

November/December 2022



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Dear families and friends

We were all in good spirits this morning after the Derry team's triumphant win yesterday. There even has been a suggestion of a Homework Pass to celebrate. It is time to let you know what is going on in our busy school between now and Christmas. Please make a note of key dates for your diary.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK BEGINS14™NOVEMBER 2022

The theme for Anti-Bullying week is Reach Out. You can find out more by clicking on the link below. Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out (anti-bullying alliance.org.uk)

ODD SOCKS DAY-FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2022

Wear your odd socks to school on Friday 18^{th} November to mark Anti-Bullying Week. Adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Please send in £1.00 in for school funds.





ROAD SAFETY WEEK

As a SUSTRANS Active Travel school, we recognise Road Safety every day and know that we must remember to keep safe. Please visit our website on the link below to access more resources.

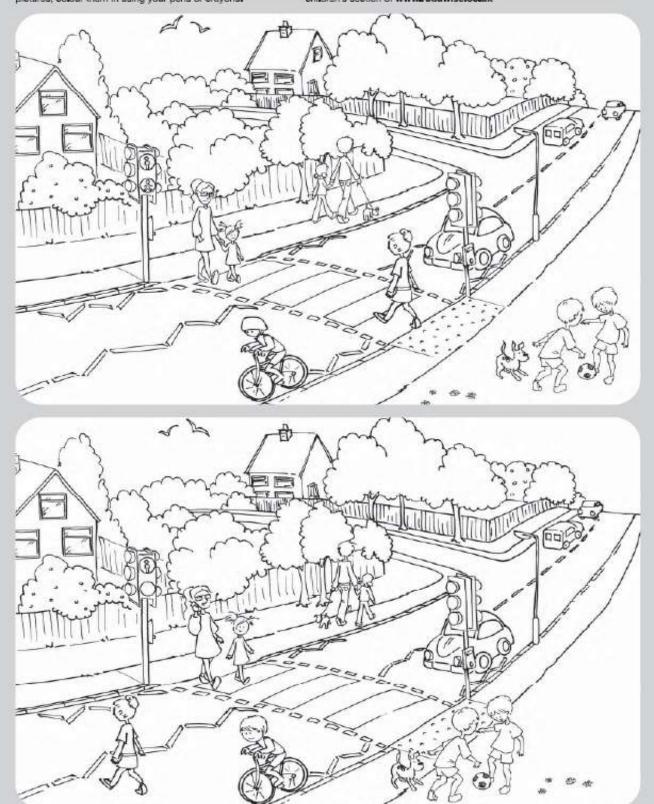
https://www.chapelroadps.co.uk/news/road-safety-week-14th-20th-november/

The activity below also helps to highlight Road Safety in a fun and active way.

Spot the difference

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures? Once you've spotted the differences between the two pictures, colour them in using your pens or crayons. To find out if you got the differences right, and for more games and activities, visit the children's section of www.roadwise.co.uk





SHARED EDUCATION MATHS WEEK

This week we are super busy working in close partnership with our Shared Education friends. The learning focus is Numeracy. During the week, the children, and staff from all four schools will work together at the various schools. Ask your child about this at the end of the week.



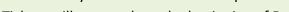
As part of our SE partnership, the children will be going to the Millennium Forum to see the Pantomime. The P4-P7 children will go on Friday 9th December and the P1-P3 children will go on Tuesday 20th December. We feel very lucky to be able to take the children using Shared Education funding. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers/hats to this trip if they wish.

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

According to our Christmas Countdown, it is 40 days until Christmas Day. That is only 28.5 school days!!!! We have started practising and organising our Christmas performance and are super excited to present it to our families and friends.

Performances will take place on:

- ✓ Wednesday 14th December at 1.30pm
- ✓ Thursday 15th December at 10.00am
- ✓ Thursday 15th December at 6.00pm.





Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of December.

FUN EVENING FOR PUPILS

We have decided not to hold our annual Christmas Fair this year, but will, instead, have a FUN evening for the children. This will take place on **Monday 28**th **November between 3pm and 5.30pm**. It will be an opportunity for the children to enjoy some downtime with their friends and take part in a range of fun activities. There will be no 325 Club on this day. The children do not have to wear school uniform to school.

Please send in £2 to help cover the cost of the activities. This can be sent in on or before the 25th November 2022.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN SCHOOL

Our ANNUAL Christmas dinner is planned for **Wednesday 7th December 2022**. If are not in receipt of free school meals and you wish your child to have Christmas dinner, please send in £2.60 in a sealed envelope stating Christmas dinner money.

FRIENDS OF CHAPEL ROAD PS

The Friends of Chapel Road PS are going to run a BIG CHRISTMAS DRAW with GREAT prizes.

If you are in a position to donate a prize or know anyone who would be willing to donate, please do let us know. All monies raised will go towards supporting the children with various events and trips throughout the school year.

If you feel you would like to join the committee, please contact the office on 028 71341419 and we will pass on your details.

REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSURES

School will close for Christmas on Thursday 22nd December at 12 NOON. Children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2023.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER FEVER

I have lost count of how many events are asking us to wear our Christmas jumpers this year. For some children, this can cause upset as they prefer the routine of their school uniform, it can also add pressure on parents. All events where Christmas jumpers are suggested are optional.

In CRPS, the children can wear their Christmas jumper on the following days-

Friday 2nd December for NI Daily Mile Santa Run.

Wednesday 7th December for Christmas dinner.

Thursday 8th December for National Christmas Jumper Day.

Monday 19th December-Thursday 22nd December.

To the Pantomime on Friday 9th December for P4-P7 and Tuesday 20th December for P1-P3 children.

CHAPEL ROAD PS WILL DO THE DAILY MILE SANTA RUN FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022

We will join primary schools and nurseries around Northern Ireland to get moving on the same day, to celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health. Children's mental health, and its relation to physical activity, is more important than ever and we want to mark this very important and fun event. The children can wear Christmas jumper/hats/hairbands/Santa costume etc if they wish.



SUPPORTING CHRISTMAS HAT /JUMPER DAY

On **Thursday 8th December 2022**, we are joining millions of people up and down the country who will come together – at their workplace, school or with friends – to make the world better with a sweater.

A donation of £1.00 from each child will go to a local charity nominated by the children.

WEBSITE www.chapelroadps.co.uk

Our website app received 4922 views in October which is fantastic. Thank you for keeping in touch this way. You will be up to date with school news and events as well as enjoy the photographs of the children learning and playing. Please continue to visit and view for further dates.

If you are having any difficulties with access, you can contact us or indeed the Schools NI App has a function where you can contact the website provider who are always very helpful.

ANNUAL FLU VACCINE FOR PUPILS

The nurse will visit to administer the flu vaccine on the 12^{th of} December. Please visit the link below if you wish to find out more about the flu vaccine for children.

https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/flu-vaccine-children#toc-5





FIRST CONFESSION-PRIMARY 4

Thursday 9th March 2023 at 1.30pm in St. Columb's Chapel. Chapel Road.

FIRST COMMUNION-PRIMARY 4

Saturday 20th May 2023 at 11.30am in St. Columb's Chapel. Chapel Road.

CONFIRMATION-PRIMARY 7

Saturday 25th March 2023 at 11.30am in St. Columb's Chapel. Chapel Road.

Our school holidays list can be viewed on our school website.

Thank you for your continued support in all that we do.

Kind Regards Mrs. Bacheta and staff