

BILLINGE CHAPEL END

— SCHOOL & NURSERY —

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th October 2022

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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 Beginning

17.10.22

Conflict and resolution



PTFA News

Autumn Disco

We will be holding our Autumn Disco on Wednesday 2nd November 5:00 - 6:15pm. Tickets will be priced at £2.00 which will include a drink and a snack for the children. Children may come to the disco dressed in either their Halloween costume or in bright fireworks colours. Volunteers of parental help will be essential for this event to go ahead, if you can help at the disco, then please inform the office staff. Tickets are available to purchase on School Money.

Chester Shopping Trip

Our annual Christmas Shopping Trip this year will take place on Saturday 26th November. We will be leaving school at 9am and will be picked up in Chester at 5pm, allowing plenty of time to browse the Christmas markets, take in the sights of Chester or just indulge in some shopping and a spot of lunch. Tickets are priced at £12.50 and are on sale from the school office.

Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 2nd December from 3:15pm. As in previous years, we will be collecting bottles of wine, filled jam jars, Christmas chocolate/sweets and other Christmas groceries. The focus in the first week back after half term will be Christmas chocolate/sweets. Any child who brings a donation of Christmas chocolate/sweets will be given a raffle ticket and entered into a draw during Friday's assembly to win a small selection box.

Tea with Santa

Unfortunately, Santa cannot make it to our Christmas Fair this year so we will be unable to open our Grotto. However, Santa has very kindly agreed to make it a Christmas to remember for all pupils at Chapel End by visiting us on Thursday 8th December at 3:15pm to have tea with the children - more information to follow after half term.

Kindness is spreading
sunshine into people's lives
regardless of the weather.

- R. R. R.

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.](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/education)



Admissions to Primary School - September 2023

To qualify for admission to Reception in September 2023, children must be aged four on or before 31st August 2023.

Online applications are now open and the closing date is 15th January 2023.

www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools and [education/school admissions/applying for primary schools for 2023.](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/education)



Admissions to Nursery - January, April & September 2023

If your child turns three after 31st August 2022 and you wish to apply for January, April or September 2023, the St Helens council portal has now reopened

www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools and [education/school admissions/ nursery school admission](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/education)





Winter Uniform



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

Boys Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper preferably displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.

White polo T-shirt

Grey trousers

Plain grey socks

Black school shoes



Girls Uniform

Red round-neck school jumper or red school cardigan preferably displaying the Chapel End Primary School emblem.

White polo T-shirt

Plain grey pinafore, grey skirt (appropriate length) or grey trousers

Grey tights

Grey socks (recommended for winter)

Black school shoes



Haircuts

We do not permit children to have extreme haircuts such as shaved patterns or Mohican styles which cause a distraction to learning, as they are inappropriate for the school setting. Any child, male or female, with long hair length will be asked to tie their hair up.

Hair Accessories

We ask that hair accessories such as headbands, clips, bows and bobbles are red or black in colour. Please also ensure that they are kept to an acceptable size and keep them as plain as possible.

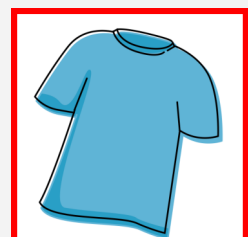
Nursery

Children of nursery age are permitted to wear black or grey jogging trousers to support gross motor skill activities and toilet training.



Underlayers

Due to the weather becoming colder, we would like to remind parents and carers that children can wear underlayers sometimes referred to as 'skins' beneath their normal uniform or PE kit.





School Swimming Lessons



We are very pleased to be able to offer all children in Years 5 & 6 the opportunity to visit the swimming baths once a week over half a term period to participate in swimming lessons. Lessons will take place on a Friday afternoon between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

The dates for each year group are as follows:

Year 6

4th November 22
11th November 22
18th November 22
25th November 22
2nd December 22
9th December 22
16th December 22

Year 5

24th February 23
3rd March 23
10th March 23
17th March 23
24th March 23
31st March 23

The swimming lessons will take place at Queens Park Health & Fitness Centre and transport will be arranged by school.

Below are the swimwear requirements set by the local authority.

'Pupils should be encouraged to wear swimming caps during the lessons or hair must be tied back. Correct swimwear must be worn at all times.

Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit (no two piece at all). No Wet Suits.

Boys must wear swimming trunks or shorts of no longer than mid thigh length with no pockets (no Bermudas or long shorts are acceptable as these can become dangerous when the pockets become full of water). No Wet Suits.

No Jewellery to be worn including all types of earrings.

Any child attending the pool without the correct equipment will not be allowed to swim.'

Any armbands/floats etc will be provided.

A letter has recently been sent out to parents of Year 6 containing more details and a letter to parents of Year 5 children will be sent out nearer the time.



OPEN DAY

We are very pleased to be able to welcome families to come into our school and visit us for our open morning on Wednesday 19th October. We are open from 9:30-11:00am. Please do feel free to come along and join us to meet our staff and our children and to have a look around to see what our school has to offer. We are open to families of prospective pupils and also to families of current pupils.

Everyone is welcome at Chapel End and we look forward to a lovely morning meeting you all.





BILLINGE CHAPEL END PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Places available for September 2023

WEDNESDAY 19TH
October AT 9:30AM

Meet our staff and children

Can't make the day? Please ring the school office to book a tour of the school at a time that is convenient for you!

 **01744 678230**



Wow — The Walk to School Challenge

REMINDER: We are once again taking part in the Living Streets Walk to School Challenge. We are trying to encourage as many children as we can to walk, park and stride, cycle or scoot to school. Your child will log how they have travelled each day, if they travel sustainably at least once a week for a month, they will be rewarded with a badge.



Play Equipment on School Grounds

Can we politely remind parents/guardians to please ensure that your children DO NOT play on the Trim Trail or the Climbing Frame with Slide before or after school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Toddler Group

Our very popular toddler group is 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!



Year 4 Football tournament 10th October



Well done Year 4 in our football
tournament at Sutton Academy.
You did our school proud!

Autumn Leaves

As we move further into the Autumn months, the nights are drawing in and the leaves are starting to fall, we would like to remind everybody to take extra care when walking on our paths around the school grounds, although every effort is made to keep them clear, with the nature of the setting and being surrounded by trees it isn't always possible and as a result the paths can be quite slippery.



Rugby league World Cup Day

On Wednesday 19th October we are recognising and celebrating the Rugby League World Cup in school. The Local Sports Authority have allocated 'The Cook Islands' as our team here at Chapel End Primary. To celebrate this we are asking children to come to school in rugby kits or dressed in the colours of Cook Islands green, white or gold. We will be learning all about the Cook Islands in school and completing fun activities throughout the day.



Rugby league World Cup Visitors

We were very privileged and excited to receive a visit from the Tongan rugby league team on Tuesday. Many thanks to the players and good luck with the tournament.



Volunteers

A number of classes in school need volunteers to help with reading. If you are able to spare a morning or afternoon, or even an hour to help in school, we would be extremely grateful. Please inform Mrs Trivass when you would be able to help and if you have a preference for a particular age group. Thank you for your support.

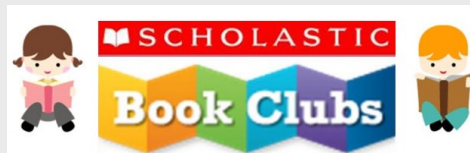


Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Last week your child will have brought home the latest Scholastic Book Club leaflet.

Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/billinge-chapel-end/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order will then be delivered to school. Please place your order by **Monday 17th October**. Thank you.



E Safety

I would like to direct all parents and carers to the E Safety section of our school website. Information about how to add parental controls to your child's digital devices along with many more useful tips can be found on there.



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

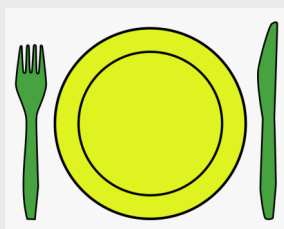
Please remember to pay the figure that is shown as owing **PLUS** the cost of any remaining meals due to be taken by your child for that week.

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 for next term commencing 31st October is **£17.50 (7 weeks)**. Please follow the same instructions above.





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	Robyn Manley	Molly Woolfenden
Reception	Darcie-Grace Bridge	Noah Ford
Y1	Ella Riley	Seb Colquitt
Y2	Madoc Hughes	Harlow Smith
Y3	Sophie Partington	Darcy Brown
Y4	Brooke Baddeley	Freddie Haworth
Y5	Rose Severs	Benjamin Lees
Y6	Poppy Sheil	Olly Regan

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.



School Diary—Next Week in School

Monday 17th October

Y1/Y2 Football (5 of 5) 3:15-4:15
Choir
Drumming 3:15-4:15

Thursday 20th October

School finishes for half term, children
return Monday 31st October

Tuesday 18th October

Guitar Lessons
Digital Leaders Meeting 3:15-4:00

Wednesday 19th October

Rugby league world cup day
Open day 9.30-11.00am
String Lessons
Brass Lessons
Toddler Group 9:30-11:00am
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

Telephone:	01744 676666
Write to:	St Helens Council, Revenues and Benefits, PO Box 10592, Nottingham NG6 6DP
Email:	educationbenefits@sthelens.gov.uk



Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over Halloween, Bonfire Night and the days around it.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

Know where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

Know the law

If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Merseyside Police