

# Chapel End Infant School & Early Years Centre Newsletter

## 11 September 2015

Welcome to a new school year at Chapel End. We are pleased to see all our returning families and enjoying getting to know those who are just joining us in our Nursery and Reception classes. We look forward to working with you all through the coming year.

### Road Safety



Please can we remind you not to park on the zig-zag lines outside the school. The area is regularly patrolled and you are likely to be given a parking ticket but more importantly you are putting the safety of all the children at risk. Parking on the zig-zags makes it difficult for parents and children to cross the road safely and also means that there is no space for cars to pass leading to drivers reversing or turning round, causing more congestion and adding to the danger.

If you are caught up in traffic please be patient and polite to other drivers and give way wherever possible. It may help to lessen the congestion outside school if drivers could follow a one-way approach, driving down to the end of Beresford Road and along Kitchener Road to Brookscroft Road rather than trying to turn around outside the school.

### Parent Survey

Towards the end of the summer term we sent out a survey to all parents. If you have not returned your completed survey to school there is still an opportunity for you to do that up until Thursday 17 September. We are grateful to those parents who have taken the time to complete and return their survey and would be pleased to receive more of your views. If you need another form please ask at the school office or download from school website.

### Dates for your diary

The school calendar for 2015-2016 has been sent out to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents. It will be sent out to Nursery parents next week and is available on the school website.

### Sharing Assemblies

Fri 25 Sept	Crocodiles class
Fri 9 Oct	Leopards class
Fri 23 Oct	Pandas class
Fri 6 Nov	Tigers class
Fri 13 Nov	Eagles class
Fri 27 Nov	Owls class

Dates for Reception assemblies will follow

### Other Events

Fri 18 Sept	Jeans for Genes Day
Thurs 1 Oct	Harvest assemblies (Y1 & Y2)
Wed 7 Oct	Book Fair
Tue 13 Oct	Parents Evening 4:00 – 6:30
Thurs 15 Oct	Parents Evening 6:00 – 8:30
Wed 21 Oct	Individual school photographs
Thurs 12 Nov	Year 2 Film Trip

Dates for educational visits and Christmas shows will be sent out as soon as they have been arranged.

### School Nurse



Our School Nurse, Judy Flanagan, will be in school once a month for drop-in sessions. Judy will be available to discuss any worries or concerns you may have about your child's health and well-being. Her first session will be on **Wednesday 16 September** from 9:15 to 10:30. Please come along if you would like to see Judy.

Other dates for Judy's visits are 21 October, 18 November and 16 December.

### School Website

For information about the school please remember to visit the school website at [www.chapelendinfants.com](http://www.chapelendinfants.com)

### **Playground Safety**

To make sure that everyone is safe in the playground before and after school we ask that children only use the climbing frame in the small playground if they are being supervised by a parent or carer and that they do not ride bikes and scooters around the playground. Riding along slowly beside their grown up is fine but this week I have noticed children riding around the playground at some speed and this is not safe. A small child getting knocked over by a bike or scooter could be quite badly hurt. We would appreciate your support in keeping the playground safe for everyone.



### **Bikes and Scooters**

The conservatory in school is now used to store a range of teaching resources that staff need to be able to access. We will therefore no longer be able to store bikes and scooters in that space. There are racks outside the main school entrance and you are requested to use these for storage of bikes and scooters from next week please. Unfortunately the school cannot take responsibility for lost bikes or scooters and would recommend that a lock is used when leaving them in the racks.



### **After School Clubs**



Our after school clubs will be starting over the next couple of weeks. You will receive letters giving details of each club and reply slips must be returned to the school office if you would like your child to attend. There are maximum numbers for each club. Where there are more requests than there are spaces names will be randomly picked from a box. Names of children who do not get a place will be put on a waiting list and parents will be informed when places become available.

### **Welcome to New Staff**

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff to Chapel End this year:  
Danousia Brown – Nursery Teacher  
Belinda Whelan – Early Years Practitioner  
Sakinah Thomas - Early Years Practitioner  
Mike Fear - Early Years Practitioner  
Yasmin Ahmed – Owls Class Teacher  
Eliz Babili – Admin Apprentice  
We look forward to working with them.

### **Sad News**

Rose, the lovely lady who lived next door to the school in Roberts Road, sadly passed away during the holidays. We shall miss her friendly play time visits and extend our condolences to her family.



### **School Attendance**

If your child is absent from school or nursery for any reason, you must inform the school office on 020 8527 1388, preferably before 9:30 on the day of absence. Establishing good attendance habits is an important life skill.

Unreported absence or absence without a valid reason is recorded as unauthorised and may be followed up by the Education Welfare Service.

We always work with parents to support them in overcoming any issues that may be preventing good levels of attendance. In turn we ask that parents support the school in maintaining good levels of attendance by following agreed procedures and by only requesting absence in term time for exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time will not be authorised.

The school has a duty to take appropriate steps to secure good attendance for both educational and safeguarding purposes. Our Attendance Policy is published on the school website at [www.chapelendinfants.com](http://www.chapelendinfants.com) or is available for you to see in school.