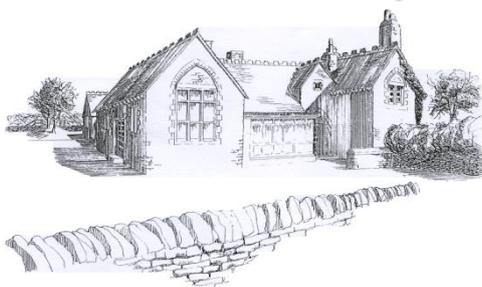


# Clanfield CE Primary School



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## A Message from Mrs Rogers

*'All things seem possible in May'* - Edwin Van Teale

Welcome back, we hope that you had a lovely restful break and Easter. We can't believe that we are in the final term-time is going by so quickly!

The summer term has got off to a great start, the children and staff are all rejuvenated following the Easter holiday and ready to fully embrace the exciting term ahead.

This term our attention turns to reviewing and strengthening our provision for writing. Writing is like spinning plates whilst standing on a brick wall. But what if the wall has gaps or the mortar is weak? To write effectively, children need to draw on prior reading, spelling, text structure, vocab, cohesion, and spelling to name a few.

Over the next few weeks, staff will meet to discuss gaps in learning and will plan opportunities together to drill down on those gaps. We will also look into ways to refine our writing teaching- using the oracy framework to support and challenge as required.

When pupils speak, they often fail to consider the structure of what they are saying. Often, it isn't sentences and they are quite literally unable to organise it into anything coherent enough to remember, let alone write down.'

The restart of all children out together at lunchtime has been a big hit for the children. I don't think I have ever seen children so excited for lunchtime before.

It is a real joy to reintroduce many of the aspects of school life that we have had to suspend over the past two years. So, here's looking forward to a busy, exciting, and energetic summer term.



*Mrs Kim Rogers*

**Headteacher**

## Jubilee.

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee later this month.

On **Wednesday 25th May** we have an exciting day planned with jubilee activities followed by a street party at 2:00pm on the playground.

We are looking forward to inviting our community to a very special tea party and children are invited to come to school wearing red, white and blue. Look out for the invitation which should be in your child's bag over the next few days.

The brilliant staff team are ready to create a little bit of Clanfield magic.

## Pop Ups

When your child is playing on certain games or is on social media, they may see adverts / pop up adverts. The content in these adverts may not always be appropriate to them, particularly if clicked on. It is important to talk to your child about adverts and to think about what they are clicking on before they do and if they are unsure to either ignore them or to check with a trusted adult. Further

information <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/security/pop-ups-adverts/>

## ATTENDANCE

Over a school year we are open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions with registration in the morning at 8:45 and after lunch in the afternoon.

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration. We appreciate COVID has affected attendance and we thank you for keeping your child off if uncertain but would just like to let you know that after Easter we have been advised by OCC to send out termly letters just so that you can keep an eye on number of days missed. 97% attendance- equates to 6 days absent and 90% equates to 19 days absent. It really does add up.

Thank you

**ATTENDANCE TARGET - 96%**

**ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK – 98.28 %**

**ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR – 94.40%**

## Reminder

### ASC for Kilvrough week– 16<sup>th</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> May.

ASC will run until 6pm Tuesday. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday it will finish at 4.30pm due to staff assisting on the Y5/6 residential trip.

Breakfast Club will continue as normal in the Canteen from 8am however, on Wednesday it will be held in the classrooms from 8.15am.

## 100 Club

Drawn on 29<sup>th</sup> April with Mrs Park-Pearson winning first prize £7.60, Mrs R Graham winning second prize £3.80 and Mrs Uglow winning third £1.90.



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## Ruby Class

Ruby class have been busy! We have been planting seeds outside and planting their own jack and the beanstalk runner bean to watch and grow, and we have been on a search for mini beasts in our garden.

We made flags for St George's Day and are having fun dressing up and making up stories in our 'Once Upon a Time' castle. It is lovely to see them develop their imagination and working together to create wonderful stories! This week we have enjoyed reading the story Zog and enjoyed making up our Zog writing rhyming words.

Ruby Class loved having a go at Cricket and they all loved hitting the balls with the cricket bat in every direction! See photos. We have been practising catching and throwing skills. They can practise at home too! Rubies are also enjoying having a tennis session once a week at lunchtime now too.

In phonics, we are consolidating phase 3 and now looking at longer words - practising decoding and blending as well as applying their phonic skills and those tricky words in their writing – keep practising at home too!

In Maths we have made shape pictures and practised taking away from 10. Perhaps you could play games at home? Instead of 10 green bottles- use objects at home, roll a dice to see how many to take away. Or play skittles outside see how many are knocked down (taken away) and how many left standing!



We have started to look at number patterns that go beyond 10. What happens after 10? 10 and 1 more makes 11 but what does it look like using a ten frame? Rubies discovered we need another 10 frame and as it fills up the number gets bigger and 2 ten frames make 20! We looked at what number could we have if lots of 10 frames were full? How many would we have? we counted in 10s to 100!

Just a reminder – in preparing the children for year 1 - we will be sending home homework every week this term to practise their phonics/ reading/ spelling words we have covered during the week and to continue to practise/learn number bond skills to 5 and 10. Also you will find a letter formation rhyme sheet and practise booklet to practise a letter a week making sure using correct formation. We will check every Friday. Thank you for continuing to support your child in their learning.

Ms Harley, Miss Hill, Mrs Newell.

## Diamond Class

We have had a fantastic start to the Summer Term. We have started a new writing journey based on the book 'Cinnamon'. We received a letter from Cinnamon's parents asking us for help. She is blind and won't talk so we wrote some fabulous descriptions of where she lives using adjectives and expanded noun phrases. We hope this makes her happy!



In Maths we have been learning about direction, position and turns. We have played lots of games outside; directing each other to different objects. We have just started to learn 'telling the time' using an analogue clock. This can be supported at home so please discuss, support and encourage. We had great fun last week, when the cricket coach came to school. We had a go at fielding and batting and we all joined in with a smile!

The highlight of the term has to be the arrival of our caterpillars. The children purchased the caterpillars with their cake sale money and have been enthusiastically observing them and how they have changed and grown. We will keep you updated!

Miss Thomas

## Sapphire Class



Sapphire, we have had a busy start to the new term, with lots of very exciting (chocolate) things to come. We have started our new PE unit, which focuses on agility and static balance, creating our own ways to travel whilst weaving in and out of cones, and avoiding contact with other team mates, was a great challenge. We looked at authoritative figures in RE, discussing what 'authority' means, who has it, and we sorted people in our community based on their different levels of authority. We have also started our new writing journey based on the Roald Dahl book, Charlie and the chocolate factory, we are focusing on the writing features that Dahl uses in the description of his characters, his heavy use of foreshadowing to keep his readers interested and how his characters have names to match their humorous features and personalities. I can not wait to see the characters that are created by the class, it will be great fun for all.

Miss Davies

## Topaz Class

The children have come back from Easter with a focussed and determined mind-set. They are shining in Maths and have conquered formal written methods, factors and multiples and using inverse operations. An outdoor lesson finding and classifying angles was particularly well received.

We have begun our new topic of Greece by examining maps and atlases to find Greece and its neighbouring countries. We have also been examining Greek weather patterns and comparing them to the UK using our skills of bar and line graphs.

In English, we have studied the Greek Myths: Perseus and Medusa and Hercules. We have used these to plan our own myths using the Greek structure to share with children further down the school.

Excitement is growing for our residential in a fortnight, we hope it will be a really positive way to celebrate the end of KS2 SATs week.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend,

Team Topaz

### HOODIES

We are expecting delivery of the Y6 hoodies imminently. Please note that the children have been asked not to wear them to school until after the May half term break e.g. from 8<sup>th</sup> June they can be worn.

## Sports Morning 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

Topaz have been commissioned to plan, lead and carry out EYFS/KS1 Sports Day.

- Ruby and Diamond @ 9.15am – 10.15am.
- Sapphire and Topaz @ 10.30am – 11.45am.

All parents are invited to stay for the morning and have a picnic lunch at 12pm with the children.

## School Closure Dates 2021 – 2022

6th June 2022 – INSET

7th June – Queens Jubilee

## Dates for your diary

W/c 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	SATS Week
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Yr 3/4 Tennis Festival
W/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Yr 5/6 Kilvrough Residential – Amended BC and ASC availability see box for details.
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Ruby Vision Screening
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	National Summer Census
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Jubilee Celebrations
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	End of Term School closes at 3pm
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School closed INSET Day
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School closed day in lieu of Queens Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	Sports Morning - See sports day box for full details.
30 <sup>th</sup> June and 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Yr6 Induction days at Burford
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Whole School move up day
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Y2 Cricket/ Multiskills event – details to follow
5 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Yr5/6 Adventure Plus afternoon
8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Diamond Trip to Hill End
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Yr 2 Music Festival @ Burford – details to follow
13 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Topaz and Sapphire performance - details to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Sapphire @ Cadburys World
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Yr5/6 Adventure Plus afternoon
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	End of School Year school closes at 1.10pm – NO ASC Today