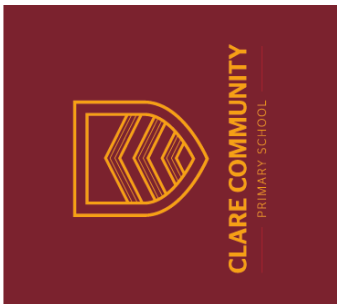




CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 25th

Newsletter



Away We Go!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. We have had a superb start to our learning, and the children look incredibly smart and professional in their new school uniforms. Many parents and visitors have commented to me on how nice they look, so many thanks for supporting us in this.

We have already voted in our new House Captains and School Council and we are going to trial having different class representatives each term, so that more children can take part in this experience. One of their main roles is to greet visitors to the classroom and introduce their learning, and this is incredibly useful in building self-confidence and social skills.

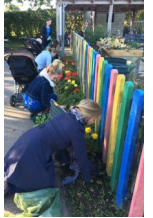
We have adapted our rewards system slightly to reflect our school values, with children being awarded Gold Values Certificates based on each of these. Teachers will be collating the number of certificates

children receive with the aim of each child collecting all of the CLARE values (Community and Citizenship, Learning to Learn, Aiming High, Respecting Ourselves and Other, and Enjoying Learning).

Already there has been great excitement as our KS2 classes have been down to the archaeological dig at Clare Country Park. Alex Fisher, an archaeologist, talked about the items which have been found including old bones, beads and teeth and the children saw how the finds are carefully washed and labelled. Apparently it continues this weekend and the children have been told that they are very welcome to visit again with an accompanying adult.

Thank you very much to all who attended the Information Evening last Thursday when teachers shared their expectations and programmes of study for the year with parents. We had another excellent turn-out, and I know that staff and parents alike found it useful.

On Friday, ten intrepid parents gave up some of their time to start clearing and weeding the green areas around the school so that Gardening Club can start planting. We are very grateful to Giles and Juliette Bryant, Hayley Cutts, Sarah Bevan, Danielle Alquist, Kayley Taylor, Sarah Cooper, Naomi and Neil McIlroy and John Husband for their efforts.

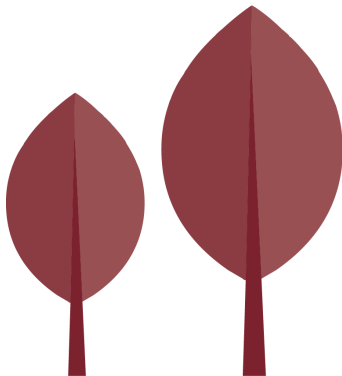


Lastly, a reminder that we have Individual photographs taking place this Friday, 28th September.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Loader

Headteacher



CLARE CATKINS AND HOLIDAY CLUB

Our Catkins Extended Services club has got off to a great start with both numbers and enjoyment levels high. To ensure that your child has a place, please make sure that money in your Parentpay account has been put in the correct area— we cannot use money in the school lunches section and vice-versa. We are going to be able to take Childcare vouchers but this is not set up at present, and will be at least another couple of weeks so please bear with us. Bookings or cancellations must be made before 9.30am on the day required.



Holiday Club will be running on the Wednesday of half-term and this is now available to book on Parentpay for the very reasonable sum of £10.

A **Stour Valley Educational Trust** Academy

School Council 2018-19

Acorn (from Spring term onwards)

Beech: Willow Metcalfe and Harry Garner

Cedar: Bonnie Cutts and Amber Bennett

Elm: Teddy Stokes and Evie Taylor

Hazel: Summer Copsey and Charlie Gibbs

Larch: Rebecca Sibley and James Harley

Oak: Ava Drakard-Lester and Toby Gowers

Senior School Council: Treasurer: Macey Robson

Secretary: Rory Watts

Chair: Sadie Smith

Vice-Chair: Callum Smith



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Free School Meals could save you up to £450 a year

What's more, if you sign up, your child's school receives extra funding from the Government, up to £1,320 a year. Even if your child is getting Universal Infant Free School meals in Key Stage 1, your school will still benefit if you are entitled.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, you will receive free meals until March 2022. Visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- o Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- o Income Support
- o Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- o Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- o Working Tax Credit run on
- o Child Tax Credit **but no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190



If you need more information you can call 0345 606 6067

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2018

Clare Baptist Church & "Link To Hope"

This year we are joining with a UK-based charity, to pack and send shoeboxes to people in Eastern Europe. "Link To Hope" are based in Worthing and have been delivering shoebox presents since 1992, initially to Romania, but now also to Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine. They are a Christian charity who believe in "distributing love to those in need regardless of background, colour, creed or religion."

The leaflet in your child's Book Bag gives all the information you need to pack and wrap a shoebox that will be received with love and gratitude. The key elements to remember are:

1. Choose who your shoebox is going to – they are either for a family or an elderly person
2. Use the list in the leaflet to ensure that you include the correct items before you wrap up your shoebox – they are not checked and will only be opened by the family or elderly person you have sent it to
3. Please donate £2 with your shoebox if you can – this purely covers the cost of transportation and distribution

There will also be a large box in Reception for you to drop off any items from the list of "Essential" or "Extra Items" if you are unable to pack a complete shoebox. We will make up extra shoeboxes with these gifts.

If you want more information, please contact me on the details below or visit the "Link To Hope" website: www.linktohope.co.uk. Not only does this website tell you everything you need to know about this year's appeal, it also includes a lot of photos and lovely stories from last year's distribution.

Many thanks,

Rev Paul Graham – Minister, Clare Baptist Church



Halloween Costumes

Clare Community Association will be selling Halloween Costumes in the School Hall on Tuesday the 25th September from 1.45pm – 2.45pm.

**We have a wide range of sizes available at £3.00 each. All costumes are new.
(ranging from babies upwards)**

Come and meet the PTFA and browse our costumes at the same time.

Don't forget the School Halloween Disco at the end of term!



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Fantastic Football

We had great news yesterday as our team romped forward to victory against four other school teams meaning that they are now going to be playing against Sudbury schools on 11th October. No goals were scored against our side throughout the entire afternoon! Mr Wilson praised their skilled playing but, more importantly, the brilliant team work and sporting behaviour the children modelled.



CLARE CIRCULAR WALKS

Saturday 6 October
Family Friendly Short Clare Loop
in aid of the BBC Countryfile Ramble
Children in Need 2018

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.

Sponsored by
Clare Walkers Group
Details at www.clarewalks.co.uk



Suffolk Libraries

Kinetic

at

Clare Library



Halloween Themed Science Workshop

Age: 5-11 yrs. 10am-12noon

Half Term: Monday 22nd October



After sold out workshops and amazing feedback last year, we are excited to have Kinetic Science returning this half term to provide another Lab in a Library. Tickets are being subsidized by the Friends of Clare Library and so we can offer them at £5 per child. Spaces are limited so book early. Tickets available at Clare Library, High Street, CO10 8NY. 01787-277702



ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you ring the school office before 9.30am with a specified reason for their absence. If a reason is not given, we are obliged to phone you back so that our records are correct.

If a child has been sick, then they should be away from school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. We encourage parents to send children in with coughs or colds, or a temperature. If we feel that a child is too ill to be in school, then we will always contact you, but they often perk up during the day, once they are into their normal routine.



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Important Dates (including Christmas Events)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES: 9am Thurs 27th Sept– Beech, Thurs 4th Oct– Cedar, Thurs 18th Oct– Elm, Thurs 8th Nov– Hazel, Thurs 15th Nov– Larch, Thurs 22nd Nov– Oak

PTFA WELCOME and AGM: School Hall Tues 25th Sept 1.45-2.45pm

HARVEST ASSEMBLY: Tuesday, 16th October, St Peter and St Paul Church 1.30-2.30pm
 Thursday, May 25th– Larch Class Assembly 2.45pm Thursday, June 15th– Year 3 Class Assembly 2.45pm

PTFA HALLOWEEN DISCO: Friday, October 19th Years 1 and 2 4.30-5.30pm Years 3-6 5.45-7pm
 Monday, May 29th-Friday, June 1st– Halfterm Break Thursday, June 29th– Humanities Open Afternoon 1.30-3pm

PARENTS' EVENINGS: Tues 30th Oct 3.30-5.30pm and Thurs 1st Nov 5-7pm

WILLY WONKA DAY: Friday 2nd Nov (Chocolate Donations Please)
 Tuesday, June 6th– Year 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament Monday, July 3rd– Friday, July 6th

NEW RECEPTION ENTRANTS OPEN MORNING: Wed 14th Nov 9.30-10.30am
 Thursday, June 8th– Hazel Class Assembly 2.45pm Thursday, July 6th– Sports Afternoon

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE Fri 23rd Nov **Wear your Christmas Jumpers to school!**

ART EXHIBITION Mon 17th Dec 3-6pm

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES (Acorns, Beech and Cedar)

Beech and Cedar play Wed 12th Dec 9.15am and Thurs 13th Dec 1.30pm

Acorn Class Nativity Fri 14th Dec 9.15am

CHRISTMAS CAROL Service at Baptist Church Wed 19th Dec 1.30pm

CLARE COMMUNITY CAROLS (Choir) Mon 10th Dec 7.00pm

LAST DAY OF TERM Wed 19th Dec **Merry Christmas!**

TERM BEGINS Fri 4th Jan **PD Day (NO CHILDREN)**

Mon 7th Jan– **Children back at school**