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- SCHOOL & NURSERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



November 27th 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions all events in school will be restricted to children and staff in school. Parents/carers cannot be invited into school. Please use our website and school dojo for updates

Monday 7th December

R-Y6 Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Plays Recorded

Friday 11th December

FS/KS1 Christmas Party

Monday 14th December

Y3/4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th December

Y5/6 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Key Stage 2 Big Sing

Friday 18th December

School Closes

N/Rec/Y5 & Y6 1.50pm Y1/2/3 & Y4 2.00pm

Wednesday 6th January School Re-opens



Key Stage 2 Big Sing

Due to current restrictions, we are unable to invite our families into school to join in with our Christmas celebrations. However at Chapel End, the Christmas show will go on!

Key stage 2 will be hosting a BIG SING carol concert on the upper junior playground at 3:30PM on Wednesday 16th December. Parents/carers are invited to social distance on the yard and watch/ join in with our carol concert. We encourage you to bring along your own hot chocolate (in a sealed cup) or treats as we cannot provide any food or drink at the moment. All children in Years 3-6 will be performing and should be collected from their normal collection point at the end of the show (approx. 4PM-4:15PM).



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.

Christmas Cards

As part of our Eco Schools Status and 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.





EYFS/KS1 Nativity Plays

Last week EYFS and KS1 parents received an email with all the information on how to purchase an MP4 version of this years' nativity plays. Please return your proforma to school as soon as possible. If you need a paper copy of the proforma please contact the school office. Thank you.

Y6 PGL Holiday - 16th-18th June 2021

A reminder - Payments can be made via Schoolmoney, weekly, monthly (or at intervals to suit you) but must be paid by 31st March 2021 (total cost is £298). If you are following our suggested monthly payment dates; another payment is due to be paid by <u>Wednesday 9th December</u>. All pupils who are spreading the cost by making regular monthly payments of £40 should have then paid a minimum of £150 (including the deposit).



Children in Need

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

A fantastic amount of **£202.00** was raised.

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Scholastic Book Club

This week all children brought home a Scholastic Book Club leaflet. All orders should be made directly to Scholastic, NOT school. Orders will then be delivered to your home address.

Thank you.

Food Collection Week- Monday 7th December

During food collection week, children are encouraged to bring in foods that will be collected and distributed to those in need. Please see the list below—this shows the food type each class is being asked to donate. Many thanks for your support.

EYFS (Nursery & Reception)	Dried foods please, these could include pasta, rice, powdered milk, cup-a-soup etc.
Year 1	Tinned foods please, these could include tinned vegetables, beans, tuna, soup, fruit etc
Year 2	Toiletries, these could include childrens' Christmas toiletries, sham- poo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, shaving foam, etc.
Year 3	Cereals please. These could include porridge, boxes of cereal, break- fast bars etc.
Year 4	Condiments please. These could include jam, marmalade, peanut butter, minced meat etc.
Year 5	Hot drinks please. These could include coffee, tea bags, hot choco- late, bags of sugar etc.
Year 6	Snacks please. These could include multipack crisps, boxes of biscuits, boxes/bars of chocolate, Christmas teats, crackers etc.

Important - Advanced Information

In line with the majority of schools across the borough, we now finishing early on the final day of each **term** (end of half terms will be normal times). Please note on Friday 18th December school finishes at the following times:

1.50pm

Nursery, Reception, Y5 and Y6

2.00pm

Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Please ensure you are at school in plenty of time to pick up your child promptly. <u>NB: The last After School Club of the term will be Thursday 17th December.</u>

PTA Christmas Fundraising Goes Online!

As you are aware 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 PTA 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.

Prizes for the Grand Draw include a Christmas Food Hamper, Chocolate hamper, Alcohol, Gift Sets and other goodies.

Many thanks for your anticipated support, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas

from Chapel End PTA.



This week our focus theme was Road Safety. Our children completed lots of fun activities teaching them about how to stay safe in and around our community.





Congratulations to the following children who were praised this week. Each week a child is selected as star of the week in recognition of their best efforts. One child from each class also has their work placed on Mr Hewitt's wonder wall to celebrate the child's achievement.

Nursery	<u>Star Pupil Award</u> Luna McMinnis & Freya Hawks- worth	<u>Wonder wall</u> Harry Hudson
Reception	Joel McLean	Amias Aslam Gal- lagher
Y1	Charlie Dunn	Harmony Slater
Y2	Alice Liptrot	Isla Jackman
Y3	Leah Pilling	Millie Wood
¥4	Max Parsley	Isabelle Crook
Y5	Zach Berry	Ruby Forsyth
Y6	Zac Sheil	Amy Boland

Next Week in School

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Tuesday 1st December

Guitar Lessons

Dodgeball Y3/4-3.15-4.14pm (4 of 5) Dodgeball Y1/2—3.15-4.15pm (4 Friday 4th December

Thursday 3rd December

of 5)

Wednesday 2nd December

Y5 String Lessons

Brass Lessons

Mr C Hewitt Headteacher

COVID 19

We would like to thank all families for adhering to our requests and restricting the number of people dropping off and picking up to one parent /carer, and for wearing face coverings



St Helens Christmas Appeal

Please take the time to read the letter attached to our newsletter dated 13th November from Economy Board Chairman Eamonn **McManus** together with the Leader of St Helens Council Councillor David Baines with details of this year's Children's Christmas Appeal.

Thank you for your support.