



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter



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Treading the Boards!

WHAT A TERM!!

As we crawl through the last few days of an incredibly full term, it is amazing to reflect on all the events that have taken place, especially in these last few weeks.

AUTHOR VISIT

Way back in April, we were treated to a visit from James Campbell, author of several humorous books including 'Boyface' and the recently published 'The Funny Life of Teachers'. He treated us to a hilarious morning of stories, poems and anecdotes– the children (and adults) were in stitches!

SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

A few weeks ago we were serenaded by our musicians from Reception to Year 6 on the piano, violin and guitar. It was particularly poignant this year, as it was the violin teacher, Mrs Snelling's last concert. Her pupils did her credit, and we are well on the way to providing a new violin teacher in September.

OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY

This year this took place in our school grounds, and involved a range of activities from each class including tree and insect identification, natural art, sketching and drama outside. The weather was perfect, and we are following this up on Friday as the Year 6 and Reception pupils hold their Camping Day.

FLOOD

I don't know if it should be in an article *celebrating* the term, but it has definitely played a significant part in it, and it is to the massive credit of staff from both sites that the children's learning has remained uninterrupted (albeit in a changing location). To cut a long story short, we arrived at school two weeks ago to find that a burst pipe had flooded Beech and Acorn classrooms and the corridor from the library.

The good news is that we are fully insured and work is already underway to completely redecorate the area, however, you can imagine the work behind the scenes in clearing both classrooms and ensuring business as normal. A massive pat on the back for Mrs McIvor, Miss Anderson and Mr Davies who have all been incredible.

SPORTS WEEK

See separate report from Mr Wilson overleaf.

ROMEO AND JULIET

My goodness– what a performance...the children really surpassed themselves. We were the youngest school performing, not that you'd realise from the confidence, word-perfect recitation and fantastic choreography.

The children and adults had a long but fantastic day. We felt so proud of you all, and it was a brilliant end to the year as an associate school of the Royal

Shakespeare Company. This is a two year project, so we are really looking forward to continuing this liaison.

CLASS TRIPS

Year 6 enjoyed their residential at Holt Hall despite the weather, and Year 2 visited Hollowtree Farm after the success of the Acorn Class visit. Larch class thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as Tudors and going to Kentwell Hall for the day– highlights included being trained for sword-fighting, shown how to identify medicinal herbs and trying out the stocks for size!

There is no doubt that pupils and staff are now very ready for a Summer break after a long and exhausting term. I would like to thank Parents and Carers for their continuing support and partnership as we strive to offer the very best for your children.

I am sure you will join me in offering my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated and resourceful staff team, and I would like to wish yourselves and your families a relaxing and carefree summer break, so that we all meet together refreshed in September!

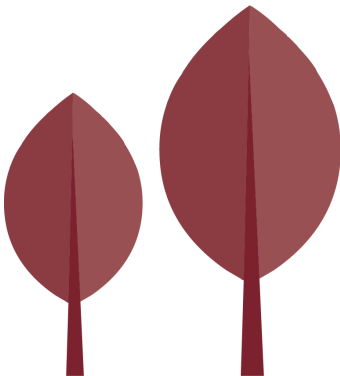
Rebecca Loader

Headteacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM and NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY ON TUESDAY

- **Tuesday will be non-school uniform day (please bring a pound for our Gazebo fund);**
- **We'd be very grateful for any donations of old uniform from Year 6 Leavers– it needs to be the current uniform, please;**
- **A reminder that children will no longer be allowed to wear the old-style uniform in September– please see Page 3 for details of what is acceptable or not;**
- **Children with hair past their shoulders should have it tied up;**
- **Nail varnish is strictly forbidden, as is any jewellery apart from a watch and a pair of earring studs.**

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Sports Week 2019!

Wow! What an amazing week! It was brilliant to see so many children active and enjoying sport - football, tennis, athletics, gymnastics, karate, rugby, swimming, netball, fitness... Even the staff took part!

During this fully packed week, children earned Sports Week points (and lost several thousand calories). Pashler began Friday morning slightly ahead of Clarence in points. Everything was to play for going into the final event of the week, the races!

Thank you to all those that came Friday afternoon to cheer on the children. The field was packed, the cheering was loud, the racing was superb. The scores were incredibly tight but with Pashler in 3rd and Clarence crowned Sports Day champions, was it enough to overtake Pashler for the overall score? Unfortunately not. With only a couple of hundred points between 1st and 2nd, Pashler win and receive a treat before the end of term.

I would like to take this moment to thank all those that contributed and volunteered their time for Sport Week. To all the Dellar Coaches, Sensei Geoff Price (Stour Valley Karate Club), Ben Robinson (Next Level Fitness), Lloyd Garner (Clare Town Lions FC) and Ed Chapman (Sudbury Rugby Club). It is so brilliant seeing members of the local community so willing to give up their time for the enjoyment of the children.

Photos on the back page!

FINAL POINTS (SPORTS DAY IN BRACKETS):

1st: **Pashler** 5337 (1030)

2nd: **Clarence** 5179 (1140)

3rd: **Nethergate** 4651 (1050)

4th: **Castle** 4181 (760)





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UNIFORM POLICY



All pupils are expected to wear Clare Community Primary School uniform. As a member of the school, students will develop a sense of pride in themselves and their uniform. Parental cooperation is essential to achieve this aim.

| TERM | EYFS and KS1 (Acorn, Beech and Cedar classes) | KS2 (Elm, Hazel, Larch and Oak classes) |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Autumn/ Spring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School burgundy polo shirt with logo Dark grey trousers, skirt or pinafore (worn to knee) School jumper or cardigan with logo Grey socks or tights Black sensible flat or low-heeled shoes (not trainers or boots) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White school shirt (short or long-sleeved- any supplier) School tie School jumper or cardigan with logo Dark grey trousers, skirt or pinafore (worn to knee) Grey socks or tights Black sensible shoes (not trainers or boots) |
| Summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dark grey shorts or red gingham dress may be worn Dark grey or white socks Sensible sandals may be worn with socks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burgundy polo shirts with logo may be worn instead of shirts and ties Shirts should not be worn without a tie Dark grey shorts or red gingham dress may be worn Dark grey or white socks Sensible sandals may be worn with socks |
| Jewellery | One small stud to be worn in each ear (these should be removed for PE) No nail varnish A watch | |
| Hair | Hair that is past the shoulders should be tied up Matching, discrete accessories can be worn Hair should not be dyed or bleached No extreme hairstyles or shaved designs | |
| PE Kit | T-shirt in house colour Black shorts for indoor/Summer PE Tracksuit top and bottoms for outdoor Winter PE KS1- Plimsols/Trainers (Outdoor PE) KS2- Trainers (Outdoor PE) | |
| Outer Wear | Children should come to school with a waterproof coat during the Autumn/Spring terms Hoodies/tracksuit tops are unacceptable as an outer garment Children may wear wellington boots or other boots and change out of these | |

The burgundy polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans and burgundy/gold ties will be available from the school supplier, Goodies, via a link on our website; *only* jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts produced by this company will be acceptable in order to maintain consistency of colour and style.

Naming of clothing

We encourage parents to name all items of clothing with sewn-in name tags or permanent pen.

PLEASE NOTE:

Clare Community Primary School fully endorses the principle that the school's uniform should be affordable for everyone, ensuring that no pupil or family is socially excluded through inability to buy. Accordingly, the majority of the uniform can be brought 'off the peg' from any high street outlet or supermarket; the only items which need to be purchased from our supplier are polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans and ties. Clare Community Primary School is committed to an annual appraisal of the uniform cost in order to ensure that it continues to be affordable for everyone.



Gazebo Fund Update

The grand total this year is looking to be in the region of £1600 which is a fantastic amount to have been raised over the year. A big thank you to Mrs Ives for spearheading the campaign and co ordinating the School Council, the School Council themselves for all the work which has taken place, and Mrs Terry for organising and holding the recent Beetledrive which raised over £500!!! THANK YOU!!! I have also just heard from the Co-op that they have raised some more money for us. Please look out for a dog show which the Cock Inn are holding over the Summer holidays, the proceeds of which will go to the fund– we are very grateful for their support!

A good quality, hardwearing construction like the one above costs in the region of £8000 so we have some way to go, but the Year 6s can leave the school with the knowledge that they have made a big contribution towards realising their legacy. Other parents have come forward with some fantastic ideas as to how to make money, so watch this space!

Many thanks for the hard work of the PTA this year

Please look out for a SurveyMonkey questionnaire link asking your opinion on the future of the PTFA. This will be available from tomorrow and then open until the end of term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 4th September 2019 – Thursday 19th December 2019

HALF TERM – Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019

Christmas Break – Friday 20th December 2019 – Friday 3rd January 2020

SPRING TERM

Monday 6th January – Friday 3rd April 2020

HALF TERM – Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

EASTER BREAK – Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2020

SUMMER TERM

Monday 20th April – Friday 17th July 2020

HALF TERM – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS (PD DAY)

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday October 28th 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE GOT YOUR OWN CHILD'S CLOTHES FOR THE SUMMER, AND THEY HAVE NOT GOT MUDDLED UP WITH ANYONE ELSE'S!

Enjoy some photos from the last term— can you see your child and what they've got



