



Chapel End Primary School News

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Week Ending: Friday October 9th 2020



Dear Parents,

Can I begin this week's newsletter by making you aware that I will be retiring from the end of October.

I have been at Chapel End since 2010 and it has been an honour and a privilege to work in a school where the staff care deeply about the pupils and are totally committed to getting them to be the best that they can be.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff who I worked alongside during the last ten years and also the governors, parents and volunteers who have given up their time to support the school.

Most of all, I would like to say thank you to the children of Chapel End who have never ceased to amaze me with their; humour; charm; resilience and willingness to learn. I am immensely proud to have been a part of their growing up and I wish them all the very best for a happy and successful future.

The Governors have appointed Mr Craig Hewitt, who currently works at a school in Orrell, as the new Headteacher and he will take up his post after the half-term break.

Mr Smith

Pupils of the Week

Well done everyone and keep up the good work!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pupil</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Nursery Part-time	Lilly Haworth	Y3CK	William Crimes
Nursery Full-time	Jessica Gaskell	Y4BM	Scarlett Roberts
R/1KP	Harlow Smith	Y5GR	Charlotte Atherton-Fisher
Y1/2AA	Louie Wood	Y6JS	Thomas Hitchen
Y2KT	Ayva Lowery		

Health & Safety

Please ensure that when entering and leaving the school site, both parents and children only use the designated footpath which is fenced off from the car park. **Under no circumstances** should the car park be used as a short cut. If for any reason the pedestrian gate is locked and access is not possible please contact the office (if possible via mobile phone) so that this can be rectified. Can I also remind you that unless you have a blue disability badge and school has been notified, you must not use the school car park for dropping off or picking up the children during school hours.

Leaves

Although Mr Oakes is spending a considerable amount of time clearing leaves, it is inevitable that more come down during the day. These can be very slippery underfoot so please take extra care whilst on site.

School finishing times

There have been some recent instances of children being collected from school well past their normal collection time. It is important that you collect your child promptly from school. If for any reason your child is still in school 10 minutes after their collection time, they will be taken to After School Club, where a £6.00 charge will be made. This will also apply to any after school activities your child may attend.

Winter Uniform

After the half term holiday all children should be in full winter uniform.

GIRLS	Mid-grey pinafore, skirt or school trousers White polo shirt Red cardigan or sweatshirt	Hair bands, ribbons etc should be red, black or white. All footwear should be black or plain dark coloured. To ensure safety around school we do not allow children to wear shoes with sling backs or high heels. Trainers of shoe like appearance are acceptable but <u>must be plain black</u> . May we also remind you that make up and jewellery must <u>not</u> be worn in school.
BOYS	Mid-grey school trousers White polo shirt Red sweatshirt	

Hair and hair accessories

It is important that if your child, whether they are a girl or boy, has shoulder length or long hair they must have it tied back. This is especially important for PE lessons. If your child attends school with their hair loose they will be given an elastic band with which to tie their hair up. Hairbands should be as plain and simple as possible (a small red bow is also acceptable) as sequins and highly decorated ones can be a health and safety concern. Thank you.

Our expectations with regard to extreme hair fashions including dyed hair, closely shaven hair and images/shapes cut into the hair or eyebrows, are that these should **only be done at the beginning of the six week summer holiday** so that by the time pupils return to school they will have had time to grow out.

Reception New Starters Photograph

On Monday our Reception children had a class photograph taken by the Wigan Observer. We have been informed that the photograph will be in the Wigan Observer newspaper some time in November. Please check the newsletter for a publishing date.



School Photographs - Reminder, can any orders be returned to school in the envelope provided by next **Monday 12th October**.

School Meals

Dinner Money Payments Until the End of Term
To help with end of term banking arrangements can parents please pay £19.60 (8 days) for school meals on this coming **Monday 12th October**. Thank you.

Change of Meal Arrangements
If you would like to change your child's meal arrangements for after half term, please fill in a pink slip at Reception by **Friday 16th October**.

Admissions to Secondary School - September 2021

REMINDER: Parents of Year 6 pupils will have received a letter from St Helens Council (or Wigan Council if you are a Wigan resident) about applying for a secondary school place for September 2021, outlining how you can apply online. **NB: The closing date for applications is: 31st October 2020.**

Rainford High Virtual Open Evening

In case you missed Rainford's virtual open evening, why don't you join them again for a week in the life of Rainford High? Hear from the teachers and the students about what it's like to be a part of their community. Enjoy the seven video episodes to give you a feeling for the Rainford experience and see how their core values of 'Everyone Matters, Everyone Helps and Everyone Succeeds' stand at the heart of everything they do.

The open evening videos can be found at <http://rainford.org.uk/virtualopendays/>

Private tours can be arranged from Monday 12th October until Christmas but places are limited.

To arrange a private tour/visit simply contact Rainford:

Rainford High Technology College

Higher Lane Rainford St.Helens WA11 8NY

T: 01744 885914 E: openevenings@rainford.org.uk W: rainford.org.uk

PTFA NEWS

Christmas Cards



Final Reminder: Please send any orders to school by next **Monday 12th October**. Payment can be made by cash or cheque. Any cheques to be made payable to 'Billinge Chapel End PTFA' Thank you.

Next Week in School

<p><u>Monday 12th October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Photograph orders returned• Christmas Card orders returned <p><u>Tuesday 13th October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guitar Lessons• Y1/2 Multi-sports - 3.15-4.15pm (4 of 4) <p><u>Wednesday 14th October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brass Lessons• Y5 String Lessons	<p><u>Thursday 15th October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y3/4 Multi-sports - 3.15-4.15pm (4 of 4) <p><u>Friday 16th October</u></p> <p>Mr Smith Headteacher</p>
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