farm assured' ensuring animal welfare is respected; all fish on the menu is sustainably sourced; all eggs used are free range and British. All menus are discussed with and designed by children. Our school cook Miss Hannah and her staff currently provide, gluten free, dairy free, egg free, vegan and allergen awareness menus. They are also able to provide carbohydrate counts for all items on the menu for diabetics. If you would like to give school meals a try, please contact the school office.



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.

	<u>Pupil of the Week</u>	<u>Wonder Wall</u>
Nursery	Ryder Barker-Alban	Lyla Barker
Reception	Seb Colquitt	Ava Noonan
Y1	Joshua Newsholme	Madoc Hughes
Y2	Henry Glynn	Leela Kavanagh
Y3	Amara Aslam	Matilda Newcombe
Y4	Leah Pilling	Harrison Hill
Y5	Ruby Parker	Poppy Sheil
Y6	Charlotte Wood	Thomas Liptrot

Next Week in School

Monday 29th November

Y1/2 Multi-Sports 3.15-4.15pm (5 of 5)

Tuesday 30th November

Schools Music Service Guitar Lessons

Junior Choir 12 noon with Mrs Montrose

Y3/4 Multi Sports 3.15-4.15pm (5 of 5)

Wednesday 1st December

Y 5 & 6 Archery (only pupils who have signed up for lessons) (4 of 5) 12.15pm

Y4, 5 and 6 St Helens Music Service String lessons

Schools Music Service Brass lessons

Thursday 2nd December

Friday 3rd December

Term Dates for 2021-2022

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2021	Mon 6 Sept	Fri 22 Oct
Autumn Term 2021	Mon 1 Nov	Wed 22 Dec
Spring Term 2022	Thurs 6 Jan	Fri 11 Feb
Spring Term 2022	Mon 21 Feb	Fri 1 April
Summer Term 2022	Tues 19 April	Thurs 26 May
Summer Term 2022	Tues 7 June	Wed 20 July

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 2nd May 2022

Term Dates for 2022-2023

	Opens on	Closes on
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 5 Sept	Thurs 20 Oct
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 31 Oct	Wed 21 Dec
Spring Term 2023	Wed 4 Jan	Thurs 9 Feb
Spring Term 2023	Mon 20 Feb	Fri 31 March
Summer Term 2023	Mon 17 April	Thurs 25 May
Summer Term 2023	Mon 5 June	Wed 19 July

School also closed:
May Day—Monday 1st May 2023