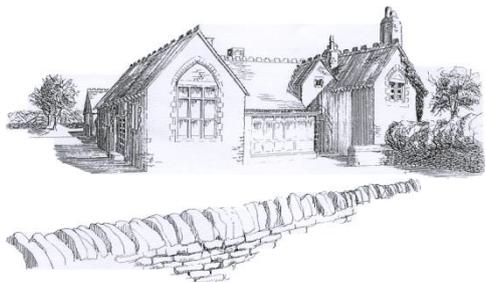


Clanfield CE Primary School



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A Message from the Headteacher

Thank you for all your donations. The classrooms have looked fabulous with your wonderful decorations, the Christmas tree has been shining with the spirit of Christmas at the front of the school and the Christmas Post-box has been full most days! The KS1 Nativity has been recorded and it will be one to remember; the children braved the cold to practise and perform 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' but hopefully in amongst the fog and noise from the delivery driver with his trolley and the speaker packing up, you will be able to hear the beautiful voices and see the hard work, determination and resilience the children showed on that very cold day in December!

As you are aware, we will have our own Christmas Day on the 16th December and we will be allowing children to come to school wearing a festive jumper on that day. Anything Christmassy will do, please don't go to any trouble. Christmas socks, hair bands etc will also be welcomed, just remember that the children have to 'work too' on that day.

Thank you for your purchases of Christmas cards and other personalised items from Cauliflower Cards. These have now all arrived and have been distributed through the classrooms. Please let the office know if you haven't had yours yet. In total we raised £83.50.

In order to keep everyone safe, we plan to put more stringent measures in place during the last week of term to minimise the possibility of anyone having to isolate over the Christmas holidays.

Our most vulnerable times when groups are not keeping to the social distancing regulations seem to be at drop off and pick up. The Parish Council, have agreed that for 1 week only, we can cone/tape off areas and parents will be expected to line up, please see details below.

Thank you for your understanding - have a lovely weekend everyone.

Best regards,

Kim Rogers and the Clanfield Team

Welcome

We welcome back Mrs Newell in January. Mrs Brown will continue to work Monday and Tuesday in Reception Class and Mrs Newell will work Wednesday- Friday.

We also welcome Mrs Tuach to the post of Topaz job share teacher. Mrs Tuach brings a wealth of experience and we look forward to introducing you to her next term. Mrs

Heaslip is loving her new role as Catch up Tutor and now that all assessments of learning have been made, intervention groups can commence next term.

IMPORTANT – Social Distancing Update

Next week we are putting more stringent practices in place so everyone has a stress free and relaxing Christmas break. To ensure we are not having any track and trace issues in the lead up to Christmas, a **new queuing system** will be in place at drop off and pick up.

Anyone arriving from the direction of the Lorry Park please keep to the Right Hand side of the taped area (closest to the houses) and **keep 2m distance** from the family in front of you. Anyone arriving from the direction of Mill Lane, Main Street or Bakery Lane please keep to the Left Hand side of the tape and leave a 2m gap between you and the family in front of you.

Once you have dropped your child off, please walk back along the other side of the tape in the same direction by which you arrived.

Please do not arrive at drop off before 8.40am
Please do not arrive for pick up earlier than 2.55pm

All teachers will be outside at 8.45am to collect their classes. If you need to speak to a teacher, please put it in writing and either hand it to Mrs Rogers or Mrs Graham (both will be at the front of school) or email office.3100@clanfield.oxon.sch.uk and the teacher will return your call.

At pick up, please follow the same principle. All classes will be lined up in the car park at 3pm and children will be handed over to the parent at the front of the queue.

New Contact Email – a new Covid19 email has been set up for parents to use between the dates of the 14th and 24th December – Covid19@clanfield.oxon.sch.uk – if you have any Covid19 issues, questions or to report symptoms, then please email this new address. It will be checked once a day. Thank you.

Extended Services w/c 14th Dec only – all bookings for Breakfast club and ASC have now closed. Children who have been booked into Breakfast Club should be dropped off at the main Reception area at 8am. They will then go to their respective classes. ASC will continue to be held in the Canteen and Sunshine room (no change to current arrangements)

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe.

Witney Lions

I am writing on behalf of the Witney Lions who this year are unable to take Rudolph & Santa around the streets of Witney and surrounding area. So as the children do not miss out, we have come up with Santanory at 6, please see our promotional video here: <https://youtu.be/djH6BAaftv0>

BOOK BOOKS BOOKS!

As we are getting close to Christmas, you may be thinking about presents for your children or being asked by friends and family for gift ideas. I thought it would be useful to suggest a few books to you.

The lists attached are books which we plan to use in school so we would ask for the children to **refrain** from reading them until they come into school.

If you prefer to order books through Amazon, please don't forget to go through the fundraising page.



RE Day and Christingle

On Monday 14th December we will be taking part in a whole school RE Day and the theme will be 'Light'. During the morning, we will be working as individual classes to answer the big question - Why is light an important symbol for different religions? Each class will look at a specific religion and will be given the opportunity to show their work and discuss their answer to the big question during a whole school zoom meeting.

Following on from this in the afternoon, the children will be learning about the meaning of Christingle. We will then finish the day with a whole school Christingle Collective Worship. On Monday, please can your child bring a large orange to school with them so they can create their Christingle. All other resources will be supplied.



Many thanks,
Miss Thomas

MAF Advent Adventure

There has been excitement across the school as we have travelled around the world on our Advent Adventure. The children have visited many countries and have witnessed the hard work and dedication of the MAF Christian charity in some of the world's isolated countries. Not only have the children discovered where these isolated countries are but they have also experienced a mix of culture and languages. Every adventure is finished with a prayer and time for reflection before we move onto a new destination! Please remember that the MAF Advent Adventure can be accessed at home via the following link: <https://gb.mafadvent.org>

I am confident that all the children would like to continue their advent adventure after we finish for Christmas on the 18th December.

Miss Thomas

Reading Challenge

I know many of you have enjoyed the Summer Reading challenges run by Oxford Library Service. They are running a mini-winter challenge with some good encouragement and resources on the website. Please have a look and encourage your child to take part.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-2020>

Join in with The Reading Agency's Everyone is a Hero, Winter Mini Challenge

Oxfordshire Libraries and The Reading Agency are encouraging children to continue reading over the winter holidays. The Reading Agency has partnered with Knights Of children's publishers to bring you Everyone is a Hero, Winter Mini Challenge 2020.

We are writing to ask if you can help us to promote the Challenge to your children, their parents and carers.

It starts on Tuesday 1st December 2020 and finishes on Friday 15th January 2021. Parents and carers can register their children for free at wintermini.org.uk

The children set their own reading challenge. A target of 3 books is recommended.

They can read any books for their Challenge, including eBooks or eAudio which can be borrowed for free from Oxfordshire Libraries. To give children some ideas a recommended booklist will be available on our Overdrive platform: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ebooks . Parents and carers can join their children to the library by visiting www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

Children can rate and review the books they have read on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock virtual rewards and a downloadable Reading Hero certificate.

There will also be lots of exciting activities, book recommendations and a competition to enter.

For more information visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/winter-mini-challenge-20>

Performances

Due to Covid19 restrictions- these are the performances this year.

KS1/R Nativity-December

Year 3/4- Easter

Year 5/6-Summer

Parents are asked to contribute £1 towards our Christmas Day celebrations which have been planned for Wednesday 16th December. A payment plan has been set up on your child's SchoolMoney account for ease of payment. Thank you for supporting us to make this year, although different, special for the children.



Christmas Bedtime Story and Hot Chocolate with Mrs Rogers.

On Wednesday 16th December, Mrs Rogers will be reading a Christmas Story. Please pop on your PJs, grab a Hot Choc, and join her by the Christmas tree at 7pm.

A Zoom link will be sent next week.



Ruby Class

We have been enjoying lots of festive fun these last few weeks. We have made cards, sung Christmas songs, a fairy door arrived in our classroom on the 1st of December and she sprinkled fairy dust around the classroom. We wrote to her and found out her name is Sparkle and Shine... She is now our new class member, but we haven't been quiet enough for her to come out yet!

We have Santa's workshop where we have been writing letters to Santa and wrapping presents.

We wish you a Merry Christmas

Miss Williams



Diamond Class

The Christmas feeling has arrived in Diamond Class!

In English our writing journey has been based on the story Mrs Noah's Pockets by Jackie Morris and we have worked towards writing a narrative as one of the animals. In Maths some of the children have continued with the theme 'money' and the rest of the children have been comparing numbers and objects. The children have shown a great deal of enthusiasm and excitement about our Christmas role play area. Following on from the disaster with the milk bottle igloo, I thought it only fair that I provided a similar version for their imaginations to run wild! The role play area has provided opportunities for writing, collaboration and discussion, it's sparked creativity and imagination and allowed the children to act out different situations. The Diamond Class Christmas play – 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' will be shared via Google Classroom at 3pm today.



Miss Thomas

Sapphire Class

Well Sapphire, the last two weeks have zoomed by. We have entered December, made snowflakes that were used to decorate the classroom, and travelled to many countries in the southern hemisphere with MAF. We have also learnt how to say Merry Christmas in some other languages, including Swahili and Spanish and most of all we have realised how lucky we are in comparison to some other countries.

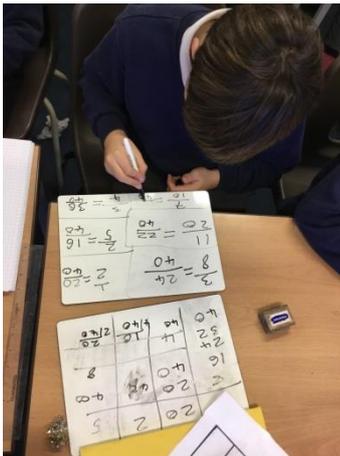


Thank you to those that have already brought in their resources to make wreaths next week and for your continued and much appreciated support. I hope you all have a great Christmas, many thanks.

Miss Davies



Topaz Class



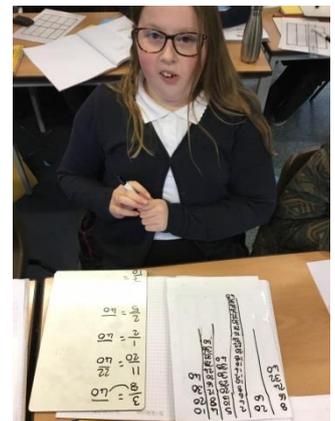
Topaz Class have thrown themselves into their learning with zeal over the past fortnight. We have kicked off our new learning journey in English - watch out for updates on the website! In Maths, we have been applying our new knowledge of fractions to different activities and situations, both in and out of the classroom.



However, a real focus of our work over the past two weeks has been our DT project. The children have worked hard to create painted friezes and then used trial and error to make their own LED circuits to incorporate into them - with just a few blown bulbs along the way...

The whole class has been incredible this term and I feel unbelievably proud of each and every one of them. I hope that you all enjoy a well-earned rest and recharge over the Christmas holidays. I wish you love, laughter and happiness over the break and throughout 2021.

Dr Wallis



Dates for your diary

Christmas Performances Ruby/Diamond (Video performances)	W/c 7 th December 2020
Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 16 th December 2020
Shoe boxes	Parents are invited to drop off their boxes between 1 st to 11 th Dec 2020
INSET DAY – school closed	4 th January 2021
Start of Term	5 th January 2021 Breakfast Club and ASC resume today for pre-booked children only
Red nose day	19 th March 2021
Easter service	29 th March 2021
Sports Day	2 nd July 2021

Celebrations/Awareness Days

February	E-Safety Week
March	World Book Day (dress up day) + International Women's Day
April	National Awareness day - Autism + National Earth Day
May	International Space Day
June	World Ocean's Day + Forces Day