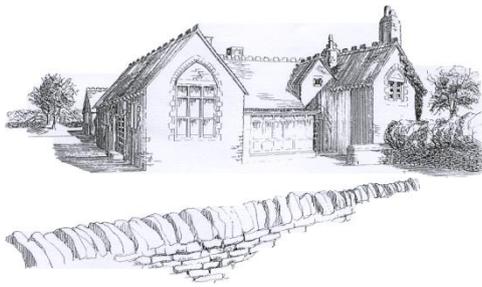


# Clanfield CE Primary School



## Fortnightly Newsletter Issue 3

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### Value

Our value for October is Perseverance.

Teaching children the importance of perseverance.

1. It's okay not to know, but it's not okay to not try.
2. Mistakes are proof that you are trying
3. The more you practice the better you become.
4. In a classroom we can make mistakes.
5. We laugh and we share
6. Work doesn't stop when it gets difficult.
7. In our classroom and school everyone matters.
8. Always believe in yourself and know that you can do it!
9. Always try your best.
10. Never give up.



### Staffing Update

As you all are aware, Mrs Wolfe Emery is leaving at half term. We know that she has touched many hearts and so if you would like to contribute towards a gift then please pop your money in an envelope and hand it to Mrs Graham or Ms Castle.

We have invited Mrs Wolfe Emery to the Harvest assembly but she has politely declined asking instead to come into school for a harvest sing song with the children.

### Recruitment

We are very excited to inform you, that we have appointed Ms Emma Williams, an experienced KS1 teacher and Early Years Lead, to our wonderful Clanfield team and she will start after half term.

This academic year we have ordered some very special certificates which will be given out to children who are showing our value of the month and the children will be presented these in assembly. We are looking forward to increasing the role of values in school and rewarding the children for displaying these qualities.

<b><u>You Said...We did</u></b>	
Regular Communication	Fortnightly newsletter Twitter account
Range of Clubs	Archery Fencing Tennis Music and Movement
Regular homework	Set homework expectations for each class
Termly curriculum information	Termly letter Curriculum map
Update website	Meeting held with IT provider and parent

### **Don't forget...**

The PTA meeting to talk about organising a new Friends of Clanfield School (FoCS) is being held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the School Hall.

The PTA brings staff, parents and friends of the school together through a variety of fun social activities in support of the school.

See you there!



### **Helpful Phonics Websites for Parents**

<http://www.letters-and-sounds.com>

Website with games and plenty of information on the teaching of phonics.

[www.firstschoolyears.com](http://www.firstschoolyears.com)

A good selection of resources including worksheets and some interactive games. Covers - Phase 3 and 5 sounds - Phase 6 work such as prefixes and suffixes, plurals and tense worksheets. - extensive list of long vowel worksheets and games such as hangman. [www.kidzone.ws/phonics](http://www.kidzone.ws/phonics) American site, simple worksheets mostly CVC and initial sounds.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/phonics)

Mix of very good interactive games and worksheets covering most phonic phases. Recommend Sandcastle quiz for phase 3 and 5.

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy)

A very good selection of interactive games focussing on phonics and sentence construction. Each is split into medium/hard/really hard and are short and fun.

[www.ictgames.com/literacy.html](http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html)

A great selection of games that link well with games in Letters and Sounds.

<http://www.northwood.org.uk/phonics.html>

Interactive games for a range of sounds. Each has a couple interactive games and a clever LCWC game.

<http://www.mrthorne.com/44phonemes>

Videos to help you and your child with the correct pronunciation of all the phonemes.

### **Twitter**

We now have a school Twitter account – Find us @SchoolClanfield. Please follow us to keep updated on all events in school and to celebrate the many successes of the children. We have uploaded a couple of pictures and information over the course of our first four weeks in school, so please follow us immediately to learn more. We are looking forward to sharing daily school life with you all!

### **Open Mornings:**

6<sup>th</sup> November @ 1.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm

Reception intake Sept 2020.

Starting next Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 4 will have Ukelele lessons provided by Oxfordshire County Council and funded by the school.



We are very much looking forward to this.

### Staff development

Professional and continued development opportunities are important to us as a school, to help us in our aim to being the best school that we can be. This month, the following meetings/events have been attended by our staff:

- Early Years Briefing-LW/KR
- Safer-Recruitment-KR
- Finance- KR
- HT Updates- KR/KS

### Attendance Teddy



The School's Class Teddy is awarded to the class with the highest record of attendance each month.

To date, the total class attendance percentages are as follows:

- Barrow Class 98.35%
- Rye Class 97.63%
- Linton Class 97.30%
- West Class 97.26%

### School Development Plan

Each year the School Development Plan outlines how we aim to address the priorities for the year and the impact that we intend this to have on the children's learning and their personal development.

This year our priorities are:

- To increase the proportion of pupils exceeding the expected standard in maths and writing in KS1
- To increase the proportion of pupils exceeding the Greater Depth in maths and writing at end of KS2
- To develop an enriching curriculum that inspires and nurtures the pupils at Clanfield School and the wider community to enable them to succeed and flourish
- To strengthen the school's relationship within the community
- To raise the GLD in Early Years so that is in line at least with NA

### 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>

## Barrow Class

Barrow class have been talking about growth and change. They have made a timeline using magazine pictures and photos from home. Thank you to everyone who sent in photographs.



Y1 have been measuring their hand spans and they found out that Miss Taylor's was the longest when they put them in order.



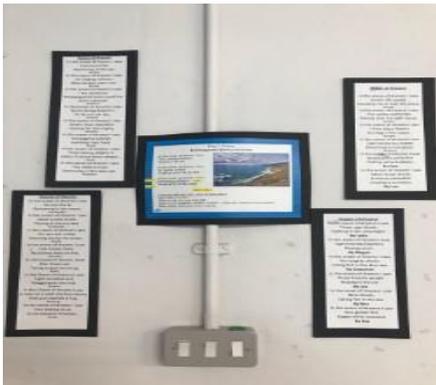
## Rye Class

Over the last few Fridays with Miss Taylor the children have enjoyed learning about their senses. Today they incorporated their snack time and were encouraged to complete their sensory sheet about their snack.

They have also been learning about orienteering; today they were challenged to create their own sequences using forwards, backwards, left and right movements in time to music by Bob Marley (Black History link).



## Linton Class



Linton class have had another great two weeks. We have had lots of great ideas and are really looking forward to diving deeper into Black History Month and learning more about slavery and the fantastic people that have made an impact in history.

We were all surprised at just how recent some of the first opportunities for black people have occurred, such as Mae Jemison who was the first African American woman to travel in space in 1992 and Barack Obama becoming the 1st black president in America just 11 years ago.

We have also been very enthusiastic about National Poetry Day. The children not only brought in some of their favourite poems to read but we also wrote our own as a class (that is now displayed on the wall) and individually wrote some fantastic shape poems too. In art with Miss Taylor the children discovered and loved the creativity of Andy Warhol, a great American artist. They really took their time with producing their own work and have created some amazing Iron Man pop art.



We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Timms for organising the wonderful residential visit and to Mrs Krzywiec for supporting the children throughout the week.

### West Class



This week West Class visited Norfolk Lakes.

What an adventure we have had, and such amazing memories have been made.

We have conquered our fears, tried out new sports, beat the teachers in the quiz and ate very well!

We have shown perseverance, cooperation and resilience in every activity that we have tried. Mrs Rogers said that we were brilliantly behaved and commented on our beautiful manners. She was very proud of us.

We are sad to leave but can't wait to share our dirty washing with our parents. Thanks everyone.

We would also like to say a special thank you to the staff at school who covered in the office, dining room and at playtime whilst the children were away on their residential. Thank you team Clanfield.

## Key dates for parents

October		
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	World Food Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12.00pm	SEN Reviews
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> ( change in date)</b>	1.45pm	Harvest Festival
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 12.00pm	SEN Reviews
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
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	PTA Disco
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
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Christingle Service

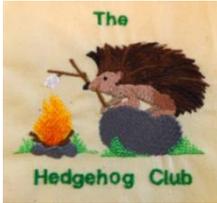
## Burford Partnership Fixtures Term 1

Details to follow

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



## **News October 2019:**

### **Sunday 20th October...Apple Day at Cogges Farm 10am -3pm**

I will be cooking apple pancakes on the fire down in the woods. Other activities include the mud kitchen, bug hunting and den building will also be available.

Come and join in the fun. For other activities taking place on Apple Day see the

Cogges website [www.cogges.org.uk/](http://www.cogges.org.uk/)

### **Tuesday 29th October...Halloween Activity Day at Hailey Community Wood**

The fun starts at 9.30am and finishes at 3.30pm. We will be building dens, lighting fires, using tools as well as creating some spooky potions in the woods as well as toasting marshmallows on the fire. The day costs £32 for one child, 10% discount if you buy more than one ticket for the day.

Book your place on the website [www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk](http://www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October... Family Forest School at Blenheim Palace 10.30am -3pm** (We also run every Wednesday during term time.) If you have an annual pass or are visiting for the day you can join in with sessions down by the lake for **free**. They are open to all ages and run from 10.30am -3pm. So come down to the lakeside site, say hello, build a den, play in the mud kitchen and have fun in the outdoors. There will be some spooky Halloween crafts to do as well.

### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October...Wild Ways Halloween Activity Day**

I will be working with Martyn from Wild Ways at Colliers Copse in Appleton. For more details and to book places please contact Martyn directly [martyn@inourelement.org.uk](mailto:martyn@inourelement.org.uk)

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November...Halloween Themed Woodland Club at Cogges 11am – 3pm**

Join me in the woods at Cogges for den building, potion making, Halloween craft and marshmallow toasting. Free with entry to Cogges.

**Our regular term time activities will continue after half term. These are:**

#### **Tuesdays... The Hedgehog Club at Cogges Museum 10am – 12pm**

The Hedgehog Club is a Forest School where pre-school children learn by playing and exploring their natural environment.

The sessions start at 10am and finish at 12pm. Each participating child is £7, with discounts for siblings. Booking is through The Hedgehog Club website.

**The new term starts on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November with a firework theme!**

#### **Wednesdays.... Family Forest School at Blenheim Palace 10.30am -3pm**

If you have an annual pass or are visiting for the day you can join in with sessions down by the lake for **free**. They are open to all ages and run from 10.30am -3pm. So come down to the lakeside site, say hello, catch some bugs, build a den or play in the mud kitchen.

#### **Fridays... Friday Fun at Deer Park Wood 10am -12pm**

**The new term starts again on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.** They are open to preschool age children and their carers. The sessions run along Forest School principles so are led by what your child wants to do. Each week the mud kitchen, the hammocks, bug hunting and cooking on the fire are available. There is a theme each week with a story and the session ends with cooking on the camp fire, drinking hot chocolate and eating home made biscuits. It is £7 per child, with a sibling discount per session.

**Book your place and join in the fun.**

[www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk](http://www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk) for booking and more information.

**Any questions contact Mandy on [thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com](mailto:thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com)**