



Friday, May 19th, 2017

# Newsletter



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# Time Flies!

**I can't believe that I am only a week away from the end of my first half-term at Clare. It has been action-packed and very rewarding so far. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know our pupils, you, their families and the wider community; and it somehow feels that I have been here a lot longer– that said, I think we are all ready for a brief break!**

Hooray! The SATS tests are over for Year 6, and now they are focusing on producing the best writing they can for their assessed pieces. However, our Year 2 children are now taking part in the KS1 tests, although hopefully they won't even notice this. We deliberately play down this process and Miss Anderson works hard to integrate it into her normal classroom routines.

With all this hard work, we think all our children deserve something extra special taking place, and

with that in mind we have organised some live theatre and story-telling events to take place in the next few weeks.

For Years 4, 5, and 6 there will be a Shakespeare workshop by the Blue Sky Theatre Company, focusing on the play, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on June 12th, with extra breakout events for Year 5 and 6 in the afternoon, so they might study the play in a little more depth.

For Acorn, Beech and Cedar, there will be a story-telling session featuring the traditional tale 'The Cracked Pot' with a class story for Elm, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, performed by the Freshwater Theatre Company. Live theatrical events are a brilliant way in which to enrich our curriculum and these could well be annual events to look forward to.

Elsewhere in school, we are delighted that a substantial amount of money

from our newly-formed Multi-academy trust is being dedicated to bring our ICT infrastructure up to date.

This includes replacing a significant number of Smartboard projectors, staff laptops, improving wireless and internet connectivity, and providing technical support for our staff and means spending tens of thousands of pounds – a really positive investment in our future.

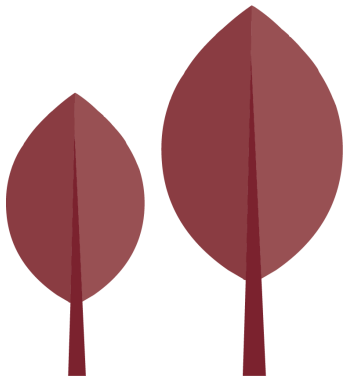
Having fully interactive Smartboards and fast laptops means that information can be conveyed more effectively and quickly, a greater range of materials can be accessed and displayed and staff and children are not frustrated by malfunctioning and painfully slow equipment. Watch this space!

Rebecca Loader-  
*Headteacher*

## It's Competition Time...!

As you know, at present, when your child enters our school, they are asked to join one of our four colour houses, Red, Green, Blue or Yellow. Team points for excellence are then awarded to children and counted on a weekly basis by Hazel class. We would like to change the names of these houses to make them more memorable and unique to Clare Community Primary.

The four names need to be connected in some way and embody one or more than one of our core values of **Community & Citizenship, Learning to Learn, Aiming High, Respecting Ourselves and Others and Enjoyment of Learning**. Please feel that you can have a go at this along with your children– the more entries the better! There will be a box in the front entrance and we will be having a whole school vote at the end of June...get wracking your brains!!



# Brilliant Standards

**Wow! The lateness figures have really reduced since last half-term.** Thank you so much for supporting us in achieving high standards of attendance and punctuality– it has such a knock-on effect on attitude and that all-important smooth start to the day.

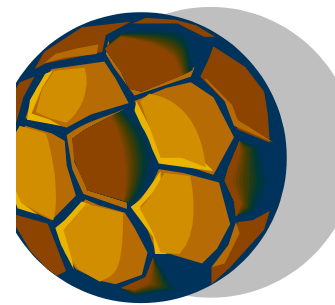
*Only a very small number of children are regularly late, so please just set your alarm a few minutes sooner, have your school bag ready by the front door and try to get on the playground by 8.45am . Many thanks for this!*

Talking of brilliant standards, our sports teams are having a fantastic season. The footballers are in the final against Westfield Primary Academy next week after a staggering 6-0 victory in their last match. The team have done so well, and we all have our fingers crossed for next week.

It was lovely to see so many parents on the field last Friday to support our netballers as they played in the friendly tournament against Kedington.

There was such an enjoyable

atmosphere and we are going to repeat this experience when we visit Kedington in the next few weeks. Many thanks to Mr Woodward and Mr Bareham's clearly expert tuition– I know they feel that the children's obvious enjoyment makes it all worthwhile.



## PTFA Cake and Plant Sale

Our first Cake and Plant Sale takes place this Friday in order to raise money for Beech and Acorn class– we are trialling some different ways of raising money and, if this works, more will follow, so please support our PTFA and bring in either a cake or some plants to sell.

Acorn class have been busy potting up some herbs to sell already– see if you can get your children involved at home– some seeds planted this weekend might have put in an appearance by next Friday if you're lucky!

The next PTFA meeting will be on Wednesday, 7th June at 2pm in the school music room. It would be great to see some new parents from our younger classes. Please come and say hello– the more parents who become involved, the more we can do. You don't need to make a commitment on a regular basis– just let us know how you would like to help.





# Going for Green

You might have noticed around the school how much better some of our beds and seed containers are looking thanks to the amazing efforts of Giles Bryant and his eager volunteers— each week Giles has worked with a different year group (as well as anyone else who wants to join in and there has already been a huge difference in our outside area. In addition to this, Giles has transformed

the raised bed in Acorn class' outside area. The children have loved helping him plant out vegetables.

One thing we do need are more plants and woodchippings to cover up some of our unsightly earthen areas which have quite literally worn away and need urgent attention. If anyone has any plants or gardening materials they want to get rid of, we would love

to hear from you!

Our latest project is to compost our fruit peelings, cores and dinner waste— Larch class have been set the challenge of organizing compost collections and a watering rota— let's see if they can keep everything nice and hydrated over the coming weeks...



## Dates for your Diary

- Thursday, May 25th– Larch Class Assembly 2.45pm
- Friday, 26th May—Elm Class Ipswich Museum Trip
- Monday, May 29th- Friday, June 2nd– Halfterm Break
- Tuesday, June 6th– Year 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament
- Wednesday, 7th June—PTFA Meeting 2.00 pm
- Thursday, June 8th– Hazel Class Assembly 2.45pm
- Wednesday, 14th June - RE Day Larch & Oak Class
- Thursday, June 15th– Elm Class Assembly 2.45pm
- Thursday, June 29th– Humanities Open Afternoon 1.30-3pm  
- Roman Day — Hazel Class
- Monday, July 3rd– Friday, July 6th– SPORTS WEEK
- Thursday, July 6th– Sports Afternoon
- Friday, 14th July - Afternoon Tea—Oak Class & Parents

### eats Feedback

Visit these websites to give feedback on the latest menus from eats:

[www.eats-catering.co.uk](http://www.eats-catering.co.uk) and click on the feedback link or [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/eatsmenufeedback17](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/eatsmenufeedback17).

This feedback is really important to the company as it assists them in menu planning as well as assisting continuous improvement.







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**Wow! Look at all the things we have been up to this half-term!**



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Finally, we live in hope that the weather will hot up! Please ensure your child has a hat to wear outside, and sun-cream if you feel it is appropriate- the child should be able to apply this themselves. For younger children, the easiest thing is to apply this to them yourselves, in the mornings before they come to school.





For Your Information: Here is a copy of our updated Home-School Agreement, which is taken from our new Behaviour for Learning Policy. This is the document to which staff will be referring when discussing behaviour expectations and I hope you find it useful .

Clare Community Primary School Behaviour for Learning Policy



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## BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Pupils will have:

- **A positive attitude** and be engaged in their learning;
- **Respect** for themselves and others, and respect for their learning environment;
- **Be responsible** for their own actions, learning and belongings;
- **Learn** from their mistakes and take pride in their achievements;
- **Good listening** behaviour- being attentive and facing the speaker, and following instructions promptly;
- **Follow** agreed class routines.

Parents will:

- Promote a positive attitude towards learning and the school community;
- Ensure children arrive at school on time and that they attend school every day that the school is open and available;
- Remember that we are all working together towards the same goals;
- Notify the school straight away regarding any issue concerning behaviour;
- Be expected to support the School's decisions regarding behaviour whilst retaining their right to appeal against any decision with which they disagree;
- Treat all members of staff with respect.

Staff will:

- Implement the Behaviour for Learning policy with consistency and impartiality;
- Establish a positive learning environment in their classrooms appropriate to individual needs;
- Encourage children to make sensible choices within the school;
- Give children the opportunity to change inappropriate behaviour;
- Label the behaviour but not the child;
- Use a sanction appropriate to the misdemeanour and the individual;
- Build children's self-esteem and try and find out the reasons behind unacceptable behaviour;
- Notify parents of any patterns of unacceptable or unusual behaviour.