



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019

Newsletter



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STEM SUCCESS!

So much has happened since our last newsletter...

Many thanks to the parents and carers who attended our Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Parent-Share a few weeks ago. There were some brilliant things going on in all the different classes— Anderson Shelters in Oak class, Viking helmets in Larch, measuring heart-rates in Hazel and creating a newspaper Accropolis in Elm class.

In Cedar, a hamster cage was being built for Bear Nibbles; and some truly magnificent bridges for the Three Billy Goats Gruff were being erected. In Acorn class, we had waterproof materials being tested and yet more bridges!

The children love themed weeks like these, and we had an amazing start to this one with the World Book Day Costumes with a scientific link. The seven winners of the best costumes were our palaeontologist in Acorn class (Nicolai), Albert Einstein in Beech and Cedar (Freddie and Alexander), Stickman in Elm (Ridley), the Volcano in Hazel (Ruby), the planets in Larch (Aston) and Maisie-Fae in Oak class as a character from 'The Midnight Gang'.

Money-raising Mayhem!!

We raised £190.24 for Red Nose Day by wearing something red, and the School Council were delighted to have gained a whopping £700 for their School Pavilion fund from the proceeds of the disco

held last week. Thanks to Mrs Ives for organising this.

In addition to this, the Farmers' Market Club held a very successful fair in the school hall last Thursday, making over £340! They are going to use half of this money to buy something for the playground, and the other half has been kindly donated to the School Pavilion fund which you can also donate to on Parentpay, should you choose.

We were very impressed by how the children ran this event; they took the managing of the stalls very seriously, and Mrs McIvor and Miss Anderson



were delighted with their attitude and behaviour throughout.

Trips and Visits

Classes have gone on several school trips in the last few weeks— Oak class were presented with various safety scenarios as part of the Crucial Crew event run by Sudbury Rotary club. Acorn class enjoyed an exciting day at Hollowtree farm on Friday, and Beech class are visiting Stansted Mountfitchet Toy Museum this week, as well as Larch class having a day out at West Stow on Thursday. Elm and Hazel class also hosting a Greek Day

on Friday, and there was great enthusiasm for this event at dinner time when I caught up with the children.

We are very conscious of being a rural school when organising visits; often the most expensive thing about the trip is the coach hire. I thank parents and carers for their financial contributions towards these trips.

They are almost all paid for partially with the school budget, as we feel that this is money well-spent in promoting our varied and exciting curriculum offer; however, this makes your contributions doubly important as we really cannot afford to run the trips without your support, given that they are already subsidised.

School Uniform

Lastly, I would like to remind you that children may change to the 'summer uniform' options from the beginning of next term.

Please would you also ensure that children with hair past their shoulders wear it tied up with inconspicuous hair ties, in a colour that blends in with hair or school uniform. Children wearing nail varnish will be asked to remove it and there will be phone calls home if children are seen to be wearing trainers.

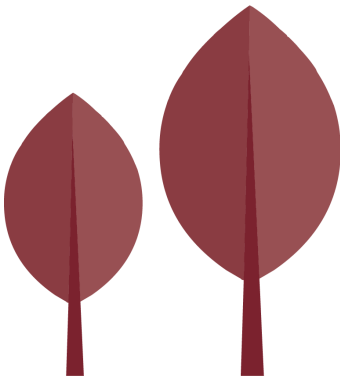
Thanks for your support in ensuring our children look smart.

Rebecca Loader

HOLIDAY CLUB We are once again offering an Easter Holiday Sports Club on Wednesday, 10th April, from 8.30-5pm for the extremely reasonable price of £10. We can only offer it at that price because this is something that we subsidise with our PE Premium Grant— however, at the moment we only have a very small number of children signed up and, unless we get more, we will have to stop holding these exclusively for Clare Primary School pupils.

The alternative would be that Dellar Sports would still hold these but open them up to children from other schools as well. You would also be charged a significantly higher price.

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PARKING AT SCHOOL

There have been a number of issues over the past few weeks, which culminated last week in the school bus being unable to get through to the school because of cars blocking the access road.

Please, please, please would you consider arriving at school earlier, parking a little way from the school (not on Erbury Place) and walking the rest of the way, if you have to travel by car.

Also, please do not leave engines idling– a number of parents, and particularly those with small children in buggies, have complained about this practice.

On a positive note, it is National Walk to School Week from 20th -24th May, so why not take that opportunity to take advantage of the lovely Spring weather and walk to school if you live in Clare.



ALL STARS
cricket

Big Moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!

Cavendish Cricket Club
Sports Ground, Sudbury, CO10 8AD
4:15pm - 5:00pm, Fridays (May 17th - July 19th)
Contact: eddie.tolchard@gmail.com
Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

Includes Personalised Kit!

Gardening Club has

started up again, and you have probably noticed the colourful display (matching the colours of our uniform and shield) in the beds as you walk up to school.

The children love taking part in this club at lunchtimes, and it is lovely to see how they are sprucing up our school, and how the club helps us all to take part in looking after our lovely site. I know that they would welcome any donations of plants, materials or equipment if you are taking cuttings or sorting out/tidying up over the holidays.

You will also notice a permanent perimeter fence being erected around the site over Easter. This costs a significant amount of money but is very necessary to ensure that children can't get out and dogs can't get in!





PSD PRIMARY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS 2018/19

1	KEDINGTON	10	8-1-1	18	25
2	CLARE	10	8-0-2	28	24
3	WICKHAMBROOK	10	7-1-2	17	22
4	THURLOW	10	7-1-2	12	22
5	GLEMSFORD	10	5-1-4	4	16
6	ST FELIX	10	4-3-3	15	15
7	BURTON END	10	5-0-5	-6	15
8	CLEMENTS	10	3-2-5	1	11
9	WESTFIELD	10	2-1-7	-20	7
10	NEW CANGLE	10	1-0-9	-25	3
11	ASHOON	10	0-0-10	-44	0

A massive well done to our talented Year 5 and 6 footballers, who managed to come in an impressive 2nd place in the local league– their strong team skills and stamina really shone through. A big thank you also to Mr Wilson, Miss Walker and Mr Kettle who accompanied them on their matches, and to the parents who provided transport– we are very proud of you all!

Attendance Policy

I would like to draw your attention to some changes to our updated Attendance Policy which has been amended to be in line with the Stour Valley Community School Attendance Policy. In particular, the following section lists specific actions that will take place should a child's attendance fall below 90%. See the whole policy on our website.

The category of Persistent Absentee is applicable to any pupil whose attendance, for whatever reason, falls below 90%. When this happens the school is legally obliged to discuss the case with the Education Welfare Officer to agree a plan of action.

The attendance team will meet regularly to monitor attendance and parents will receive notification by email (or letter if they are not online) when attendance drops below 93% without a valid health reason.

If a pupil's attendance falls below 90%, and to try and avoid the involvement of the Education Welfare Officer, parents will be invited to discuss ways to improve attendance at school.

Should the pupil's attendance then drop below 85% the Education Welfare Officer will insist that we request medical evidence to support all future absences relating to illness. Failure to provide documentation will result in an unauthorised absence mark being recorded.*

A referral will be made to the Education Welfare Officer for either a Prevention meeting or a Fast Track Referral if attendance does not improve. In this case, parents will be invited to a meeting by letter.

Lastly, I would like to thank the vast majority of parents who support us in ensuring that their children attend school regularly, even when they have a cough or cold; and take their holidays during holiday periods and not in term-time. Ultimately, you are ensuring that your child is accessing the best possible education they can.



Elm and Hazel Class proudly
present...

`Greece in Pieces`

Wednesday 1.30pm
Thursday 6pm



End of term Easter Assembly

Friday, 5th April
2-3pm



Important Dates

3 rd April	Year 2 Class Museum(2:00-2:45)
3 rd April	Year 3 – 4 play to parents (1:30pm)
4 th April	Year 3 – 4 play to parents (6-7pm)
5 th April	Easter Assembly 2:00-3:00 (Do join us for this celebration)
8th – 22nd April	EASTER BREAK (BACK TO SCHOOL Tuesday 23rd APRIL)
24 th April	Bag 2 School donations
24 th April	Netball Castle Manor TBC
6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
13 th –16 th May	Yr 6 SAT's
20 th -24 th May	Walk to School Week
22 nd May	NSPCC Parent Workshop 9am
23 rd May	KWIK Cricket Mixed, Cavendish - by invitation
27th May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – HALF TERM WEEK – BACK TO SCHOOL 4th June
3rd June	PD DAY (No pupils in school)
5 th June	Mini Tennis Haverhill TBC
7 th June	Beech & Acorn Café after school (Please note new date)
12 th - 14 th June	Holt Hall Year 6
14 th June	PTFA Fashion Show Clare Town Hall 7pm
20 th June	Quad kids Athletics Castle Manor - by invitation
12 th July	SPORTS DAY (Change of Day)
15 th July	Induction Day/ Open evening 4:00-6:00
16 th July	Year 5-6 play to school 1:30-2:30
17 th July	Year 5-6 play to parents 1:30-2:30
18 th July	Year 5-6 play to parents 6:00-7:00
3/4/8/9/18/19 th July	Bikeability Yr 5
22 nd July	Provisional Year 6 leavers assembly & Tea Party 2:00 TBC
22 nd July	(Leavers Barbeque and Disco KS2) 6:00-7:00
23rd July	LAST DAY OF TERM
24th July	PD DAY (No pupils in school)

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EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

CLARE MULTI-SPORTS CAMP



Location - Clare Community Primary School - C010
8PZ

Date - Tuesday 9th April

Time - 9:00am - 5:15pm (free 8:30 drop off)

Ages - Reception - Year 6

Bring - Packed lunch, water, appropriate clothing &
footwear required!

Cost - £10,00 per child



To book on please contact the school
directly and book via ParentPay.

*Please note - camp only available to
children who attend CCPS*

