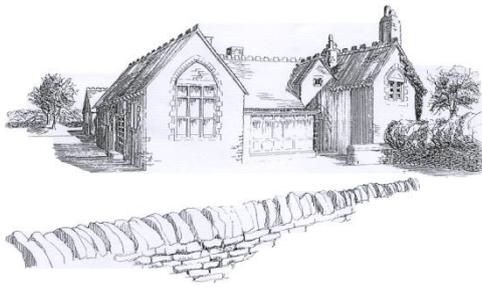


# Clanfield CE Primary School



## Fortnightly Newsletter Issue 1

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### **Welcome Back!**

A warm welcome back to you all! It is so lovely to see the children looking so smart and excited about starting a new and exciting year. The children have settled into their classes and engaged with their learning quickly.

Mrs Kim Rogers, Mrs Kate Smith and the Clanfield team.

### **Our Curriculum...**

Since last summer term, our staff have been collaborating on new planning for our enriched curriculum. We are currently completely rewriting them to ensure every child is inspired and engaged by hands-on learning with more opportunity to learn from our local environment. At Clanfield, we are seeking to create historians, geographers, artists, musicians, authors, scientists, mathematicians, philosophers, etc. To do this, we need to inspire our children with our lessons – every minute counts. With passionate teachers, we are able to create passionate and inspired children, who seek to question everything around them. This is what we want of our children. We want to give them the skills to be independent learners, setting them up to become 'life-long learners. We hope that your children come home 'buzzing' from excitement from all that they have learnt during their days at school. Please ask them about what they have learnt – or ask them more specific questions if you know what they have been covering that day. If you have any particular skills or are interested in becoming a regular volunteer, then please let the office know. We would also welcome volunteer readers.

### **INSET**

We spent time as a team revisiting our values and considering our Why? This involved thinking about the skills we would like our Y6 children to leave with and reflecting on how we can help our young people grow and be ready for their next stage. Character development will become a huge part of what we intend to do – and if we get that right all our children will thrive not just for now but in the future.

### **Parent Forum Meetings**

We are holding Parent Forums to hopefully encourage more parents to get involved in school life.

This year we are going to introduce termly parent forum meetings which will allow you to come and hear about different aspects of school life. The first one is held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September and this is an opportunity to meet the new HTs as well as visit your child's classroom and meet the class teacher.

We will then hold a Parent Forum in November where we will share aspects of our School Development Plan.

### Staff News

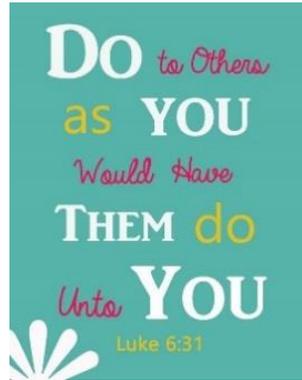
We are pleased to welcome to our team Miss Davies who is our new Year 3/4 class teacher. We have also welcomed Mrs Stratford our new TA and Music Lead. school. I am sure you will make all of our new members of staff very welcome.

### PTA

Being part of the PTA is a very rewarding experience and can make such a difference in your child's school life. We have a very hard-working team of PTA members but we do need more helping hands if we are going to achieve our objectives. Please do consider joining, even if for just a few hours. We love to see new members and being part of the PTA often produces many long-lasting friendships.

We are hoping to hold a Halloween disco and a Xmas Fayre so that we can continue to fund-raise to improve our Forest School as well as update our KS1 reading scheme

### Respect



This week in our assembly we have been talking about 'respect'.

We have been thinking about how we can show our visitors respect and what

respect looks like around school.

We discussed the meaning of self-respect and also found out the origins of the word respect. Ask your children about what they are learning in assemblies and use this as a way to generate conversation about our school ethos and culture.

### Democracy Day

Next Monday, the school will be taking part in a Democracy Day. Children who would like to consider standing for ECO Warrior and School Councillor will have the opportunity to present their campaign in front of their class and the children will then have the opportunity to question them and then vote for the two representatives from each class. On Wednesday 18th, our newly elected team will be presented to the school during assembly.

What does an Eco Warrior do?

Our Eco Warriors help to care for our school environment: they help others to follow our eco-code, monitor our energy use in the school and encourage teachers and children to recycle.

### Shop at Aldi

From 6 September to 3 November, when you spend £30 in any Aldi store, you'll receive a special Team GB athlete sticker to send in to school. When we have collected 300 stickers, we will receive a school sports kit, and be entered into our prize draw to win one of twenty £20,000 cash prizes! There will be a collection box in the school entrance from Monday. Could you consider doing a weekly shop at Aldi to get a sticker and help us to win?

### Break Time Snacks

This is a reminder that children should only have fruit for their break time snack and that crisps, biscuits, chocolate or sweets are not allowed. Please also remember only water in bottles.

### Communication

To support Clanfield CE Primary School in its aim to become a thriving and successful school, we must communicate effectively with each other, with our pupils, with our parents and carers as well as with other members of the wider school community. We expect all communication to be clear, professional, timely, courteous and appropriate. With that in mind, we have prioritised communication in the school development plan and are looking at ways to improve communication within school.

With this in mind, please let us know if your year 6 child is walking home alone as we need permission in order for this to happen.



### Homework

At Clanfield school, homework activities are an important part of our home/school partnership and all children are expected to take part in a variety of homework tasks to enhance and support their work in class.

Our new homework policy is designed to:  
Ensure consistency of approach throughout the school.

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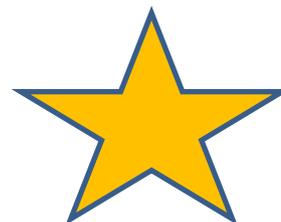
Please see attached.

### **Mobile Phones**

Can we please remind all parents and visitors that mobile phones are not to be used or visible on the school premises? We have had some reports of parents on their phones at school pick-up. As we don't have members of staff outside at this time we cannot 'police' this, so please help us by reminding parents that phones must be put away whilst inside the school gates. Thank you

### Star of the week

Alfie in West Class deserves our star of the week this week as he has been so helpful and kind showing respect at all times. Thank you Alfie- we will make sure we action your requests!



### **SECONDARY school applications**

are now OPEN for the next academic year - September 2020.

Parents of children born between September 1, 2008, and August 31, 2009, need to apply for a place for their child. This year families have been encouraged to choose four preferences. Applications must be submitted by midnight on Thursday, October 31st via

[oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions).

Paper forms will be available from schools and County Hall, but the council has advised parents to apply online 'for efficiency and security.'

### **EYFS school applications**

Please remember to apply on time, that is, no later than 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to apply for a school place.

County strongly advise you to use all four preferences and advise you to enter your catchment (or designated area) school as one of your preferences and consider how your child will travel to school.

If your application is late, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

If you need help using the online application form, visit <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/online-applications>

### Attendance Teddy

We are introducing a Class Teddy to the class with the highest attendance record each month.



To date, the class attendance percentages are:

Barrow Class 98.21%

Rye Class 97.50%

Linton Class 98.71%

**West Class 99.22%**

### NSPCC

As you know, the NSPCC visited our school this week and delivered their **Speak out. Stay safe.** Assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

It was very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

### Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at [www.nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit the website [www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents).

### Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year to all children and parents, especially those joining the school for the first time. We are delighted that you have chosen Clanfield Primary School and we look forward to you being part of our community.

As we start the new term, we say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Foster, who served the school with dedication and hard work for over a decade. We wish her well in her new role in Oxford.

We also say thank you to Miss Nisbett for her time as Interim Head Teacher. Her expertise and focus in the summer term have helped prepare the school for the new year and we are grateful for her contribution to the ongoing development of the school.

We are excited to welcome Miss Davies, Mrs Stratford and Ms Weavers to the school staff and are sure they will bring new ideas and experiences to their roles and the wider school community. No doubt the children have already made them feel at home.

As a governing body we remain ambitious for Clanfield Primary School, so children have the best possible experiences and the school is at the heart of the local community. Parent Governor elections will take place this term. The school will publish more information on this in the coming weeks, including the key skills and experience required to fulfil these responsibilities.

Thank you

Mr Collett  
Chair of Governors

## Barrow Class

We have been learning to retell the story of Rapunzel. They were keen to build the tower where Rapunzel was held captive and paint the castle where she lived happily ever after.



## Rye Class

Rye class have really enjoyed wonderful music lessons with Mrs Stratford. We have started learning the story of Cinderella and are thinking about how we might change the ending to reflect modern day society!



## Linton Class



Linton class have had a great start to the term. We are reading the Iron Man by Ted Hughes and have already enjoyed some art and drama (from a seagulls point of view) around chapter 1. We are looking forward to exploring the rest of the book across the curriculum over the term.

## West Class

West class have enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl Day 2019 with dressing up and writing Mrs Truchbull Style insults. They also enjoyed solving maths investigations based on key characters from the various stories. We are looking forward to the upcoming residential and all the fun and laughter it will bring.



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Please see below:

Reception	There are no guidelines or timescales at this age. The main emphasis is in developing early literacy skills through reading and practising key words and sounds. Additionally, each week parents are given suggestions for practical activities to complement the maths and literacy work covered in class.	
Year 1 and 2	1 hour a week in total Plus 10 minutes a day reading	Weekly spellings and multiplication tables  <i>*Year 1 children will not have homework until T3 unless requested.</i>
Year 3 and 4	1 ½ hours a week in total plus 15 minutes a day reading	Weekly spellings and multiplication tables  1x Mathematics or 1x English task each week
Year 5 and 6	2 hours a week Plus 15 minutes a day reading	Weekly spellings and multiplication tables  1x Mathematics or 1x English task each week  Occasional other (Science, RE etc.)

## Key dates for parents

September		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	Roald Dahl Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	Individual & Siblings photos
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	Yr 6 Junior Citizens Visit
October		
1 <sup>st</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup>	ALL MONTH	Black History Month
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	TBC	Harvest Festival
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ALL DAY	National Poetry Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	ALL WEEK	Yr 5/6 Norfolk Residential
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	World Food Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12.00pm	SEN Reviews
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12.00pm	SEN Reviews
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	PTA Disco
November		
Date TBC	TBC	Stay and Play-reception
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Open Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	ALL WEEK	Anti-Bullying week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 11am	Flu vaccinations
	After School	Parents evening
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	After School	Parents evening
	ALL DAY	No Pens Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	Yr6 Cycle training
December		
1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (tbc)	11.30am-1.30pm	Christmas meal
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Open Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1pmm – 3pm	Xmas craft afternoon
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	Xmas show rehearsals
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm & 6.00pm	Barrow & Rye Xmas performance
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm and 6.00pm	Linton & West Xmas performance
	7.00pm	PTA tombola drawn after performance
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	Xmas jumper day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm onwards	Village Walking Nativity
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12pm to approx 5.30pm	Whole School Panto Trip
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Christingle Service

## Burford Partnership Fixtures Term 1

Details to follow

25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3/4 Football
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Dance
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 Hockey
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5/6 Football
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 (Haka) Dance

## Academic Year (2019/20)

Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October (school finishes at normal time of 3pm)
Autumn Term 2	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (school finishes early at 1.10pm)
Spring Term 1	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February (school finishes at normal time of 3pm)
Spring Term 2	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (school finishes early at 1.10pm)
Summer Term 1	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May (school finishes at normal time of 3pm)
Summer Term 2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July (school finishes promptly at 1.10pm)
<b>INSET Days</b> <b>(school closed)</b>	2019 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2020 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> July