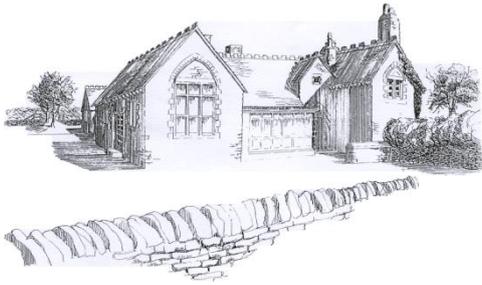


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The end of Term One....

It's hard to believe that we are now at the end of our very first term in school! Getting to know the children, the families and the community in Clanfield has been an absolute pleasure.

It has been an incredibly busy and productive start to the school year. Establishing relationships, implementing new initiatives and embedding changes to improve the school in order to make it the best that it can be has kept us on our toes.

We have met with many of you over this term and have listened to your feedback carefully. We have spent time getting to know your children and what they want to learn about and what they enjoy. We have worked closely with the Governing Body to ensure that the school is a safe and enriching place to be. We have welcomed visitors to the school who are able to offer their support in order to ensure the school is thriving.

We are very hopeful for the term ahead and very grateful for your continued support. We thank you for welcoming our transparent and tenacious approach to leading the school and again for connecting with our vision for the school. We are looking forward to developing that with you very soon.

We wish you all a very peaceful and happy half term break and look forward to seeing you again on Monday 4th November.

God Bless,

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Smith

Harvest Service

Thank you to all of those of you who attended our Harvest Service yesterday. It was a real success! The children performed with confidence and have produced some beautiful and thoughtful work over the last few weeks. Many thanks to Rvd Janice for taking the service for us and to all the staff involved with the preparations. The food that you have kindly donated will be heading off to Witney food bank.

We also hope you enjoyed the harvest bread that the children had baked for you, they had good fun on



Wednesday creating their mini loaves and each class was like a scene from the Great British Bake Off! Many thanks to the wonderful team at Blake's, especially Nicola who gave up her time to work with the children for the day. Look out for the photos in The Clanfield What! And on our website soon!

SECONDARY school applications

Parents of children in Y6 **MUST** apply for a place for their child by midnight on **Thursday, October 31st** via

oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

Late applications will not be guaranteed a place at one of their preferred schools.

Bikes in the carpark – please can you remind your children that if they are scooting or cycling to school then they must dismount at the wooden gate and walk their bikes and scooters through the car park and park them safely. We appreciate your understanding.

Reading books

We are looking for a volunteer to come and help us finish label up the children's reading books in Barrow. If anyone could spare an hour to help us complete this task then please contact Mrs Walsh via the office.

A number of parents offered their interest in becoming volunteers to listen to the children read in school. We would love to hear from you. Please contact the office if you can offer just an hour a week. This is a really rewarding experience and a chance to get to know our children and make a difference.



PTA

Please join us in saying thank you to Helen Williams for her hard work and service as Chair of PTA over the recent years. She is handing over the baton to Aimee Drake and Stacey Lygo.

The PTA are currently seeking an independent examiner who can take care of the PTA's accounts. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Rogers.

Clubs



Monday – Music and Movement

Tuesday – Archery

Wednesday – Football

Wednesday - Archery

Friday – Tennis



Twitter

At the last count our account had 49 followers! Please spread the word! Find us @SchoolClanfield. Follow us as we are sharing pictures of all the wonderful things that we get up to in school that you may not get to hear about at home.

Open Mornings:

Reception intake Sept 2020

6th November @ 1.30pm

4th December @ 1.30pm

Friday 15th November.

Is the night of our PTA Halloween Party Disco.

Disco slips will be sent home separately.



Pianist

Do we have anyone in the local community who can tinkle the ivories? We are looking for someone who may wish to play the piano in our assemblies on a regular basis.

We are also looking for someone who could offer piano lessons to some of our pupils who have shown an interest. If you can help, please contact the office.

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 97.49%
- Rye Class 96.85%
- Linton Class 97.41%
- West Class 96.54%

After School Club

We are always striving to improve the provision throughout all areas of the school and ASC is no exception. This week the team have been planning themed sessions around what the children most enjoy and engage with to ensure that every day is an opportunity to learn, to play and to succeed.

After half term, each day will have a focus as follows:

- Monday Board games & card games.
- Tuesday Art, crafts and colouring.
- Wednesday Cookery/baking decorating
- Thursday Construction & role play
- Friday Ipads and laptops

Staffing Update

- We are writing to inform you that this week Mrs Timms has accepted a post as a part time teacher at Shellingford School from January 2020.

We will be very sad to see her leave as she is a much valued and long standing member of the team. We were aware that she had been looking for something new and understand that this is the right move for her and we wish her all the best on her new journey.

- We will also soon be saying goodbye to Mrs Stratford as she pursues a teaching career and continues her work with LAMDA. We thank her for all she has brought to the school in term 1, and for the fond memories of 'autumn days' that she will leave us with. Mrs Stratford will be with us until mid-November.

We are now recruiting for a Y5/6 teacher for January and a Y1/2 teaching assistant to start with us as soon as possible. As always, we will keep you all informed of our progress at each step of the way.

Thank you

As I finish my role in Clanfield School I would like to express my sincere thanks you to everyone for making the past five and a half years so memorable. Clanfield School is a unique, village school where so many positive things happen every day.

Parents – your children have been absolutely amazing over the years. Thank you for all your hard work supporting your child to become independent and confident in themselves as learners and as thoughtful children. I am so grateful to have spent time getting to know you all and appreciate all your lovely comments and support over the years. Continue doing what you do and your child will flourish as they were meant to do.

Staff – the sign of a 'good' school is laughter and we've had lots of that over the years! It's a small, loving team with many unique talents. Your commitment to the children is unwavering and I know you'll continue to give your 'heart and soul' to the job.

Governors – I have been very impressed by your hard work and commitment to the school. You too are a small group but your drive and ambition for the school means that the school will continue to grow from strength to strength. All your 'behind the scenes' work is appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and friendship over the years.

Children – you are the reason why we all love working in schools. You should all be really proud of how hard you work and the caring, respectful children that you are. I've loved watching you grow and develop your skills over the years. It's been a joy seeing your creativity and confidence develop as you move through the school. Finally, thank you for a lovely farewell assembly on Wednesday. Your gentle words and gifts are a lovely memory for me.

Best wishes for a peaceful and successful future to you all.
Mrs. Wolfe-Emery

Barrow Class



Thank you to everyone that donated biscuits and their time to help with the Barrow Bake Off. A special thanks must go to Mrs Janet Hickman for her time, ingredients and skills. The children planned their designs and carefully constructed their castles using biscuits and Janet's special recipe for sticky icing! Children learnt the correct names for each part of the castle and added towers or turrets made of ice cream cones. Back in class they used the biscuits for sorting and for building stable structures. The



event was a huge success and was something that the children will hopefully remember.

Rye Class

What an exciting week in Rye Class. We have been practicing for our Harvest Festival, making bread and we have made stain glass effect leaves for our classroom windows.

We would like to Thank Mrs Kidd for supporting Rye for the last 4 weeks. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning and are looking forward to welcoming their new teacher.



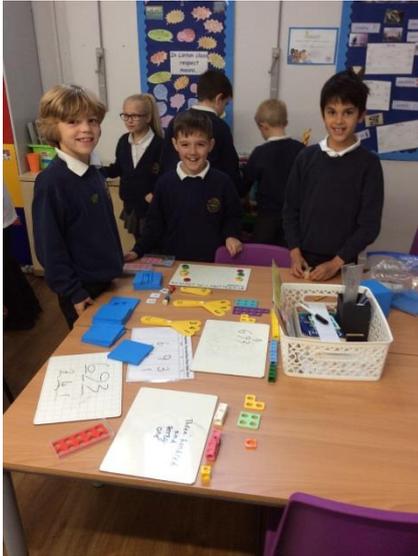
Special thanks

We would like to thank Mrs Cooper from Blakes Kitchen for helping us with our Harvest bread making workshop. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the bread looked fantastic.

Are you creative, hands-on and willing?

Mrs Rogers would like to create a huge tree in the hall to hang values and prayers from. If you can spare a day in school to support this creation then please let us know. She has the vision- do you have the skill?

Linton Class



The last two weeks of term have been lots of fun for Linton class. We have been renamed Sapphire by our school council which we are all very happy with and will be using our new name from here on out. We have been working on different representations of numbers in maths and the children were asked to use anything they could in the classroom to represent numbers they were given. They were very creative in doing this and lots of fun was had. Myself and other staff members were extremely impressed with their black history month posters that they created for homework and they all really enjoyed teaching the rest of the class about the people they choose, they were all very inspirational.

This week Blake's very kindly came to school and made bread with the children ready for harvest celebrations and we have also been rehearsing our parts ready for the church. We are all looking forward to showing off our fantastic artwork. To end a very fun and exciting term we are designing and making water bottle rockets that will be launched in the playground with the fantastic help and organisation of Mr and Mrs Tulloch. Risk assessments are complete and we cannot wait!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

West Class

The Voice Auditions

I felt a tinge of anticipation run down my spine. Mrs Rogers was about to announce the person whose voice was going to be on the telephone. Earlier that day a number of children from West Class has gone in to the hall trying out in front of Miss Castle and Mrs Rogers. Ten minutes after we were back in the class Mrs Rogers poked her head around the door asking a couple of us back including me! Now it is the end of the day and Mrs Rogers just announced that I am going to be the voice! I hope everyone had good fun. **Emelia, West**

Bread making

On Wednesday Mrs Cooper came in and made bread which was the shape of wheat. We only had 15 minutes to make it and it was really hard because the dough was really sticky and we had to use a lot of flour and it got everywhere.

Kate B, West.



Annual Partnership Dance Festival

I am writing to inform you that all Year 1 children have been invited to attend the Partnership Dance Festival at Burford School on Tuesday 5th November. We will be collected by coach at 9.15am and be back at school by 1pm. Mrs Stratford and Miss Taylor will be accompanying the children.

It would be really appreciated if all children could arrive in school in their PE shorts, t-shirt and trainers; they can then change back into their usual school uniform at the end of the festival.

All children will need a named water bottle. If you have booked a school meal on this day the children will eat their meals during the second sitting.

PTA EVENTS

We are very excited to let you know that the following dates have been added to our school calendar. We are saving for a sandpit in early years, an improved outdoor area in year 1/2, large bean bags and maths resources in year 3/4 and resources for a creative space in year 5/6.

15th Nov- Disco
 7th Dec- Xmas Fayre + grotto
 26th Jan-5k run
 14th Feb- Valentine Disco
 TBC- End year Summer Social

Key dates for parents

November		
Date TBC	TBC	Stay and Play-reception
Wednesday 6 th	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Open Day
Monday 11 th	ALL WEEK	Anti-Bullying week
Tuesday 12 th	9am – 11am	Flu vaccinations
	After School	Parents evening
Wednesday 13 th	After School	Parents evening
	ALL DAY	No Pens Day
Friday 15 th	After School	PTA Disco
Monday 25 th & Tuesday 26 th	ALL DAY	Yr6 Cycle training
<i>New date!</i> Tuesday 26 th	Evening meeting time TBC	E-Safety meeting for parents
December		
1 st or 2 nd Wednesday (tbc)	11.30am-1.30pm	Christmas meal

Wednesday 4 th	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Open Day
Friday 6 th	1pmm – 3pm	Xmas craft afternoon
Monday 9 th	ALL DAY	Xmas show rehearsals
Tuesday 10 th	1.30 pm & 6.00pm	Barrow & Rye Xmas performance
Wednesday 11 th	1.30pm and 6.00pm	Linton & West Xmas performance
	7.00pm	PTA tombola drawn after performance
Friday 13 th	ALL DAY	Xmas jumper day
Monday 16 th	5.30pm onwards	Village Walking Nativity
Tuesday 17 th	12pm to approx 5.30pm	Whole School Panto Trip
Wednesday 18 th	TBC	Christingle Service

Burford Partnership Fixtures Term 1

Details to follow

5 th November	Year 1 Dance
13 th November	Year 5/6 Hockey
27 th November	Year 5/6 Football
10 th December	Year 4 (Haka) Dance

Academic Year (2019/20)

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