

# Busy Times Ahead

Wednesday, 18th April, 2018

# Newsletter



CLARE COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Welcome back to school after a decidedly rainy Easter break. Typically, we now have blue skies and glorious sunshine now we are back at school- the children are delighted to get back on the school field at break times and lunchtimes.**

I can hardly believe it but it has been a whole year since I started my headship here at Clare. I am already looking forward to what the next year will bring, and that begins with a whole host of exciting events and activities this term of which I want to give you plenty of advance notice.

They range from our second Sports Week towards the end of term, a whole school day at the Country Park and a return visit from the Blue Sky Shakespeare Company and the Freshwater Theatre Group to provide some live entertainment throughout the school, to various external trips for different cohorts and our annual Summer Fayre.

This year we will be using the facilities of Stour Valley Secondary School to pro-

vide swimming lessons for Year 5 and 6 during the last half-term, and we will also be offering the chance for Year 3 and 4 children to participate via an after-school club.

I would also like to invite you into school to for two particular events coming up shortly. On Wednesday, 25th April, after school, I would like to invite you to join myself and Mrs. Stranger for a consultation on a possible update to our school uniform. The meeting will not be long, but I would like to gauge the opinions of as many parents as possible.

Secondly, I hope you will be interested in a Writing Workshop, to be held on the morning of Wednesday, 2nd May. The aim of this will be to acquaint parents with the expectations for writing in different year-groups, our cursive handwriting style, the understanding of technical terms and constructs, and how you might like to encourage and assist your children at home. There will be more information to follow.

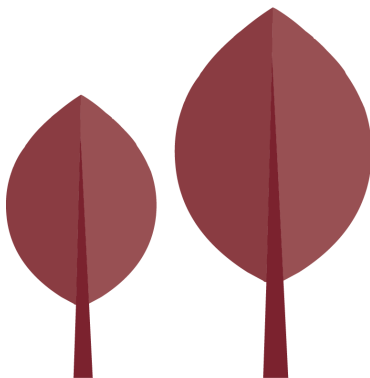
Once again, I am thrilled to be offering a great range of

after-school and lunchtime clubs and activities to suit all children, whatever their interests. Please sign your child up using the sheets located on the table inside the main reception entrance by Friday, 11:30am at the latest, to ensure your child has a place booked and clubs can begin next week.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Tracey Wiffen, at the end of last term. Mrs. Wiffen had worked in the school office for over six years, and we wish her the best of luck for whatever the future holds. We are very pleased to have appointed Mrs. Jane Chamberlain to fill this vacancy. Mrs. Chamberlain is an experienced School Administrative Assistant who has previously worked for the Samuel Ward Academy Trust in Haverhill; we are delighted to welcome her to our team, please stop by the office to say hello.

Rebecca Loader

Headteacher



## Holiday Club

Wow! What a fantastic response to our new holiday club. We had an amazing 47 children enjoying a day of sport and other activities, and the Dellar Sports Coaches were really pleased with how the day went.

As this event has been so popular, we are planning on holding another day on Friday, 4th June, and a further two more on two Wednesdays in the summer holiday. Thank you for your support.

# Safeguarding

***As promised, I asked Georgina Lovejoy, our Safeguarding Governor, to review the new arrangements in place for children being dismissed from the school building at the end of last term.***

Georgina spent half an hour on the school site at the end of a busy Wednesday afternoon and spoke to both staff and parents. She commented that the new arrangements appeared to be smooth and safe for both staff and children.

Parents gathered on the playground to collect children and it was observed that staff ensured the children were handed over to the appropriate adult. Previously the waiting area for staff and children on the playground was a 'bottle-neck' for all. Georgina's observations confirmed a positive change to the safety of the children at the end of the day.

Staff were able to see the guardians for the children clearly and parents were also

able to speak to the teachers about any concerns/issues without causing obstruction.

There were two issues which were noted as being problematic and potentially being dangerous— some younger children were being allowed to ride their scooters around the playground. This could result in another child or adult being injured, and so please ensure that you do not allow your children to do this.

Likewise, some younger siblings are being allowed to play on the trim trail. This again is prohibited. I have watched myself as a pre-school child has fallen from the bars and we cannot risk a serious accident.

This area is not supervised at the end of the day, but as the equipment belongs to the school and is on our premises, it is our responsibility to ensure that children are not playing unsupervised on it. Your assistance with this would be much appreciated.

Thank you very much for your continuing support in not allowing dogs on the school site. There has been a massive improvement following the last newsletter.



## PFTA News

By the end of this week, a beautiful addition to our school library, in the shape of a colourful and practical shelving system, will have taken shape, and hopefully be loaded with inviting books. Thanks to all the money raised by our families and staff, the purchase of this expensive piece of equipment has been possible. Photos will follow in the next newsletter!

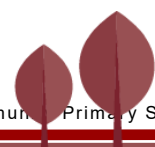
## CLASS CAKE CAFÉ

Our next café will be held on April 27th from 3.15pm till 4.15pm in the school hall and will be hosted by

**Cedar and Elm classes.**

Come along and enjoy food made by these two classes as before but you can also stay for a cup of tea or coffee, sit and have a chat, socialise, speak to the staff and governors, and catch up with everyone. Food can also be bought and taken away as before.

**PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR PTFA IN ORDER TO BUY MUCH-NEEDED RESOURCES FOR OUR CHILDREN.**



# Gardening Club Plea for Plants!– *Can you help?*



**Apple / Fruit Trees**

**Strawberry Plants (lots of them)**

**Raspberry canes**

**Courgette Plants**

**Colourful bedding plants**

**Wheelbarrow**

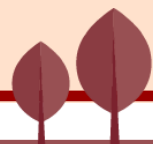
**Peat-free Compost**

**Small plastic greenhouse**

## **Brake!** **Walk to School Day**

On Wednesday 13th June, we will be joining thousands of children nationally, to support Brake - the road safety charity. We would like to start this off first thing, by organising three walking crocodiles to school, one from Snow Hill direction, another starting near Westfield/ Ashen road area and one from Cavendish road. Following on from this, there will be specially designed lesson plans, class room activities and an assembly to promote road safety, and the health and planet saving benefits of walking.

Brake campaign to raise money to support families who have been injured or lost loved ones in a road crash, and campaign for better footpaths, cycle routes, places to cross and speed awareness. Please see [Brake.org.uk/kidswalk](http://Brake.org.uk/kidswalk) for further information. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the walking crocodile, please contact (?Naomi McIlroy 07949 770318)



# Dates for your Diary

## APRIL 2018

Fri, 19<sup>th</sup> UP Beat Guitar Lessons start

Tues, 24<sup>th</sup> Year 4 & 6 Netball Tournament Castle Manor

Wed, 25<sup>th</sup> Uniform Consultation for parents in the School Hall

Thurs, 26<sup>th</sup> SVCS Year 6 Induction Evening

26<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Crucial Crew AFC Sudbury

Fri, 27<sup>th</sup> Cedar & Elm class café

## MAY 2018

Wed, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Writing Workshop

Tues, 8<sup>th</sup> Year 5 & 6 Cricket Tournament Sudbury

14<sup>th</sup> KEY STAGE 2 SATS TESTS WEEK

Fri, 18<sup>th</sup> Hazel & Larch class café

Tues, 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 5 & 6 Girls cricket tournament at Sudbury

28<sup>th</sup> Half Term

## JUNE 2018

Mon, 4<sup>th</sup> PD Day

Tues, 5<sup>th</sup>, Shakespeare Workshop Years 4-6

Wed, 6<sup>th</sup> Year 3-4 Tennis Tournament

Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK

SVCS Swimming starts Year 5/6

Thurs, 14<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Rounders Tournament

Fri, 15<sup>th</sup> Year 3 & 4 Swimming Club starts

Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Elm Trip to Ipswich Museum

Fri, 22<sup>nd</sup> Class Photographs

Oak Class Leavers' Cafe

Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> ASSESSMENT WEEK (Apart from Yr 2/6)

Mon– Wed, 25<sup>th</sup>– 27<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Holt Hall Residential

Thurs, 28<sup>th</sup> Year 1 & 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Athletics @ Samuel Ward

## JULY 2018

Mon, 2<sup>nd</sup> SPORTS WEEK

RACE FOR LIFE

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> BIKEABILITY

Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> PARK-RUN

Thurs, 5<sup>th</sup> SPORTS AFTERNOON, PICNIC and SUMMER FAYRE

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Reports to Parents

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> SVCS Induction

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>, Class Transition Day

Parents' Drop-ins/Meet the Teacher 4-6pm

Wed, 11<sup>th</sup>– Thurs, 12<sup>th</sup> BIKEABILITY

Fri, 13<sup>th</sup> Music Concert am

Whole-school Outdoor Day in Park

Tues, 17<sup>th</sup> 2pm Year 5/6 Performance

Wed, 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm Year 5/6 Performance

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY 9am