



CLARE COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, January 12th, 2018



# Happy New Year!

# Newsletter



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**Welcome to the Spring term at Clare Community Primary School. The children have all made a very positive start to the new year, and we are very excited to welcome some new members of staff to our team: Mr Jonny Wilson who is now teaching in Hazel Class, Mrs. Rebecca Irving who is a Learning Support Assistant with the Acorns and Mrs Julie Forrester and Mrs Kylie Sparkes. Who are respectively our new Head Cook and Assistant Cook. It already feels that they are part of our team, and we are delighted that they have joined our school.**

Thank you very much for supporting our new pick-up times. So far things have been going very smoothly, with staff finding the dismissal of children much less nerve-wracking with a punctual exit ensured for all pupils. Staff in KS2 are using the extra 15 minutes to share the class text which makes a calm, relaxed and enriching end of the day.

I will continue to monitor the situation closely in or-

know if you have any feedback.

We are going to be delivering a number of parent events during the next half-term which I hope you will find useful. On Wednesday, January 31st, we are planning to hold a Maths Open Morning in which Mr Rob Davies, Basic Skills Team Leader, and Mrs Lorna Stranger, our Deputy Head, will be holding presentations on how we teach Maths at KS1 and KS2. There will then be the chance to get involved in your child's actual Maths lesson, and ask any questions that might have arisen during the morning. Mr Davies will be sending out a more detailed letter in the next two weeks, but please put this date in your diary.

Secondly, we will be holding our own Safety Internet Training on Tuesday, 27th February, after school. This will be a joint training session for both staff and parents. I feel very strongly that this is a very significant issue for family-life in the 21st century which we need to tackle head-on. I will be

sending out a survey in the next two weeks to ascertain attendance and convenient times for this training, so that we can accommodate your preferences as I would like as many parents to attend as possible.

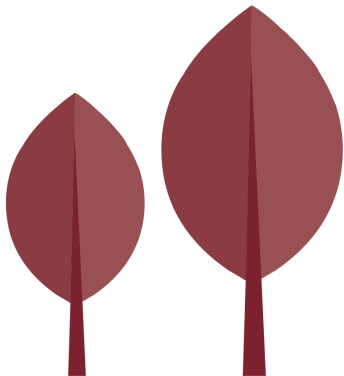
Lastly, looking ahead to the very end of term, our whole-school event will be an Interactive Whole-school Museum held during the afternoon of March 27th and followed by an Easter Assembly for you all to enjoy on the very last day .

This is our busy term, with a lot to fit in and a lot to look forward to. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to continue our growth and development as a school.

As usual, I am very happy to be contacted in person or by email or phone to deal with any queries or concerns, although, if the issue can be settled with the class teacher, please approach them initially. We will always endeavour to see you or respond as soon as we possibly can.

**CLUBS** We are very pleased to be offering an excellent range of extra-curricular activities at lunch and after school. There are still a number of places available and we are opening up the Play with Clay Spaces to all so please contact the office if you are interested.

**LUNCHTIME SPORTS ACTIVITIES** We are very keen to continue with the use of our school field at lunchtimes, as this ensures that the children are keeping active and letting off steam, and also means that they can engage in structured sports activities led by one of our Sports Coaches, Joey or Joe, who have built up some excellent relationships with the children. We would like as many children as possible to access this provision.



## Our Website

Miss Anderson has been working hard to update the website with all the latest dates. Below, you will see the term dates for the academic year, 2018-19, which were agreed at the end of last term by the Trust. Parents of older children, please note that there is one PD day which is different to the secondary school.

This term, we are noting our school Assessment weeks on the calendar in the hope that this is of use to parents. We will try to keep this calendar as up to date as possible.



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## ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you ring the school office before 9.30am with a specified reason for their absence. If a reason is not given, we are obliged to phone you back so that our records are correct. If a child has been sick, then they should be away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

We encourage parents to send children into school with coughs or colds, or a temperature. If we feel that a child is too ill to be in school, then we will always contact you, but they often perk up during the day, once they are into their normal routine.

Children with head-lice should be sent into school once the head-lice have been treated; I cannot authorise whole-day absences for this reason, but I will always be sympathetic if children need to be late due to the treatment for this.

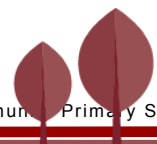


# Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club continues to run every morning from 7.45-8.45pm., led by Joey Kettle, one of our very able Sports Coaches from Dellar Sports. Joey offers a range of activities from reading and craft to bowling and coordination activities followed by a nutritious breakfast and a personal hand-over to the child's class teacher. There is a lovely buzz in the club, and I have had very positive feedback from children and parents.

This club is offered at the very reasonable price of £3, and is very handy if you are a working parent, or have an early appointment or commitment. It can be booked as a regular slot or a one-off, as long as it is booked before 3pm the day before, all via ParentPay.



## PSHE

Our PSHE lessons are linked to our School value, 'Respecting Ourselves and Others' this half-term. Miss Illingworth has already presented an engaging assembly on taking part in random acts of kindness and this is a challenge that we are presenting all our classes with. In PSHE lessons we will be focusing on the children being able to articulate their feelings and empathising with the feelings of others.

## ASSEMBLIES

We have moved class assemblies to 9.00 am as parents have requested that we alternate timings.



## CHILDREN WALKING HOME AFTER CLUBS

Parents are reminded that children will not be allowed to walk home alone or with friends after clubs whilst the evenings remain dark. Please arrange for an adult to collect from the main office entrance after clubs. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Important Dates

**YEAR 5 WEST STOW TRIP** Wednesday 24th January 2018

**YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)** Thursday 25th January 2018 at 9.00 am

**ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW WEEK** 29th January—2nd February 2018

**MATHS PRESENTATION AND WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS** Wednesday 31st January 2018

**YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)** Thursday 8th February 2018 9.00 am—11.00 am

**PTFA VALENTINE DISCO** Friday 9th February 2018 (times to be confirmed)

**HALF TERM** 12th February—16th February 2018

**PARENTS' EVENING** Tuesday 20th February 2018 5.00 pm— 7.30 pm

**PARENTS' EVENING** Thursday 22nd February 2018 3.30 pm—5.30 pm

**STAFF & PARENT INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING** Tuesday 27th February 2018 (times to be confirmed)

**YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)** Thursday 1st March 2018 at 9.00 am

**YEAR 6 DUXFORD TRIP** Wednesday 7th March 2018

**YEAR 1 ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)** Thursday 8th March 2018 at 9.00 am

**ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW WEEK** 12th March—16th March 2018

**RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY (PARENTS WELCOME)** Thursday 15th March 2018 at 9.00 am

**YEAR 3 & 4 PERFORMANCE** Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 1.30 pm

**YEAR 3 & 4 PERFORMANCE** Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 6.00 pm

**ELM CLASS ROMAN DAY** Monday 26th March 2018

**WHOLE SCHOOL INTERACTIVE MUSEUM AFTERNOON** Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 1.30 pm

# THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

By parking on the pavement you may be causing an obstruction by stopping pedestrians from being able to walk past safely.

Illegal parking creates problems for pedestrians and road users.

Wheelchair users, people with walking frames, parents with prams and guide dogs and their owners could all be forced to walk in the road to get past a vehicle parked on a pavement, which puts them at risk of being hit by traffic.

**Please THINK before you park on pavements!**

[suffolk.police.uk](http://suffolk.police.uk)



Report any suspicious activity by calling the police on **101**  
Always dial **999** in an emergency

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## School Term Dates 2018-2019

### SPRING TERM

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**HALF TERM: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February –Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**EASTER BREAK – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> –Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

### SUMMER TERM

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April -Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**HALF TERM: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

**SUMMER BREAK – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

### AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**HALF TERM: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October –Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> November**

**CHRISTMAS BREAK – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### SPRING TERM

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**HALF TERM: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

**EASTER BREAK – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 (EASTER MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019)**

### SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019-Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

**HALF TERM: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019 –Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 (MAY DAY 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019)**

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (PD DAYS)

MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019  
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019