

Happy Dog Rules with The Dogs Trust

Chapelford Village Primary School is keen to educate our pupils how to have responsible and safe interactions with our four-legged friends. We are hosting the Dogs Trust to share their Dog Safe program across all year groups. Over the festive period, children may visit family members who have dogs and want to encourage safe and enjoyable interactions. Last week our Early Years and Year 1 pupils had their essential dog safety lessons.

The initiative began with the children learning about the "happy dog rules." Under the guidance of the Dogs Trust team, the children were introduced to important guidelines to ensure positive interactions with dogs. The children were introduced to 'Molly,' a friendly canine companion, who played a pivotal role in practical demonstrations! The children learned not to disturb a dog while it's sleeping or eating, emphasising the importance of recognising and respecting a dog's personal space.

Understanding canine communication was a key focus, as the children discovered that a growl is a way for dogs to express feelings of sadness, fear, or displeasure. They also gained insights into the significance of seeking permission before approaching a dog, and the concept of allowing the dog to initiate contact by walking over and sniffing. Hands-on activities were a crucial component of the 'Dog Safe' program, with students practicing the art of gentle and appropriate dog interaction. Molly the dog became an ambassador for this lesson, with the children learning the proper technique for stroking a dog's back rather than its head.

The program aims not only to instill knowledge about dog safety but also to foster empathy and understanding towards our furry companions. By actively participating in these interactive sessions, the students of Chapelford Village Primary School are now better equipped to navigate their relationships with dogs, promoting a safer and happier coexistence between children and their canine friends.

If you would like further information, please visit the Dogs Trust website:

https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/support-us/sponsor?gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIqobChMIIn47pvKGFgwMVGIQBh3nOwohEAYASAAEgKxNPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds



Star Learners

1	Lydia-Kate	14	Harris
2	Teddy	15	Dahat
3	Arlo	16	Irene
4	Rory	17	Harry
5	Aamirah	18	Irene
6	Huldah	19	Faris
7	Anya	20	Oisin
8	TBC	21	Thomas
9	Aria	22	Jaydon
10	Lottie	23	Indi
11	Connor	24	Lyla
12	Polly	25	Ben
13	TBC		

Readers of the Week

1	Stephanie	14	Imogen
2	Aahil	15	Nicolaj
3	Fred	16	Kai
4	Khaleesi	17	Lucas
5	Isaac	18	Maddison
6	Sienna	19	Chloe
7	Harri	20	Esmee
8	TBC	21	Dhiaan
9	Evelyn	22	Giorgia
10	Bobby	23	Hailey
11	James	24	Cameron
12	Emily	25	Daisy
13	TBC		

Values Award

4	Ira	5	Will	6	Ben	7	Oliver
8	TBC	9	Poppy	10	Sophie	11	Zac
12	Mia	13	TBC	14	Jack W	15	Sophie
16	Cyrus	17	Jordan	18	Ewan	19	TBC
20	Marcus	21	Mayama	22	Blake	23	Maverick
24	Aimee	25	Harkus				

Health & Safety Reminders

- ◆ **May we ask for support with the safe use and enjoyment of the climbing frame by ensuring children do not use it before and after school.**
- ◆ Could we please politely remind parents to take care driving around both front and rear car parks at school drop off and pick up times, paying particular attention to the crossings as there have been a few near misses this week. Thanks in advance for your support with this as we all work together to keep our children safe.
- ◆ Smart Watches are not to be worn for school.
- ◆ E-SCOOTERS. Please can we take care on arrival to school on e-scooters.
- ◆ Bikes and scooters must **NOT** be ridden until outside of the school grounds!
- ◆ All ballgames including football are not to be played on the school playgrounds during drop-off and pick-up.
- ◆ School Gym Equipment is for pupils during the school day only.
- ◆ Please remember that dogs except for assistance dogs are NOT permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

Dates for your diary

December 2023	
Monday 18th	Festive Greetings Year 1
Monday 18th	EYFS Christmas Play
Tuesday 19th	EYFS Christmas Play
Tuesday 19th	Festive Greetings Year 2
Tuesday 19th	Christmas Lunch is served
Wednesday 20th	Christmas Party Day - Last day of Term
January 2024	
Thursday 4th	Back to School - Spring 1
Tuesday 9th	Year 1 visit to parr Hall - Jack and the Beanstalk
Thursday 18th	Multiplication Evening for Parents 5pm - Year 3 and 4
Tuesday 23rd	Parent meeting. Supporting your child's learning 5pm - Year 5
February 2024	
Tuesday 6th	Parent's Evening
Thursday 8th	Parent's Evening
Friday 9th	Chinese New Year

School Meals



In line with the Governments Healthy School initiative parents are requested to only send healthy snacks for their children for break and lunch time. Please ensure these items are low in fat and/or sugar. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please be aware that we are a **NUT FREE** school as we have in school with nut allergies. Please do not send your child into school with nut related products. Thank you



Please can all school uniform be clearly labelled with your child's name. This will help us in getting it back to the right owner. Thank you.

School menu for week beginning **Monday 18th December** is **Week 1**

Christmas Lunch will be served on Tuesday 19th December.



ParentPay

Can we request that children's ParentPay accounts are regularly topped up, to make sure the children continue to receive their school lunches and snacks.

Free School Meals end for pupils at the end of Year 2. School lunch is £2.60 per person per day it to be paid via Parentpay.

If you require more help please don't hesitate to contact the school office on [01925 712554](tel:01925712554) or email us on office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk

Reminder - Once money has been put onto your child's account this needs to be allocation to school meals.



Parental concerns and issues

We take all concerns and issues seriously.

- ◇ If you have any worries, please contact the school and/or class teachers directly via the following methods: Email the class teacher: All class teachers have a direct email – these can be found on the [school website](#)
- ◇ Email the school office: office@chapelfordvillageprimary.co.uk.
- ◇ Call the school: 01925 712554



We wish everyone a very peaceful
and relaxing break.

Merry Christmas to everyone,
all the very best for the 2024
Chapelford Village Primary School.





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YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

Christmas

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB

CHILDREN ON BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS
THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER & WEDNESDAY 3RD JANUARY
9AM - 2PM

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH FRIENDS !

MESSAGE THE OFFICE ON FAMLY OR EMAIL
CHAPELFORD@LETSBEKIDS.CO.UK

WARRINGTON Borough Council
Department for Education

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Chapelford

Christmas Holiday Club

21ST 22ND DECEMBER 2ND 3RD JAN

9AM-3PM £19.75 8AM-6PM £30
SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN FROM ALL LOCAL SCHOOLS WELCOME

SOME FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN ON BENEFITS RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS - PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO BOOK

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COMING SOON
1 HR SESSIONS
4:15 £5

TIMETABLE

Monday	Baking
Tuesday	Games
Wednesday	Slime
Thursday	Arts & Craft
Friday	Dough

Email chapelford@letsbekids.co.uk - set days available to book in a half term block - offer only available until Feb half term as a trial - offer will be reviewed then - usual activities available too