

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 16th September 2022

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Email: chapelend@sthelens.org.uk



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

19.9.22

Mental Health

26.9.22

Michael and All Angels

3.10.22

Black History

10.10.22

Sukkot

17.10.22

Conflict and resolution

Date for your diary

2.12.22

Christmas Fair



Crossing patrol

Information was sent out to all families this week detailing the change of location of our crossing patrol outside of school. Miss Tabern has moved up the road towards Carr Mill Crescent.

Please could I ask all families to cross the road at the point in which she is situated. On occasions, families are crossing further down the road, which can cause confusion for drivers of vehicles which are approaching the crossing point.

By crossing with Miss Tabern it will also instil safe habits in our children, which they can continue if they walk to school themselves in Years 5 and 6.

The nature of our school location will always make it a challenge to control traffic, however, I would like to thank you for your support. I look forward to continuing to work together to sustain a safe route to and from school for all members of our school community.

Mr Hewitt



Our school value for this half term is
KINDNESS



Admissions to Secondary School - September 2023

Parents of current Year 6 pupils can now apply online for a secondary school place for September 2023. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2022.

www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools and education/school admissions/applying for secondary schools for 2023.

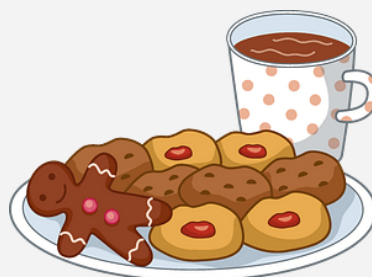


Toddler Group

Our very popular toddler group is now up and running again. Sessions are every Wednesday morning at 9:30am-11am.

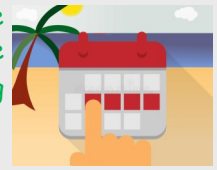
There are play activities, songs and rhymes for the children and hot drinks, biscuits and toast available for adults (the children have biscuits too).

We look forward to seeing you there!



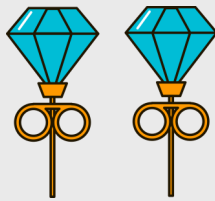
Attendance and holiday requests

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 **96%** 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.



Earrings

It is school policy that children do not wear earrings in school, this includes earring with plasters covering them. We would like to ask all parents/carers to remove children's earrings before they arrive at school. Teachers are authorised to support children in removing earrings if they wear them in school.



Local Area Visits

All these slips should have been returned and signed by now, but if you haven't managed to send it in yet could you please make sure they are sent in by Tuesday 20th September.



Medical Appointments during school hours

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.



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 Tuesday

Y2 Tuesday

Y3 Thursday

Y4 Tuesday

Y5 Friday

Y6 Monday



Ryman Stationery Vouchers

A reminder if you are shopping for stationery at Ryman each £5 you spend you will receive a 50p voucher. These vouchers can then be handed to school in order for us to purchase items for our school. If anybody gets any of these vouchers they will be greatly received.



Breakfast and After School Clubs

Reminder: Bookings that are persistently not made the week before 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 by 1pm on Fridays for sessions required the following week.

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 19th October.

Dinner Money Payments

Please note dinner money is paid **in advance of the week** via SchoolMoney. Dinner money is £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.

Debit Balance

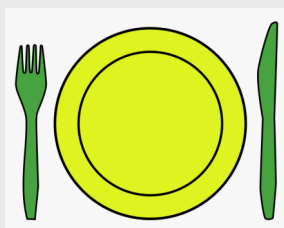
Please remember to pay the figure that is shown as owing **PLUS** the cost of any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week.

Credit Balance

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 **£15.00 (6 weeks)**. Please follow the same instructions above.



Instrumental Tuition at Chapel End Primary School

We are delighted to let you know that The Schools Music Service will be returning to provide instrumental music tuition from this term onwards.

We currently offer classes on cornet, guitar, trumpet and trombone in school, in small group half hour sessions, during the school day.

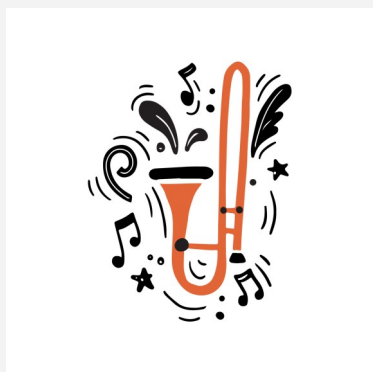
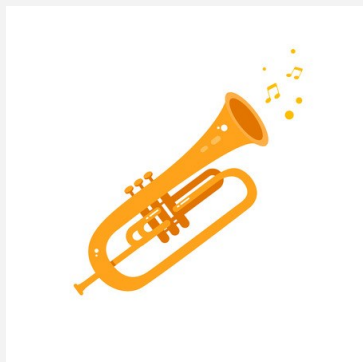
It is our belief that music greatly enriches the life of a child, both academically and socially.

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 them before, you can register for classes on their website and they will sort everything out for you.

Please watch their short video for more information.

Also, if your child has had music tuition with them in the previous academic year, please ensure that you have made a new application for this year's tuition to put them back onto the teacher's pupil list.



Instrumental lessons

Instrumental lessons with the Schools Music Service will begin in the week beginning 26th September for children currently registered with them.

Please note Guitar lessons will start week commencing 3rd October.



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	Edith Raven	Branden Foster
Reception	Lyla Barker	Soren Hampson
Y1	Archie Mellor	Ella Riley
Y2	Olivia Hawkes-Scott	April Cameron
Y3	Max Roberts	Alice Holland
Y4	Daniel Partington	Chloe Hitchen
Y5	William Mather	Leah Pilling
Y6	Olly Regan	Daisy Broderick

School opening hours from September

To ensure that we achieve the new DFE statutory school hours for primary schools we have brought the start time of the school day forward to 8:45am for all classes. Doors will open at 8:40am and it is expected that all children are settled for registration at 8:45am. Classroom doors will be closed at 8:55am and children arriving after this time will come through the office and be marked as late.

Nursery 15 hours children will be collected at 11:40am, with 30 hours children being collected at 3pm. The EYFS door will remain open from 3pm- 3:15pm so Reception children can be collected.

The end of the school day for children Year 1—Year 6 is 3:15pm.

Bank Holiday Monday 19th September 2022



A polite reminder that school will be closed on Monday 19th September to allow the country to pay their final respects to the late Queen Elizabeth II.



Department for Education
@educationgovuk

Monday 19th September will be a Bank Holiday to mark Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral. Schools and colleges will be closed for the Bank Holiday.

Information for any of our families who may wish to pay their respects to Queen Elizabeth II.

Dates and times you can sign Book of Condolence in St Helens Town Hall.

A book of condolence is on display in St Helens Town Hall for residents wishing to pay their respects to the Royal Family following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

It will be open and available to sign at the main reception area of the town hall over the weekend (Saturday: 10am—2pm) (Sunday: 10am—3pm)

It will also be open weekdays to sign between 9am-6pm until Tuesday 20th September. The council also plans to create an online book of condolence.

Floral tributes can be laid on the grassed area around the Queen Victoria Statue in Victoria Square, St Helens, until Monday 19th September.



School Diary—Next Week in School

Monday 19th September

Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

****School Closed All Day****



Thursday 22nd September

Year 5 Football Tournament

Tuesday 20th September

Y3 / Y4 Football (2 of 5)

3:15-4:15

Drumming 3:15 –4:15

Choir

Digital Leaders Meeting 3:15-4:00

Friday 23rd September

Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament

Wednesday 21st September

Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am

Fencing Session (2 of 5)

Drumming 3:15-4:15

Term Dates for 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022	Opens on Mon 5 Sept	Closes on 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

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Free School Meals

Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you (or your partner) are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and your annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit and net earnings, from your last assessment period, is not more than £616.67 per month. (If your household's net earnings change each month then they should not exceed £1,233.34 in the last two consecutive months or £1,850 in the past 3 months).

Once eligible, your child will continue to receive free school meals in primary or secondary school until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary (Year 6) or secondary (Year 11). After this period, you may need to reapply.

Pupil Premium

Your child's school will also receive additional funding if you are in receipt of a qualifying award listed above. It is therefore important that you claim free school meals and the pupil premium even if your child does not wish to take a school meal.

Important note for parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2

As you are aware, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal. Parents and carers who receive the qualifying benefits (listed above) should still make an application for free school meals. This is because our school can get additional government funding dependent on the number of children that qualify for statutory free school meals (based on your entitlement to certain benefits and awards).

Even if your child does not wish to take a universal free meal please still claim to enable school to get the funding.

How to Apply

You can apply online as part of your initial claim for housing benefit / council tax reduction or you can complete the separate free school meals application form. Your eligibility will be checked to claim free school meals electronically so you will not normally need to provide supporting evidence. If you are successful you and our school will be informed of the decision.

Contact details

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