



Funtastic Fund-raising

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Newsletter



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The last couple of weeks have been exceptionally busy with all manner of activities taking place, foremostly our Sports Week which seems to have been a resounding success, receiving a real thumbs-up from children and staff. The week began with a postponed Race for Life, which alone raised over £900, and it was brilliant to see our children so determined to run their laps round the field. The older children kept a close eye on the younger children and I was so impressed by the resilience I saw. It was a great event.

Across the week we also had a very popular mini football competition, and it was very pleasing to see all year groups and both boys and girls enter into the spirit of this. We all then got to spectate at the final on Friday afternoon. Big thanks to Gavin, our FA football coach who runs the girls' team at Long Melford; he not only was the referee for each match but also presented the winning certificates in assembly. He really praised our pupils for their enthusiasm, playing

skills and good behaviour. Thank you, Gavin, and please come again next year!

Then on the Wednesday, some of our Year 4 and year 6 children took part in a Dance Performance at Stour Valley Community School led by Mrs Lee. They had spent several lessons preparing for this, and then the whole of the day rehearsing. I was lucky enough to see some of this concert, and I thought the quality of the dancing was superb— very professional. I know the children were buzzing with the atmosphere and the fun of performing in a real 'theatre' setting.

Lastly, we had our Sports Day and thank goodness the weather was kind to us with only a couple of showers in the middle which we bravely rode out!

Mr Shinn had organised a cracking schedule, and it was fantastic to see children using the round track and keeping on going no matter what happened!

This event was followed by the PFTA Summer Fayre

and what a success it was this year. Over £1200 was made in profit and I would like to give a huge thank you to all those member of the PFTA who spent hours preparing for this, setting up and then giving their time to running the stalls.

This will be the last newsletter of the term and I would like to give my thanks to all the staff for their hard work and dedication this term— I would like to thank them for all the extra lengths they go to for the school and our pupils— you are much appreciated!

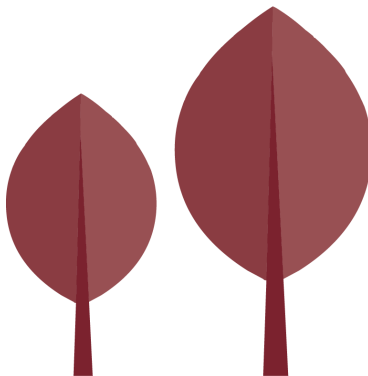
On a personal note, thank you for your support; I am confident that we can continue to raise achievement within the school, and, as importantly, retain and develop the school's unique nurturing and friendly atmosphere.

Please have a happy, fulfilling and relaxing summer, so we can all return to school in September renewed and refreshed!

**Rebecca Loader-
Headteacher**

Goodbye! We are very sorry to say goodbye to a number of staff who are leaving at the end of next week. Debbie Swallow, one of our TAs, is leaving after 17 years at the school— we are so grateful for everything she has done for our children and wish her the best of luck as she supports her husband with his business. Matthew Shinn, who has taught throughout the school this term doing PPA cover, is taking up a job in Ipswich at a large primary school. Matthew has been extremely popular with both staff and children and we know he will do brilliantly in his new post. Chantelle Buchanan and Tracy Hickford, both MDSAs, are hanging up their tabards and leaving us— Mrs Buchanan has worked for 26 years at the school- wow!! Many thanks to them both for all those years of tidying up the dinner hall, bandaging cut knees, blowing of whistles and sweeping up the floor. No wonder it's time for a rest!

And lastly, goodbye to a wonderful Year 6 cohort— we will miss you very much but we wish you all the best for your futures, as you grow into responsible, caring and mature young adults. We are very proud of your progress and how you have represented the school and really embodied our core values .



Breakfast Club and Sports Coaching

An important letter is being emailed out **on Monday** about our new provision before school. Please read this carefully and let us know if you would like a place for September.

I am very excited to be able to tell you that we are employing a Sports Coach to offer organised Sports Activities during dinnertimes from September 2017. Adam Dellar, the organiser, has already been into school and we are drawing up a timetable for September so that all children will be able to access structured sports activities across the school week. This will form an important part of our PE provision, and I am thrilled that we are able to offer these opportunities for our children.

Look at what we've been doing!



Outdoor Classroom

The outdoor classroom is up and running thanks to the efforts of Mr Bryant and Mr Bareham, and with thanks to the kindness of staff at Clare Country Park who have donated the big trunks we are using as seats.

It is a lovely quiet, shaded area which we have already started to use

for story-times and quiet activities during break-times and lunchtimes.

The school garden also has thrived this year under the green fingers of Mr Bryant. About fifty children were helping him last week to tend to and water the vegetables and flowers which have been planted. The

planting areas around the school have really been transformed!

We have also been able to use our lettuces and courgettes in our school lunches— Mrs Copsey, our school cook made a delicious vegetable tart and cottage pie with the produce.



Dates for your Diary

PD days— Monday and Tuesday, 4th and 5th September

Start of term: Wednesday, 6th September

Half-term holiday— Monday, 23rd October-Friday, 27th October

PD day— Friday, 24th November

End of term: Thursday, 21st December

