



Chapel End Primary School News



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Week Ending: Friday September 11th 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year. It is fantastic to have all the children back in school again. Of course, the situation is still very changeable, but we will try to keep you as informed as possible about what is happening and what to do if or when circumstances change.

We have had a number of enquiries from parents wanting advice about what to do if their child is unwell. Firstly, it is important to realise that all the usual 'bugs' are still out there and it is at this time of year particularly, we see a rise in illness generally (runny noses and sore throats are normal).

The current guidance is that if your child presents with any of the three main symptoms of Covid-19: high temperature; a new continuous cough or a loss of their normal sense of taste or smell, they should not attend school and get tested via NHS UK or by contacting NHS 119 (mobile phones).

School Survey

If we have your e mail address details on our system, you should have received an email regarding the log in details for our school website and a notification that there is a survey on the site that you might want to complete. In this instance, we are trying to collect feedback about the Home School Learning that was provided during Lockdown. This is so we can plan for the provision for future home learning should the need arise. In order for you to access the site, we do need your e mail address in school. So we can add it to the system.

Road Safety and Traffic Discipline

- The Car Park should not be used at any time without prior arrangement with the school office. (Dropping off at Breakfast club and picking up from Buzz club after 4.30pm are the only exceptions).
- Do not park on yellow lines or zig-zags
- Do not park on pavements or double-park.
- Observe the 20mph rule
- Follow the directions of the Crossing Patrol Officer so that she can cross children safely.

Attendance and holiday requests

The Local Authority and DFE are now working very closely with schools to ensure that all children are attending school regularly and consistently. If a child is missing school regularly or is persistently late their academic progress can be seriously jeopardised. For example; a child with a 90% attendance rate at the end of the year will have missed four whole weeks of school and 100 hours of learning opportunities. As a school, we have a threshold agreed with the LA of **95%** attendance as a minimum and our Education Welfare Officer will be proactive in contacting parents/carers of children whose attendance is falling below this threshold.

Contact Information

May I remind all parents to update school information if home/work phone numbers or emergency contacts have recently changed. The school also has, as you already know, a system of class 'concern' files where any health or education problems may be noted. If this information needs updating please send in any relevant details to your child's teacher. Staff will have these files available at the October Parents' Evenings if you wish to update information then. Also, please note that should any Children and Young Peoples Services agencies need to contact you, these are the details we will pass on to them.

Money coming into school

If paying by cash for: school dinners, Breakfast Club, After School Club etc it is important that the money is sent in with your child in a sealed envelope with the child's name written on it. Any envelopes can be used but we do have labelled envelopes for sale in the office (£2.50 for a box). Please see Mrs Marsh or Mrs Pennington if you would like to purchase them.

Buzz Club & Early Bird Club

Buzz Club runs from 3.15pm-5.30pm and Early Bird Club from 7.30am-8.50am.

For both Clubs children should book in advance with payment by Monday morning whenever possible. Payment should be in an envelope labelled with the child's name, class and days of attendance or one of the slips. Cheques should be made payable to St Helens Council. Payment can also be paid via BACS (bank details and slips available from the school office). Please do not enclose any other money. Buzz Club £6 and Early Bird Club £4 per session.

Reminder: no change will be given from money sent in for the above clubs until each half term when credit and debits have been reconciled. Therefore, please ensure that you send the correct payment in or know that the additional money will be banked to be used as credit for future sessions.

Dinner Money

As you are aware we operate a computerised system for recording dinner money. Dinner money is **£12.25 per week (£2.45 per day)**. Parents can pay by cash or cheque, weekly or termly in advance. Cheques made payable to **St Helens Council** please **not** school. Unfortunately payments **cannot** be made by BACS.

Please ensure you send the correct payment as no change will be given until the end of each half term when credits and debits have been reconciled.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DINNER ARRANGEMENTS CAN ONLY BE CHANGED AFTER EACH HALF TERM. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO CHANGE ON A WEEKLY OR DAILY BASIS.

Medical Appointments during school hours

Last year **81** school sessions were missed through pupil's medical appointments being arranged in school time. All medical appointments, including dentist and doctor's appointments, should be arranged, whenever possible, outside of school hours. **Please note that in order to satisfy DFE requirements, when appointments are taken in school time, parents must provide medical evidence to support the absence for example by providing an appointment card or hospital appointment letter, clearly marked for the attention of the office staff.** Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Junior Milk Money (Years 3-6)

Milk Money is now due for payment from parents of junior children who signed up for their child to have milk for this year. The cost for the Autumn Term is **£15.00**. If you have not already done so, please send this amount into school by Friday 18th September. Payment should be sent in an envelope clearly labelled 'milk money' and your child's name and class. Cheques should be made payable to **Chapel End School**. Thank you.

Infant Milk Money (Years R, 1 & 2)

Infant milk money is now due for the school year. If you haven't already done so, please send **£6.00** by Friday 18th September. It is possible to pay by cheque made payable to **St Helens Council**.

Bags - School has a stock of book bags - Juniors: £6.00, Infants: £4.00. It is preferred that children use these alongside a PE bag (also available at the office priced at £2.50) as there are no large bags permitted in cloakrooms.

Y6 PGL Holiday 2021 - 16th-18th June 2021

Year 6 children who signed up for next year's PGL holiday will now have brought home their payment cards. The total cost of the holiday has been confirmed as **£298** per child which includes spending money. **Payments can be made weekly, monthly, or at intervals to suit you, but must be paid by 31st March 2021. Please send money in a named, sealed envelope. Also, if you prefer, you can hand this money directly to the office staff. Please also send payment card with your payment so the office can update it for you.**

If you are following the payment plan to help spread the cost further payments of approximately £40.00 are then required on the following dates:

Wednesday 7th October 2020

Wednesday 11th November 2020

Wednesday 9th December 2020

Wednesday 13th January 2021

Wednesday 10th February 2021

Wednesday 10th March 2021

Wednesday 31st March 2021

Pupils of the Week

Every week, your child's class teachers select someone in their class who has excelled in some aspect of their learning or their conduct in school. This could be for effort, determination, excellent work, or equally, it could be for an act of citizenship or generally outstanding behaviour. We will be giving the children a certificate in a class celebration on Friday but we thought it would be nice to share the names of these children in the newsletter. Well done everyone!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pupil</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Nursery Part-time	All Nursery children!	Y3CK	Amaya Eze
Nursery Full-time		Y4BM	Faye Jackman
R/1KP	All Reception children!	Y5GR	Lois Churchill
Y1/2AA	Harmony Slater	Y6JS	Alfie Taylor
Y2KT	Eleanor Dignam		

PE Kit

Just a reminder that children should come to school in their PE kit on the day they will be doing PE. Mr Montrose sent a Dojo message recently with details of what kit should be worn.

Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons with the Schools Music Service will begin in the week beginning 28th September for children currently registered with them.

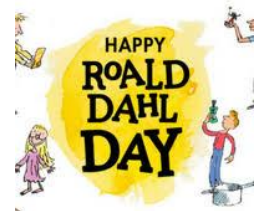
For more information on timetables please contact Schools Music Service directly via email at schoolsmusicservice@gmail.com

School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 17th September to take individual and family group photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform.

Roald Dahl Day Friday 11th September

Today children came to school dressed in yellow - Roald Dahl's favourite colour. In return, the children made donations of £1 and this year the donations were made to Willowbrook Hospice. We will let you know how much we raised on next week's newsletter.



Morning Snacks



As part of our aim to promote healthy eating in school we would ask that children in Y1-Y6 are discouraged from bringing crisps and chocolate biscuits for morning break. Some alternative snacks could include dried fruit, crackers, plain biscuits or toast. Children in Key Stage One will continue to be provided with a piece of fruit. Children in Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) are provided with the fruit and a healthy snack.

Water Bottles



Water is available, during the day, for all children. Pupils from Year 1 onwards are allowed to have a bottle of water with them on their desk during lessons. All bottles should be clear with a non-spill sports top, **contain only plain water** and be clearly labelled with the child's name. Suitable water bottles are available from the school office Priced £1.00.

Up Holland High and Rainford High School Open Evening

Due to COVID this year no open evenings will take place at the above high schools. We have been advised that current Y5 and Y6 should visit each schools' website for information regarding virtual tours which are due to take place towards the end of September.

<u>School</u>	<u>Website address</u>
Rainford High School	http://rainford.org.uk/
Upholland High School	https://uhhs.uk

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