

Friday, September, 22nd

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Newsletter



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Information Evening last Thursday afternoon. I have had lots of extremely positive feedback, and it is something that we will be repeating on a regular basis. I hope those of you who attended feel that you have a much better sense of where we are at as a school and especially the values and principles we want to take forwards.

It is so exciting to see our new website finally live and running online. We hope you will find lots of useful information about our curriculum, policies

and procedures there, including all the presentations from Thursday night. Please be patient with us as gradually review and add to the material displayed; I hope you will agree that it is an excellent advertisement for the school, and a practical resource for your own reference.

One important thing that we are considering is a change of times to the length of our school day. You are probably aware that compared to other primary schools in the area, it is short.

We are proposing an extension to the school day for children in Years 3-6 from 3pm to 3.15pm. Not only will this provide a vital 15 minutes extra learning

time, and help us to fit in the KS2 curriculum much better, but also it will stagger the departure time for the classes thus preventing the bottleneck which sometimes occurs when a number of classes try to exit the school at once.

I would welcome any comments you have on this; please pop these in the postbox outside the school office. These arrangements would be adapted to fit children travelling by taxi or bus, and any potential change will not be occurring until the Spring term.

Rebecca Loader-
Headteacher

We strike again....! So, the football season has begun and we have made an incredibly strong start with a 6-0 victory over Thurlow (match report on back page). The team have a number of fixtures in the coming weeks but I am pleased to say that their form appears to be excellent. Many thanks to the parents who ferry their children round to these after-school matches, and of course Mr. Bareham and Mr. Woodward for their co-ordination of everything. Fingers crossed for continuing success!



A Stour Valley Educational Trust Academy

DAY	Before School 7.45-8.45pm	Lunchtimes KS2 12-12.30pm KS1 12.30-1pm	After School 3.05pm-4pm
<i>Monday</i>	Breakfast Club (Book via Parentpay) 25 places Years R-6- DSL Sports Coaches*	Sports Coaching KS2 12-12.30pm KS1 12.30-1pm Tennis/basketball Open to all- DSL Sports Coaches	Choir Mrs Brown (Yrs 3-6) 25 places
<i>Tuesday</i>	Breakfast Club (Book via Parentpay)*	Sports Coaching KS2 12-12.30pm KS1 12.30-1pm Tennis/basketball Open to all Maths Club Mr Davies 12.30-1pm (Yrs 3-6) 20 places Gardening Club Mr Bryant (All Yr groups) Open to All	Gymnastics (Premier Sports)* Art Club Leigh Rooke (Years 5-6) 25 places Football Club Mr Bareham (Yrs 5-6) 25 places
<i>Wednesday</i>	Breakfast Club (Book via Parentpay)*	Sports Coaching KS2 12-12.30pm KS1 12.30-1pm Tennis/basketball Open to all Construction Club Miss Illingworth (Years 3-6) 15 places 12-12.30pm	Newspaper Club Mrs Loader (Yrs 4-6) 25 places Beginner Recorders Mrs McIvor (Yrs 1-2) 12 places Tennis Coaching * ICT Club Miss Anderson (Yrs 1-3) 16 places
<i>Thursday</i>	Breakfast Club (Book via Parentpay)*	Sports Coaching KS2 12-12.30pm KS1 12.30-1pm Tennis/basketball Open to all	Homework Club Mrs Ives (Yrs 3-6) 25 places Dodgeball (Premier Sports)* Phonics Club Mrs Linnane (Yrs 1-2) 12 places
<i>Friday</i>	Breakfast Club (Book via Parentpay)*	Sports Coaching KS2 12-12.30pm KS1 12.30-1pm Tennis/basketball Open to all Construction Club Miss Illingworth (Years 3-6) 15 places 12-12.30pm	

School Clubs

There are some places left in some of our school clubs, so please contact the office if you would like to know availability. If you are picking up from an After-school club, the normal rules regarding our school carpark apply-no one apart from staff should be using this.

Safeguarding and After School Pick-ups

It is vital that you inform the office **before 2.30pm** if you wish to change collection arrangements for your child. We have had a few parents phoning the office after 3pm to say that they wanted their child to go home with another parent or not go on the bus. This is alarming for your child and compromises our safeguarding arrangements, so please do inform us early if there is an issue or the normal pattern needs to be changed. A letter is attached to this regarding Year 5s and 6s walking home— **we will not be able to release the children unless we have a signed consent form for our records.**

Up to Date Medication

During the annual review of our arrangements for children who need to have medication in school, it has come to light that a lot of this medication is out of date, or does not have clear instructions in place regarding dosage and storage. You will shortly be receiving a form to fill in if your child does need to keep medication in school; it is your responsibility to provide us with up-to-date instructions and medicine.



Just a reminder that we will be supporting **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** as usual this Christmas. Shoeboxes can be dropped off at school between 1-18th November, and we hope to make this a competition between our four houses to see which house can bring in the most shoeboxes between them. This is a wonderful charity for the children to support, meaning that they can get involved in giving at firsthand, and know that their donations have a direct effect on another child's happiness and wellbeing.

STEP 1

Find a Shoebox

Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper or order pre-printed shoeboxes [online](#). Attach the appropriate [boy/girl label](#), marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox.

STEP 2

Fill with gifts

Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. See our [Gift Suggestions](#) below for more ideas.

STEP 3

Make your project donation

A suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs, including shipping, to enable a local church or group overseas to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. More detail on what your donation covers [here](#).

Clare Primary Football Team Report



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Clare Community Primary School Football Club got the season off to a great start with a 6-0 win over Thurlow CEVC Primary School in the Prestige Sports Primary League. Both sides started the game well with Thurlow demonstrating some great passing and movement off the ball, though it was Clare who took the lead through a well executed move. Adding to this just before half time, Clare took a 2-0 lead into the second half. Both goalkeepers were again busy early on but as the half progressed Clare dominated and finished the game 6-0 winners! Year 6 picked up from last season and lead by example, with year 5 displaying both excellent ability and effort. I must thank all parents for coming and supporting the team. I'm sure those who were in attendance will agree, it looks to be another successful season!

Mr B



CLARE CIRCULAR WALKS

Saturday 14 October

**Family Friendly Short Clare Loop
in aid of the BBC Countryfile Ramble
Children in Need 2017**

**Meet at Clare Park Centre
10am**

Approximately 3 miles / 1.5 hours

A great opportunity to get the children out for a Saturday morning walk to raise funds for Pudsey.

Small donations welcome on the day

It would be great if everyone wears a splash of yellow!

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please check the weather on the day and wear suitable clothing.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Permission to walk home

As your child is now in Year 5 or Year 6 we are happy to release your child to walk home unaccompanied at the end of the school day or following an after school club should you grant permission for them to do so and feel that they are responsible enough to follow safety procedures and have adequate care arrangements once they reach home.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return to the School Office as soon as possible. Your child will not be released to walk home unaccompanied without written permission from a parent or carer.

Kind regards

Clare Community Primary School

Walking Permission

I _____ parent/carer, give permission for my
child _____

in _____ class (Year 5 and Year 6 only permitted) to leave school
unaccompanied at the end of the school day or after a school club.

I understand that my child will not be allowed to walk home unaccompanied without written
permission from a parent or carer.

Signed: _____ parent/carer

Dated: _____