



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, November 10th

BUSY TIMES AHEAD

Newsletter



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As usual, we have had a busy couple of weeks settling into the new half-term. Please read the dates at the back of this newsletter very carefully as they cover all school events in the run up to Christmas.

We will be very sorry to lose Mr Keith Woodward at the end of this term, as he moves on with his career. Mr Woodward has been a teacher at Clare Community Primary for three years, and is popular and respected by pupils and staff alike.

The good news is that we are very pleased to welcome Mr Jonny Wilson to our teaching staff from January 2018. Mr Wilson currently teaches in a Hertfordshire Primary school and he is moving to the local area. He

met lots of the children during his interview day last month, in particular, members of the school council who were impressed by his enthusiasm and drive.

Mr Wilson is visiting school on Monday, 27th November, so there will be an opportunity for parents of Hazel class to come and say hello after school; I will go into more details in a separate letter to Hazel class parents.

Please note that the closing date for shoe boxes is Friday, 17th November. We had a very moving and inspiring assembly on Monday run by two volunteers who had actually been out to one of the countries where shoeboxes had been donated.

We saw several clips of film showing the excitement and joy on children's

faces when they received their gifts. I mentioned that this is really an opportunity to embody the values of Citizenship and Community and Respecting Others. A big thank you to those of you who are preparing or who have already brought in shoeboxes; there will be 10 housepoints awarded to any child who brings in a box. Please note– no toothpaste or sweets this year.

Rebecca Loader-Headteacher

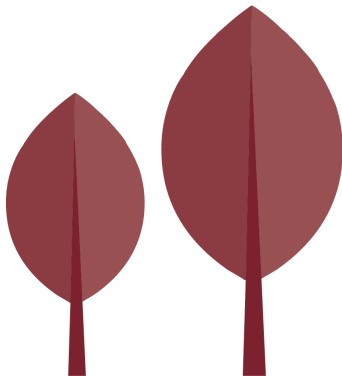


Art Exhibition On Tuesday, December 12th, between 3 and 5pm, we will be opening our doors to parents and visitors in order to celebrate the amazing Art-work we have been working on this term.

Like the Open Afternoon at the end of the Summer term, hopefully this will be an event celebrating the hard work of children and staff throughout the term, and an opportunity for parents to see at first-hand evidence of the learning and progress their children are making.

There will be displays in the hall and classrooms where the children's work will be displayed. We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.

A Book Fayre will be running at the same time, so why not pay this a visit at the same time and stock up on Christmas presents!



CHANGES TO OUR ADMISSIONS POLICY 2019-20

A copy of our revised Admissions Policy is available for parents to look at on our Website during a statutory 6 week consultation policy starting from today. We have to consult on changes two years before the policy can be adopted so this will be in place from the 2019-20 academic year.

The changes only regard in-year admissions, as county continues to handle our Reception intake. We want to be able to create waiting lists for year groups that are already full, so that we can alert parents when spaces become available.



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On Friday, November 17th, we invite staff and children to dress in something spotty IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM and donate £1 to Children in Need.

Children in Need



Guitar Club

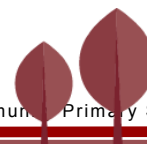
We have some spaces in Guitar Club for next term. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Wiffen or Miss Twite in the School Office.



Clare Primary Football Team Report

This week saw Clare Community Primary School FC defeated in a tough battle against last year's league runners up, Westfield Primary Academy. Clare were on the back foot early on and saw themselves 2-0 down at half time after some good play by Westfield. Needing the break, a reshuffled Clare came back to draw level, George Smith providing an assist and goal, scoring a header at the far post with 10 minutes left. Clare continued to ask questions of the Westfield defence, but were equally matched through an outstanding performance from Westfield's goalkeeper, with the oppositions manager and support admitting the score could have been very different. Equally, after a stunning first half on the left wing, Toby Gowers demonstrated in the second half he is just as capable in goal, giving 110% as always.

Westfield came back with two well-worked team goals, finishing the game 4-2 victors, giving them revenge for last year's defeat in the league playoff. Westfield Primary Academy ran out deserved winners and Clare must now look to improve before our next fixture against the league cup runners up Burton End. I must finally add that the last time Clare lost was in November last year, (again to Westfield), and that is a huge achievement and something all players should feel proud of. Thanks to parents for your continued support of the team!



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Led by Mrs Stranger, our School Council have spent their first few meetings focusing on how we use our outside area. We are trying to encourage them to take on more responsibility in acting as a school stakeholder with the power to influence decisions and implement change. With this in mind, the senior school council booked a meeting with me to discuss where we should plant a donation of 30 Hazel trees and 30 hedging saplings from the Woodland Trust (thank you for applying for these, Mrs Sibley!) and some purple crocus bulbs sent to us by Sudbury Rotary Club to represent the fight against the disease of Polio.

They have decided where these should be planted and are going to work with our resident green-fingered member of staff, Mr Bareham, in planting these during the next few weeks. They are also conducting questionnaires throughout the school on how children would like the outside area to be run at lunchtimes, so we await their findings with interest.

On a separate note, look out for Newspaper Club's first offering next week. The children are very excited about selling their paper, and it will be circulating at breaktimes, lunchtimes and after school, for the very reasonable charge of 50p. Miss it and miss out!



Important Dates (including Christmas Events)

Friday, 17th November **Deadline for shoeboxes/ Children in Need/ Willy Wonka Day**

Friday, 24th November **PD Day No children in school**

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE Fri 1st Dec **Wear your Christmas Jumpers to school!**

LAST WEEK OF INTERNALLY RUN CLUBS Week of 4/12/17– **please note that paid clubs continue for 1-2 weeks longer**

ART EXHIBITION Tues 12/12/17 3-5pm

BOOK FAYRE Wed 6/12-12/12/17 3-3.30pm

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES (Acorns, Beech and Cedar)

Beech and Cedar play Wed 6th Dec 9.30am and Thurs 7th Dec 2pm

Acorn Class Nativity Fri 8th Dec 9.15am

Please note that we are not including an evening performance for the Beech and Cedar Christmas production. This was trialled last year, and it was noted that the children were very tired the next day, and not all the children came back in the evening.

CHRISTMAS DINNER Thurs 14th Dec

CHRISTMAS CAROL Service at Baptist Church Tues 19th Dec 1.30pm

CLARE COMMUNITY CAROLS (Choir) Mon 11th Dec 7.30pm

LAST DAY OF TERM Wed 20th Dec **Merry Christmas!**

TERM BEGINS 3rd Jan **PD Day (NO CHILDREN)**

Tues 4th Jan– **Children back at school**

All Different

All Equal

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Next week is National Anti-Bullying week in school and we are beginning the week with an assembly on Monday led by Miss Illingworth as PSHE coordinator. This theme will be picked up in the PSHE lesson later on in the week, and I will be referring to it again at the end of the week in the Celebration Assembly. Please have a chat with your child about the issues covered and any questions they might have.

At Clare Community Primary School we are a `telling` school, determined not to tolerate any instances of bullying. We will always investigate any issues that are brought to our attention and deal with them accordingly.