

Clare Community Primary Weekly Bulletin



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MONDAY 13TH JANUARY

Diary Dates

Mon	CLUBS START THIS WEEK
13th Jan	(Apart from young writers and coding club)
Tues	Hazel class — Clarinet Practice
14th Jan	
Wed	Pantomime rehearsal —4:15pm
15th Jan	
Thurs	Pantomime 6:30-7:30 approx
16th Jan	Performers please arrive at 5:30pm
Fri	Pantomime 6:30-7:30 approx
17th Jan	Performers please arrive at 5:30pm
Mon 21st Jan	

Looking Ahead

PANTOMIME TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM PARENTPAY & WILL BE SENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY. Book your seats now as they are selling fast



Remember—all proceeds will be split between our gazebo fund and EACH.

Messages

Sims Parent App



Please download the Sims Parent App and update your details. We require at least 3 contacts for children.

There has been a case of Chicken Pox in the school, please see the attached letter for information.

Polite Reminder

Please refrain from parking at the school after clubs as it is very dangerous for children exiting the building and walking home.

Letters Home

Phoinics Club-Invite Only

Grand Masters-Invite Only

Swimming Gala

Football Tournament

Lunchtime & After School Clubs

Scrooge—A Ghost of a Chance Pantomime

Young Voices



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Tuesday, 14th January, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of children in KS2,

As part of our drive towards excellence in reading and learning, we have invested in an innovative literacy improvement tool called **Bedrock Vocabulary**. This is a website that helps children to learn important academic vocabulary, which is also used by students at our partner secondary, Stour Valley Community School.

There is a huge amount of compelling evidence that children with wide vocabularies make excellent progress and school and in further education. We believe that this will complement our existing Accelerated Reader Initiative as well as increase your child's ability to access knowledge and skills across the curriculum.

The children initially take an Alpha test which assesses their existing vocabulary and suggests a band on which they should start tests. We are capping this band two bands above their chronological band to ensure thorough coverage of topic content. We are then asking you to support us in ensuring that children complete at least one lesson at home a week. Children without access to a computer at home can attend the ICT lunchtime club on a Thursday.

The lessons last about twenty minutes and are accessed via a Bedrock portal with their username and password which you will find in their personal organiser. As your child progresses through the curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. They will also fill in an online vocabulary notebook to practise using this vocabulary, and you can see and edit this yourself!

The test structure ensures that children cannot complete many lessons in quick succession, by putting in place an enforced gap of 48 hours between each test, the aim of this being to ensure that the vocabulary is committed to the child's long-term memory.

Why not help your child to make even greater progress by logging on to see how they are getting on? You will be able to see the vocabulary your child is learning, which we encourage you to use in conversation at home. As each post-test is completed, data will appear in the dashboard. We will be sending out parent usernames during the next week.

When you have this information, you can head over to the site and create your own account.

Step 1: Visit <https://app.bedrocklearning.org>. Step 2: Click on the 'Parent/Teacher' tab. Step 3: Complete the parent sign-up sheet and enter the codes provided. Step 4: Check your email for your password, and then log in. Be sure to check your junk folder if no email arrives.

We are very pleased that a representative from Bedrock will be attending our Tuesday Parents' Evenings on February 11th in order to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Loader
Headteacher



2019-20 Key Dates

SPRING TERM	
Monday 17 th February- Friday 21 st February 2020	Half-term Holiday
Friday 3 rd April	Last Day of Term
Monday 6 th April- Friday 17 th April	Easter Holidays
SUMMER TERM	
Monday 20 th April 2020	First Day of Term
Friday 8 th May	Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th May- Friday 29 th May 2020	Half-term Holiday
Friday 17 th July 2020	Last Day of Term
Monday 20 th July-	Summer Holidays

Key Dates for Autumn Term

This is a preliminary list of key dates for this term. It is subject to alteration occasionally, but we will try to give you as much advance warning as possible, should this happen.

Thursday 16 th January	Pantomime Scrooge-A ghost of a chance 6:30-7:30pm approx
Friday 17 th January	Pantomime Scrooge-A ghost of a chance 6:30-7:30pm approx
Wednesday 22 nd January	Swimming Gala 9:00 – 12:30
Tuesday 4 th February	Football Match Clare v Westfield The New Croft Haverhill 3:30pm
Thursday 6 th February	Young Voices 02 Concert in London
Tuesday 11 th February	Parents' Evening 3:30-5:30
Thursday 13 th February	Year 1 Assembly 9am
Thursday 13 th February	Parents Evening 5:00-7:30
Monday 17 th February	Dellar Sports Camp
Friday 28 th February	Colchester Castle Trip Yrs 3&4 TBC
Tuesday 3 rd March	Football Match Clare v Glemsford The New Croft Haverhill 4:05pm
Wednesday 4 th March	Open Morning 9:15 – 10:45
Thursday March 5 th	Year 5 Assembly 9am
Thursday 5 th March	Duxford Imperial War Museum Trip Year 6
Tuesday 10 th March	Football Match Clare v St Felix The New Croft Haverhill 4:05pm
Thursday 12 th March	Year 2 Assembly 9am
Thursday 19 th March	Year 6 Assembly 9am
Thursday 19 th March	Sutton Hoo Trip Yr 5 TBC
Thursday 19 th March	KS1 Museum Trip
Tuesday 24 th March	Football Match Clare v Burton End The New Croft Haverhill 4:05pm
Tuesday 24 th – Friday 27 th March	Art Exhibition at Clare Country Park Visitor Centre (Details to follow)
Thursday 26 th March	Crucial Crew Yr6 TBC
Tuesday 31 st March	Year 3/4 Play 9:15-9:45am
Tuesday 31 st March	Easter Celebration at Church 1:30-2pm
Wednesday 1 st April	Year 3/4 Play 6-7pm
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of term
Monday April 6 th	Dellar Sports Camp
Thursday 23 rd April	Swimming Lessons begin Yrs 5 & 6
Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATs Week
Monday 18 th May	Bikeability begins
Tuesday 23 rd June	Class Photographs
Monday 6 th - 7 th July	Stour Valley Community School Induction
Wednesday 8 th July	Holt Hall residential Trip Yr 6

Please would year 6 parents refrain from booking a holiday during or before the KS2 SATs week.



Dear Parent or Carer

There has been a case of chickenpox in your child's school and your child may have been exposed. If your child has not had chickenpox before it is quite likely that he/she will catch it.

What is chickenpox?

Chickenpox is a common childhood illness. Fever and cold symptoms are often the first signs of illness and are followed by the appearance of the typical rash. The rash starts as small pink bumps, often around the neck, ears, back and stomach. These develop a little water blister, which in turn becomes yellow and oozy and ultimately crusty as it dries. The rash spreads outwards to involve the whole body finally involving the lower arms and legs. People may have only a few spots or may be virtually covered with them. In children it is usually a relatively mild illness however occasionally complications develop.

Why should I be concerned about chickenpox?

Chickenpox can be a devastating infection in people with a seriously weakened immune system (e.g. patients with leukaemia or after organ transplantation). In adults, chickenpox is a much more significant illness than in children and there is a greater risk of complications developing. Chickenpox in pregnancy may cause severe illness and, in the early stages of pregnancy, may result in abnormalities in the baby.

What should I do now?

If your child is normally healthy, chickenpox is likely to be a relatively mild illness and no specific precautions are necessary. Symptoms usually develop 10 to 21 days after exposure. The infected person can spread infection for up to three days before the rash appears and until the last pox is crusted and dry. If your child has a weakened immune system, please contact your child's GP or hospital consultant and let them know that your child may have been exposed.

What should I do if I think my child has chickenpox?

If you suspect chickenpox, do not bring the child into a crowded surgery waiting room, as this may only spread the infection further. Contact your doctor to confirm the diagnosis. Do not use aspirin or any products that contain aspirin to control fever if your child has chicken pox, as this has been associated with the development of a rare but serious disease called Reye's syndrome.

Can my child stay in school?

Many children with chickenpox are too sick to attend school and are more comfortable at home. Children can spread the infection to others as long as there are any spots, which are not crusted and dried. Children with chickenpox should be excluded from school until scabs are dry; this is usually five to seven days after the appearance of the rash. Children with spots that are crusted and dried can safely attend school.



I am pregnant and have been exposed to a child with chickenpox. What should I do?

Most adults are immune to chickenpox as they have had the illness in childhood. If you have not had chickenpox illness in the past and have had recent contact with chickenpox you should contact your GP, who may wish to do a blood test to check if you are immune. Chickenpox infection in pregnancy may cause more severe illness and there may be a risk to the foetus.

Thank you for giving this your attention. Your GP will be able to answer any further questions that you might have about chickenpox.



SCROOGE

A GHOST OF A CHANCE

