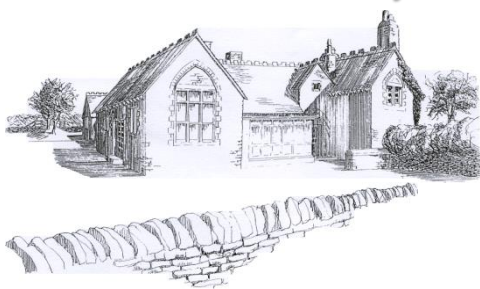


# Clanfield CE Primary School



## Fortnightly Newsletter Issue 7

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### **A Message from the Co-Heads**

We can't quite believe that we are nearly at the end of 2019 and that this is our last newsletter for the Autumn term. There has been so much to celebrate from the past 14 weeks and we hope you can see the positive changes that are beginning to embed throughout the school.

Thank you for your continued support and your loyalty to our school as we implement new initiatives and embed best practice into our curriculum. Our focus on community engagement and transparent communication has led to many successful changes, to new trusting relationships and to many opportunities to listen to what our pupils and families want from our school.

The term has been challenging in many ways, however, the overwhelming feedback has been on how the school is moving forwards and beginning to thrive. It truly feels like a happy, safe and joyful place to learn and work!

We are fortunate to be starting January with a highly competent and talented team, who have shown real resilience and support for our vision. There is still much work to be done, but we are pleased with the raised standards of education and opportunities that we are able to offer all of our pupils.

Lastly, a huge thank you to our wonderful teaching, support, and office teams for making our first term at Clanfield so enjoyable, and for your incredible hard work and dedication. As we said at the recent Christmas performances, we may be a small school, but we are an awesome one!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Smith

### **Governance Matters**

As we come to the end of the year and all look forward to a well-earned rest and time with our families, it is a good time to celebrate and acknowledge the people who make Clanfield Church of England School what it is. Even in a small village school like ours there is a large team working hard to make it the best it can be.

First, thank you to all the staff for their hard work this year. Their efforts are very much appreciated by the governing body and we are grateful for their focus and determination. Those moving on to new opportunities do so with our very best wishes and will always be welcome at our school.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have contributed to the school this year, whether in class or by helping clear snow in January so the school could remain open, or by giving their time and equipment for school sports day to make that such an innovative and fun day.

Thank you to the PTA (now FOCS). The group's energy and enthusiasm creates wonderful events such as last weekend's Christmas Fayre and contributes significantly to the school and community.

Thank you to Mrs Rogers and Mrs Smith for their energy, vision and hard work in their first months of leading the school. Positive developments are visible all around the school and we know they will continue in the coming months.

Thank you to my fellow governors for their skill, commitment and focus this year. In particular thank you to Mrs Hillier, whose term as Foundation Governor came to an end in November. Mrs Hillier played a significant role in the governance of the school over the last four years. And although we are sad she is leaving the governing body, we are pleased she will still be involved in the school both as a parent and of course through the school's close ties with St Stephen's Church.

Thank you also to the Diocese and Oxfordshire County Council for their support of the school this year.

Finally - and most importantly - thank you to the children for making the school such a happy and joyful place. They continue to inspire us all and are at the centre of every decision made in and about the school.

Have a very merry Christmas.

Mr Collett, Chair of Governors

### **Parents' Evening.**

Ruby - Tuesday 14th January. 2pm onwards

Diamond -Thursday 23rd January 3-5pm

### **E-Safety**

The E-Safety meeting was postponed and will now be held during Internet Safety Week. Nick Speller, a CEOP Ambassador and 360 Safe Assessor, will be running a Parental Workshop about Online Safety at our school on behalf of 123ICT. The session will be packed with information and advice for parents on how to keep their children safe online. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

The session covers:

- The risks of using the internet
- Tips and suggestions on how to reduce these risks to keep your children safe online
- Signposting to further resources and information.
- Advice on how to get help if things go wrong.
- The chance to ask questions.

### **Gate**

A polite reminder that we need to ensure the site is secure and that the side gate and the wooden car park gate are locked as soon as possible once the children have entered school at both drop off and pick up times.

We have a member of staff on gate duty each day but recently they have been late to return to their teaching duties due to waiting for parents to leave the site, which includes both the playground and the car park area.

Please can you help us with this situation by ensuring your child is on the playground lined up and ready to enter the school when the bell rings, and that you leave the school site promptly at both the start and the end of the day so we are confident the site is secure and the teachers and TAs are ready supporting the children in the classroom from 9:50.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter

## **Medication**

The advice we have been given by the school nursing team is that we should not administer medicines unless they are prescribed by a GP and unless they are for 4 dosages or more per day. Dosages of 3 or less can be given by the parent before school, after school or before bedtime.

If medication is prescribed, please bring prescriptions in to the Office so we can verify the daily dosage.

## **Book Fair**

Book Fayre - a thank you to Alex and a grand total of £295.59 leaving us with a profit of £78.36. We hope the children enjoy their new books and because this

is was so successful we plan run the event again.

Thank you



## **EYFS school applications**

The online application deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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>

## **Cauliflower Cards**

Thanks to all who ordered cards, gift wrap and gift tags. These all look fabulous. The mugs are scheduled for delivery next week.

Our commission based on the total sales is £101.00.

Thank you everyone.

## **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

## **Pupil Disagreements**

If your child has a disagreement with another pupil, please notify the Class Teacher rather than contacting the parent directly. We have had a couple of incidents when the teacher was unaware of an issue which could have easily been resolved in school without causing either family a problem.

## **Standing Ovation**



Since our visit from Anthony from Standing Ovation, we have been so inspired that we've been singing more than ever!

His visit to deliver an 'inspiration' assembly has us singing, performing and looking into our own 'treasure pots' to seek our hidden talents. What a wonderful way to raise self - esteem and confidence amongst our pupils and staff! We hope to do more work with Standing Ovation in the future.

## Eco Warriors

Last week the Eco Warriors met for our first meeting. We feel really proud to have children that are so dedicated to saving the planet and making our school a more ethical environment. This links closely to our global citizenship and ethical curriculum commitments. We discussed a variety of issues, and have produced our first newsletter which we will proudly display in reception so that you can see what we have discussed and what our actions are. If you are interested in supporting our Eco Warrior work then please do get in touch with Mrs Smith via the office.

### Attendance Teddy

Ruby Class 97.67%

Diamond Class 96.20%

Sapphire Class 97.68%

Topaz Class 97.17%



### ASC

ASC have been very busy this term making biscuits, decorating cakes and making puppets.

Look what we have been making. What wonderful creations



## Panto Trip Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**IMPORTANT** - Please look out for your tickets, these will be sent out on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Your envelope will contain all the info you need, Bus no & Seat nos. Please remember your tickets as you will need these for entry to the theatre.

**PLEASE DO NOT SWAP YOUR TICKETS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED**

**Seating has been carefully organized to accommodate large family groups and unaccompanied children.**

### Ruby & Diamond Class

The last few weeks in Diamond Class has been Christmas Crazy! Christopher Cracklepants has been up to his antics writing in glitter and leaving notes around the classroom... what will he be doing next week...?

Thanks to Isabella's Mum for giving the class our lovely Story advent Calendar. We are enjoying a Disney story each day.

We also made £76 at the Christmas Craft fair selling our Snow Globes.

So a huge thank you to everybody for their support. If you haven't bought your child's snowglobe they are still available.

Hey Ewe – Congratulations to all the pupils in Ruby and Diamond class for their amazing performance of Hey Ewe! Even with a power cut they still managed to carry on!



## Sapphire Class

The last two weeks in Sapphire class have been pretty busy. Everyone has been awesome, worked together and done their bit to get things done. We made lots of crafts to sell at the Christmas fayre as you know, we made a profit of over £60 from selling these items which will benefit Sapphire class.



A huge thank you to those who donated things, to Mrs K and the children for setting up, manning the stall and clearing away on the day and to those who supported us in buying our wonderful gifts. It is very much appreciated and I was very disappointed that I was not able to attend.

Practice for the Christmas play has also been in full swing, the children have worked really hard and enjoyed practising their parts. They have loved the songs too and I hope you enjoyed the performances on Wednesday as much as we did.

During the chaos we still managed to get in some art, where some of us seemed to enjoy ourselves a little too much and some down time for reading.

It's hard to believe that next week is the last week of term already, where has the time gone? I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best wishes for 2020, from Miss Davies



## Topaz Class



We have been working hard in class with our play rehearsals, singing, duets and solos. Everyone has given their all and I am sure you will agree they gave an amazing performance. I was so proud of each one of them. Thank you also for supporting your children with their lines and organising costumes.

We also made peppermint creams and potted bulbs for our class stall at the Christmas fair last week. I am thrilled to announce we made £71. This money will go into our class budget and the children will decide together how they would like to spend the money so they can all benefit from it.

will enjoy the Panto, making Christingles, the Christingle Service and class parties.



Our party will be on Monday 16th December. The children can bring in party clothes and music and a small plate of food. They will have lunch as normal and then a few treats in class during the afternoon. A list will be sent home for party food on Friday.



# Swimming Lessons

The children will begin their annual swimming lessons at the pool at RAF Brize Norton each Thursday and Travel on Rebound Coaches.

For the past 11 years parents have been asked to make a contribution of £10.50 (plus the compulsory 50p insurance p/child) to help cover the transport costs; this equates to £1.66 p/session. A payment plan has been set up on the SchoolMoney system for ease of payment, thank you for your continued support. These donations mean we are able to free up funds from within the school budget to assist with other vital school essentials.

If you would like to contribute more please let Mrs Graham know so we can amend your payment plan. Our Partnership Schools charge on average £15 p/child. Please refer to the Swimming Lessons section for full details of the Pool Rules.

All children will swim for 6 weeks as follows:

Y3 and Y4 will swim from 9<sup>th</sup> January until 13<sup>th</sup> February

Y5 and Y6 will swim from 27<sup>th</sup> February through to 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Please ensure that your child adheres to the following rules at all times: -

## **Costumes**

All children **MUST** have a suitable swimming costume: -

- Girls = one piece costume only
- Boys = swim trunks (no surf shorts or knee-length garments)

## **Goggles**

The wearing of goggles will only be allowed following receipt of a written request by the parent/guardian confirming the existence of a medical condition of the eyes. If goggles are worn they should be to BS5883:1996 made of unbreakable plastic and/or rubber materials and pupils must be taught their correct fitting and removal by slipping them off the head rather than by stretching the retaining strap or band.

## **Hats**

All children **MUST** wear a hat. Hats are recommended for identification, pool water cleanliness and technique improvement.

## **Jewellery**

Children **MUST NOT** wear jewellery. Newly pierced ears (i.e. within first 6 weeks) **MUST** be covered with a plaster. Anyone arriving at school wearing jewellery and/or a watch will be asked to remove it and be responsible for its safe keeping.

## **Verrucae / Athlete's Foot**

There is no necessity for any child to miss swimming because of a verruca or athlete's foot. Oxfordshire County Council's Health & Safety procedures state that the affected area need only be covered with a waterproof dressing.

## **Asthma**

If your child uses an inhaler please ensure that they carry a spare in their swimming bag.

## **Exclusion**

Unless the class teacher receives a written notification from the parent, no child will be excluded from swimming.

## **Spring Term Start Date**

A reminder that the Spring Term starts on Tuesday 7th January following an INSET training day for our new team on the 6th. We will be developing our long term curriculum plans, looking at effective teaching and learning strategies and sharing our vision, values and expectations for the year ahead on this day.

## **Farewell Mrs Sunnies**

We would like to wish Mrs Sunnies all the very best as she leaves us after 30 years service.

Good luck!

# Additional School Funding

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (year 1 and year 2) are entitled to free school meals; this is called Universal Infant Free School Meals (**UIFSM**).

If your child is in full time education, and you receive one or more of the benefits listed below you may be entitled to financial support regardless to what year group your child is in. This is called the **pupil premium** and informing us means we get an extra £1,320 per child.

The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England to raise the attainment of pupils of all abilities and to close the gaps between them and their peers. Any child whose parent qualifies is entitled to things like free milk, free school meals, help towards residential trips and other support.

Your child does not have to have a school meal or free milk; he/she can still bring a packed lunch and drink if that is their preference.

Please register your child if you serve in the regular British Armed Forces, if your child has previously been Looked After or if you get any of the following benefits. Claiming will not affect any other benefits you receive: -

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Please complete the Declaration form below and return it to the School Office to ensure our records remain accurate. If qualify we will send you an application form. Please rest assured that anything you divulge will be treated in the strictest confidence and nobody else will ever know you have registered.

Mrs Roger and Mrs Smith

Co-Headteachers

## School Census Declaration 2020

Return Deadline = 10<sup>th</sup> January

Child's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- I confirm that I/we are in receipt of one of the above listed benefits.
- I confirm that I/we are a member of the Armed Forces.
- I confirm that I/we are ex-service family and left the service on .....
- I confirm that I/we are not entitled to any financial assistance and do not receive any of the above listed benefits.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



**Are you entitled?**

## Christmas Dinner

A Thank you to Chelsea and Pat and the whole team who helped prep, cook and serve (and eat!) an amazing Christmas dinner last week. We ate, sang and had fun together as a school family.



### Hey Ewe!

We were so proud of our youngest pupils who performed their Nativity at Windmill farm this week.

This was such an exciting opportunity for them and we were impressed with the singing and acting.

Most importantly, the performance gave everyone a chance to shine and the children really enjoyed the experience. Many thanks to our wonderful teachers and teaching assistants for putting the time and energy into the rehearsals and supporting all the children with their parts and lines.

### Cinderella Rockafella

Our KS2 children raised the roof for their two performances this week. Fab u Lous!

Who knew we had such a talented bunch of children who can sing and act to such a high standard! The aim was also to make the production as inclusive as possible, allowing all the children their chance to shine, each one of them having the opportunity to sing and dance and act on stage.

Both performances were so well attended so many thanks again for your support and of course to our dedicated and patient teachers, and to Windmill Farm for the use of their facilities.

## Christmas Jumpers for Save the Children



We raised £80 today for Save the Children as we sported our glittery, flashing, jingling and festive jumpers today! You all looked fantastic and many thanks for supporting this wonderful charity.





## Walking Nativity & Christingle Service

### **Walking Nativity – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm, St. Stephen’s Church, Clanfield**

Please join us for our Walking Nativity at 5.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December and support a number of our pupils who will be participating in this festive event. We hope to gather together at St. Stephens Church, finishing at the gazebo in the school playground. We will then head over to The Carter Institute to enjoy a mulled wine and mince pie together. Thank you to Mrs Hillier for working with the school to make this wonderful event happen and break a leg to all the children involved next week!



### **Christingle Service – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, St. Stephen’s Church, Clanfield**

Thank you to the lovely Mrs Morris who has been helping us rehearse our songs for the service. We are blown away when the children sing as a whole school and see this as a real strength! We really appreciate the time Mrs Morris has given to us to join us in rehearsals and she will also be playing the organ for us at the service on Wednesday afternoon.

(There are always some extra ones for younger siblings.) There will be a collection at the service to support the work of The Children’s Society who work with vulnerable children and young people across the UK. After the service, the children will be taken back to school for the usual 3pm collection in the playground.

## **IMMEDIATE VACANCY**

Are you creative?

Do you enjoy working with children?

Are you seeking a new role and have the drive and passion to succeed in this role?

We are looking for someone to join our friendly After-School Club and become part of our school family. Clanfield is a small village school under new leadership.

Monday – Thursday from 3pm to 6pm – £9.55 per hour

**Benefits include** an excellent pension scheme and free childcare to any of our primary age clubs

Working alongside an experienced Play Leader, the successful applicant will possess an enthusiastic, helpful and flexible manner, will be energetic and possess the ability to deal easily with the full primary age.

If you think this could be for you, please give us a call on 01367 810257 or pop into the School Office to chat about this exciting opportunity.

**Safeguarding** - we are committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. Due to the role starting immediately, an enhanced DBS with the child's barred list would be advantageous.

## **CLEANER WANTED**

Our friendly school has a vacancy for a Cleaner to work with our small yet very busy Site Management team to assist in maintaining clean and presentable premises.

The rate is £9.18 an hour up to 15 hours a week during term time and two weeks per year during holidays (dates to be agreed). Working hours by agreement but preferably afternoons/early evening. We are flexible regarding the hours of work, which could fall between 15.00-21.30, Monday to Friday during term time only. Precise number of hours and working times are negotiable.

To apply: Prior experience would be advantageous but not essential  
Have a positive and hardworking mentality  
Work well under instruction and within a team  
Be self-motivated when working independently  
Be able to adhere to rules and school procedures

Role and Responsibilities: Sweeping and mopping floors  
Hoovering carpeted areas  
Polishing school desks and surface areas  
Emptying bins and replacing liners  
Cleaning window sills door frames  
Cleaning toilets and bathroom surface areas

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