



Chapel Haddlesey Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School is a vibrant and exciting place to be at all times of the year but especially at Christmas time when the sound of children singing and practising for the Christmas Performances can be heard alongside the sounds of lessons being taught. Peace at this time of year in school is rare but balanced by the joy that this special time of year brings our families.

Federation name

Thank you to all of the families and staff who have shared federation name suggestions. The governing body are due to meet in December to consider all of the suggestions and the winning name will be announced at the end of December. If you have any last minute name suggestions, please send them in to the school via email.

Goodbye to Miss Northway

The children in Class 1 have said farewell to Miss Northway who has been with them on a Friday afternoon for the last two and a half years. Miss Northway is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant at Burton Salmon Primary School and, as her role there has expanded during recent months, she will no longer be covering our Friday afternoon. Ms Hargreaves, who currently works at Barlow school, will be taking Miss Northway's place.

Pupil absences

Please ensure you telephone or email the school office before 9.15am to notify us of any child absence. There have been a few cases recently where staff have had to chase information about children not being in school, and not receiving confirmation until midday. We have a process to follow for children who are not in school, for which we have received no notification from parents. Equally, we ask if your child is unwell and you have called us on the first day of their absence, we also require a call on each subsequent day until they are well enough to be back in school.

CHAPS Raffle tickets

We have attached an envelope containing raffle tickets to the paper copy of the newsletter this week. It would be great if each family could sell their allocation of 10 tickets at 50p each. If you require more tickets, please contact the admin office. Tickets will also be on sale at the Christmas Fayre. A payment item has been set up on ParentPay or you can send cash with your returned ticket stubs. Could all stubs be returned to school by Tuesday 17th December. The draw will take place at the Christmas performance on Thursday 19th December.



Christmas Performance

Tickets have been set up on ParentPay today, priced at £1.50 per adult and 50p per child. Tickets will be restricted to 2 per performance with a maximum of 6 per family, in the first instance; this will give everyone a fair chance to book tickets. Numbers will be reviewed the week before the performances; please contact the office if you need more tickets.

Christmas Dinner

On Thursday 19th December, our Cook, Mrs Page, will be cooking up a traditional Christmas dinner, a great feat of endurance on her part, so this will be the school menu on this day. We will assume that all children who normally have a school dinner or jacket potato on that day, will be having the Christmas dinner. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but on this day but would like a Christmas dinner instead, please contact the office.

Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December we will be supporting Save the Children by asking the children and staff to come to school in a Christmas Jumper for a donation of £1. We invite you to spend as little as possible on a Christmas jumper and to encourage you and your children to be as thrifty and creative as possible by jazzing up an old jumper with tinsel, baubles, sequins, etc.

Swimming lessons

We are pleased to announce a series of swimming lessons at Selby Leisure Centre for children in Year 3 to Year 6. These will take place each Friday from 7th February for 8 weeks, ending on 3rd April. The session length this year will be 50 minutes, led by two qualified instructors and school staff. In previous years, sessions have only lasted 25 minutes so the extra time in the water should be a huge benefit to our swimmers.

The children will have an early lunch and travel to Selby Leisure Centre by coach with Mrs Lindley, Mrs Morton, Miss Lamb and Mrs Turner; they will return to school before the end of the normal school day. We have asked CHAPS to assist with funding and we are very grateful that they have agreed to donate £300. Could we please ask for a voluntary contribution of £4.00 per child, which equates to £32.00 over the 8 week course. We believe this is great value due to the extended lesson time offered this year. By way of comparison, group swimming lessons are priced at £56 for a series of 10 at the Leisure Centre. The payment item has been set up on ParentPay; this can be paid in instalments or in a lump sum, with a minimum of £4.

France Residential March 2020

Thank you to the Year 5/6 families who have paid the deposit for next year's residential to France. This is a reminder that the interim payment of £75.00 is due to be paid by Wednesday 11th December. Please make payment via ParentPay, thank you.

Islam Day

In November 2019, Yazi, a practising Muslim, visited each of our schools within the federation and spent a full day sharing with our pupils how she practises her own beliefs.

First of all, Yazi opened the day by leading worship with the whole school, introducing herself in Punjabi and sharing with the children more information about herself and her family. Children learnt how Muslims practise their beliefs and how they celebrate their holy festivals with family and friends. Yazi then shared how she practises her own beliefs and how she would dress.

After worship, the children returned to their classes and started a carousel of activities for the day. These included:

- The children had the opportunity to dress up in traditional clothes worn for celebrations, including bride and groom costume



- They had a go at Arabic writing understanding the process of writing from right to left rather than left to right
- They created their own prints using traditional Indian stamps that Yazi had brought with her
- The children had the opportunity to have a 'mendi' on their hand, an intricate pattern using natural henna, which is used traditionally for celebrations. The children were really interested to hear that a bride might sit for four hours while being painted.

To end the day, Yazi demonstrated some key features of Indian-style dancing and the children had great fun trying out the moves themselves to Indian music. Our children thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, learning about the different aspects of the Muslim faith.

MarvellousME app

MarvellousMe has upgraded their Parent app this week. This new version delivers a 30-day News Centre (the number one feature parents have been asking for!), fixes notification bugs and includes other improvements. You may have already seen an email from MarvellousMe however, if you haven't already done so, it is **essential** that you follow the below:

1. Check your device is running the latest operating software.
2. Update the MarvellousMe app via the App Store or Google Play.
 - a. To do this, type 'MarvellousMe' into the search bar, click on the 'MarvellousMe for Parents' icon and select 'update'.
 - b. Your phone may have already updated MarvellousMe automatically in which case it will just have an 'open' button.
3. Open the MarvellousMe Parent app then
 - Tap 'Settings'
 - Toggle the 'Get device notifications' switch off and back on again. Even if it shows as 'On', **you must switch it 'Off' and 'On' once. This step is particularly important** to ensure you receive MarvellousMe notifications going forward and benefit from the upgrade.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Lindley
Head of School



Diary Dates

Saturday 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAPS Christmas Fayre 10.00am to 1.00pm
Thursday 5 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barlow open morning for prospective parents of primary aged children 9.15am – 11.30am
Friday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children
Sunday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Service and Christingle 5.00pm at Haddlesey Church
Monday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Performances 9.15am and 1.15pm
Wednesday 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Performances 9.15am and 1.15pm
Thursday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Dinner • Christmas Performance 1.15pm
Friday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Worship 9.00am • Christmas Party 1.00pm • Break up for Christmas
Tuesday 7 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school • Young Voices
Wednesday 15 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for Primary School applications for September 2020
Friday 31 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Worship 9.00am
Friday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break up for half term • Non uniform day
Monday 24 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school
Friday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Worship 9.00am
Friday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Worship 9.00am
Friday 3 rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break up for Easter
Monday 20 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 21 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school
Friday 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Worship 9.00am
Friday 22 nd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Worship 9.00am • Non uniform day • Break up for half term
Monday 1 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school
Friday 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Worship 9.00am
Friday 17 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School closes for Summer holidays

