

# Chapel End Infant School & Early Years Centre Newsletter 24 March 2016

## Easter Break

School finishes at 2:30 on Thursday 24 March for the Easter break.

We hope you all enjoyed our Easter Parade. There were some amazing hats and gardens on display and it was lovely to have so many parents joining us. Thanks to the PTA for organising the event and to all the parents who donated cakes.

We hope you all have a good break and hopefully enjoy some spring weather. Try to get out and enjoy some of the lovely open spaces that Walthamstow has and encourage the children to notice all the signs of spring!



## Dates for your Diary

### Term Dates

School starts on Tuesday 12 April at 8:55!

Fri 27 May – staff training day, school closed

### Half term

Mon 30 May to Fri 3 June

School finishes at 2:30 on Wednesday 20 July

**Mon 18 Apr** Year 2 visit to Natural History Museum



### School Nurse Drop-in Sessions

Wed 20 Apr

Wed 18 May

Wed 15 June

## Easter Holiday Activities



The school will be hosting activities for children during the second week of the holidays. Sessions will run from 1:30 – 4:00pm from Monday 4 – Friday 8 April. A range of free art, craft and sports activities will be on offer for you to enjoy with your children. More information can be found on the Waltham Forest Children and Young People's Directory.

<http://walthamforest.childrensservicedirectory.org.uk/kb5/walthamforest/fsd/site.page?id=pSmfoHWY1U0>

## Year 2 SATs

There are many changes this year to the National Curriculum assessment procedures and tests. Teachers have been attending training and we are working with other schools and the local authority to ensure best practice is achieved during this time of change.

For year 2 children attainment outcomes are very much based on teacher assessments throughout the year. Schools are however, required to administer Key Stage 1 Tests for English and Mathematics. Tests will include two reading and comprehension tests, two grammar, punctuation and spelling tests, and arithmetic test and a mathematical reasoning test. Further information can be found on the DfE website.

The tests have to be administered between 3 – 26 May. As always, teachers do everything they can to make sure that children are well prepared for the tests and that they are not worried or anxious about them. In school we refer to the tests as 'special work' to be done with the teacher and teachers make sure that the classroom environment is calm and reassuring.

We do ask that parents try to make sure that children are in school every day during that period.

## Easter Raffle

Prize winning raffle tickets are as follows:

**Blue ticket 314**

**Blue ticket 351**

**Please come to the main school office and collect your prize today!**

### Mobile Phones



In accordance with the school's mobile phone policy, please do not use your phone whilst in school. If you are using your phone to take photographs of your child in assembly you should make sure that it is on silent and that you do not receive or make calls.

### Reporting Absence

A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school you do need to let the school know. Please contact the school before 9:30 to do this. Office staff will contact parents if a child is not in school and we have not heard from them by 9:30.

Please note that requests for holidays in term time will not be authorised. Remember children are very honest and do tell us when they have been on a holiday!

### Lunchtime Arrangements



Now that school meals are free for all infant children, most children do have a school lunch. Your child can bring a packed lunch if you prefer. However, we do request that children do not swap from one to the other on a daily basis without notice as the cook does need to know in advance the number of meals required. If you want to change your child's lunchtime arrangements please contact the school office to discuss this.

### Playground



Lots of children now come to school on bikes or scooters and often enjoying playing games with their friends in the playground before school starts and at the end of the day. Whilst it is good to see children being active before and after school we do need to make sure that the playground is safe for everyone. Children should not ride bikes or scooters at speed and should use the parts of the playground that are away from where parents are waiting to take children in to school. Children should not be playing football with big heavy footballs and junior children should not be using the court area. Infant children can play in the court area but only sponge balls should be used and care needs to be taken to make sure that small children do not get knocked over by bigger children running around. We want children to be able to enjoy the playground at these times and ask that all parents take responsibility for making sure that their children are playing safely.

### Scarlet Fever

We have been informed that a small number of children in school and nursery have suspected scarlet fever. Information has been sent out to parents/carers by email and put up in the school noticeboards detailing the symptoms of the illness and what you should do if you think your child has it. It is not a dangerous illness but it is recommended that children be taken to GP so that antibiotics can be prescribed.



**Our Easter Hat Parade**

### School Website

Please remember to visit the school website at [www.chapelendinfants.com](http://www.chapelendinfants.com)