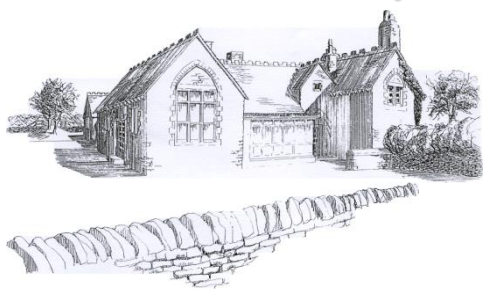


# Clanfield CE Primary School



## Fortnightly Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020

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### Christmas is coming!

This year more than ever, we want to make Christmas in school memorable for the children, and in a positive way! We have been worried that Covid-19 would scupper our Christmas plans at a time when the Christmas spirit is needed more than ever. We are therefore making huge efforts to make sure the children have the best Christmas at school ever!

I will be updating you with information (and requests) over the next few weeks, but I thought you would like to know some of things planned:

- Reception / KS1 Nativity – this will go ahead with each class taking part, but we will film it, put everyone and everything together digitally and send you a link to watch it.

- Christmas tree and decorations – We hope to have a tree again this year, but rather than have one in the hall we will have one inside and one outside for all to enjoy! Classes will also decorate their rooms. Usually we just decorate the hall and corridors, so will need lots of extra decorations. If, when you are getting your decorations out, you have some spare, we would be grateful for donations. If you have any surplus decorations (baubles, tinsel, small artificial trees, Advent calendars, garland, festive Lemax-type pieces, **working outdoor lights**, glitter...) or would like to contribute something brand new, please bring it in to school ASAP! The collection box for donations will be by the gate on Friday and the box will be left outside the porch over the weekend. DEADLINE Sunday 29th November in the evening, so that we can decorate the school ready for the children's arrival on December 1st.



- Christmas cards – the Christmas post-box will be set up outside for children to post cards to their friends in school. Please note though that final collection will need to be earlier than usual (11th December) to allow quarantining and sorting time, so get your children writing their cards early this year!

Christmas day- we will be having our very own Christmas day and this will involve art and craft activities all morning, Christmas dinner and a Christmas party. As part of the day, any funds raised from the PTA Pottery event will go towards one special Christmas treat.

- Christmas Jumper Day – children can wear a Christmas themed jumper on Weds 16<sup>th</sup> December.

- Christmas dinner – this will be on Weds 16<sup>th</sup> December and held in classes instead of the hall – staff will still make it a very special dinner with crackers etc.

- Class parties/ Panto – more discussion is needed but we will keep you updated.



## FoCS

If you shop Amazon Black Friday Week deals from 20th - 30th November, you can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1079497-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1079497-0) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Friends Of Clanfield School at no extra cost.

## Primary School Applications Sept 2021

Applications can now be made online for Reception 2021/22 entry for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 (inclusive). Parents and carers have until 15 January 2021 to apply and can do so at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions). We are currently in the process of making a video as we are unable to show around prospective parents.

Ideally any applications should be made online – it is quick and secure and there's no chance of a form going missing in the post. However, a paper form is available for those unable to apply online.

For more information please go to [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) or phone 0345 241 2487

## Friends of Clanfield School – Rags2Riches



694.05kg of clothes raised a whopping £277.62. We truly appreciate your support in helping us raise additional funds and hope to use this money to fund an author, illustrator, or poet. Huge thanks to Vanessa Park-Pearson and Lucy Roberts for all your hard work.

We would also like to thank Janet and Charles Hitchman for storing the clothes over the weekend.

The next Rags2Riches clothing collection is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

## Shoe Box Appeal

For the past eight years the school has supported the Oxford Homeless Pathways charity (OxHoP) at Christmas time and provided shoeboxes for their clients. OxHoP enables homeless people to find and sustain stable housing by providing emergency facilities, resettlement advice and assistance, and appropriate move-on accommodation. Their aims and objectives are:

- To provide safe emergency accommodation and daytime facilities for those in need.
- To help homeless people to move on to more appropriate accommodation and a more independent and stable lifestyle.
- To work with other agencies to fight homelessness, raise awareness and promote social inclusion.
- To reflect best practice in homelessness support.
- We would like to help this worthy organization again this year by providing shoeboxes full of things that their clients might find useful. These could include socks, toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shower gel), chocolate (always goes down well!), a notebook, pen and other small stationery items.



Christmas Box Appeal

Please bring your shoeboxes into school (if you have any spare shoeboxes please bring them into school as soon as possible). If you don't want to do a whole shoebox why not bring in some donations that we can use to fill up more boxes in school. We will hand the completed boxes over before the end of term so please bring your boxes in by 11<sup>th</sup> December at the latest, thank you.



## Ruby Class

These last two weeks have been exciting... we have had 10 balance bikes put together by Orion's Dad and Grandad and they were back within a day for us to enjoy at lunch time.



I would like to say a huge thank you to Stuart and Dominic.

We have also been planting trees on the school field.

Miss Williams



## Diamond Class



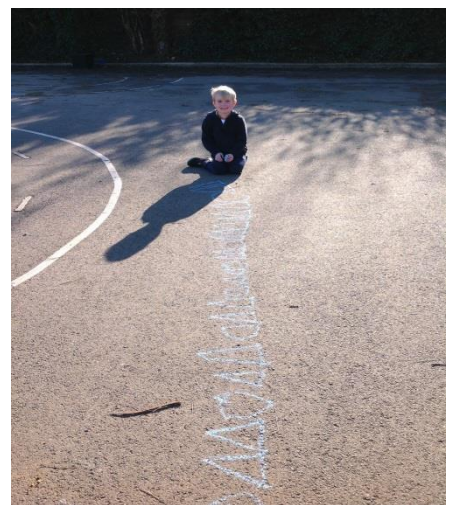
One morning when we arrived at school we noticed that our class mascot 'Peggy Parrot' had been playing with her paper boat and had discovered that it would not float! She was very upset so we learned how to write a set of instructions so she could create a new one. The children focused on the features of instructions such as numbered steps, imperative verbs and conjunctions. They had great fun following each other's instructions and testing their boats in the water tray. Peggy Parrot was very impressed!

In our Maths lessons we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and how to create patterns. We have also been using money and completing money problems. The children put their knowledge to the test by creating a class shop.



The children are very excited about our Christmas play 'Whoops a Daisy Angel' and are busy rehearsing ready for the filming week beginning 7th December.

Miss Thomas



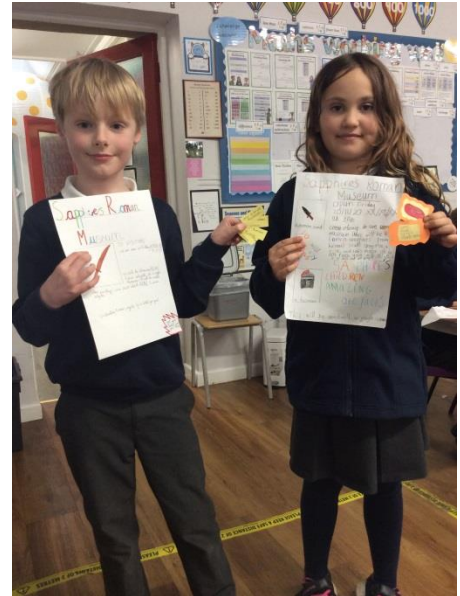
## Sapphire Class



Sapphire class have had an exciting, fun filled, few weeks. We are really getting the hang of, and enjoying, developing our hockey skills with Miss Davies in PE. We had a great time researching our Roman artefacts so that we could set up our own museum, we then recorded this and posted it on our google classroom; and to the other classes so that they could all

visit our virtual museum. It was such good fun. We all worked hard to develop our own scripts and we have had some great feedback.

Miss Davies



## Topaz Class

Topaz class have had a busy fortnight, as always! Last week, we began planting the trees to make a shaded woodland area on our School field. These trees were generously donated by the Woodland Trust; the children were excited to see that they included wild cherries! Last week, we also welcomed our newest team member, Mrs Thrower who will be teaching on Thursday and Friday until Christmas. Welcome! Finally, a huge well done to all of the children. They have shown perseverance and a growth mindset by completing everything that has been asked of them in assessment week with a positive attitude and a smile on their faces. You are all superstars!

Dr Wallis



## Dates for your diary

Christmas Performances Ruby/Diamond (Video performances)	W/c 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Meal	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Shoe boxes	Parents can drop in from 1 <sup>st</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2020
INSET DAY	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Rags2Riches Clothing collection	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021
Red nose day	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Easter service	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Sports Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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