



CLARE COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday, November 30th



# Ho! Ho! Ho!

# Newsletter



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**We have got a very exciting couple of weeks coming up for the children as we perform our KS1 Christmas production, 'Rudolph to the Rescue' and the Acorns' Nativity, not to mention all the other exciting things connected with Christmas...the dinner, the Carol Service, our School Fair, and of course the Art Exhibition.**

This year we are not going to ask parents to book tickets for the KS1 performance; however, we would ask that, if you have several relatives who would like to come, you spread yourselves out over the two days. We hope this gives everyone the opportunity to see the play, but please be aware it may be standing room only for latecomers.

We are all looking forward to our grand Art Exhibition on Tuesday, December 12th, after school. Some magnificent displays are going up around the school, and there will be work out in the classrooms as well as photos of children taking part in Art lessons.

In the hall, will be an overview of the art from each class and there will be some refreshments made by the children, as well as the Book Fair...come and buy some books for Christmas presents and earn some money for the school at the same time!

We would love to see as many as possible of you there. It will be a lovely opportunity for you all to walk round all the classrooms and see how we are developing our creative curriculum throughout the school as well as focusing on the basic skills.

We end our term with the annual Christmas Service in the Baptist Church on Tuesday, 19th December. This will be an atmospheric and joyous end to a long and productive term. We aim to begin at 1.30pm and then we will make our way back to school where children will be able to be collected from the playground once they have been dismissed.

I wish you and your families a happy, peaceful and relaxing Christmas and new year!

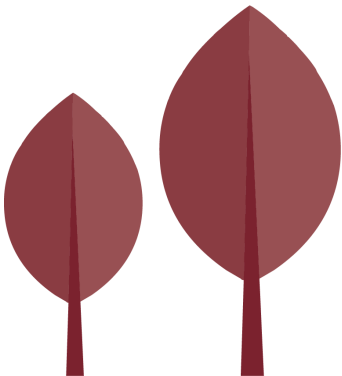
**Rebecca Loader-  
Headteacher**



**LUNCHTIME SPORTS ACTIVITIES** We are very keen to continue with the use of our school field at lunchtimes, as this ensures that the children are keeping active and letting off steam, and also means that they can engage in structured sports activities led by one of our Sports Coaches, Joey or Joe, who have built up some excellent relationships with the children. We would like as many children as possible to access this provision.

However, as you know, it is getting wetter and muddier as we move further into the winter months so, starting from next week, children will only be allowed to join in with these activities if they have brought a change of clothes. This should be old PE gear – tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt and hoodie or tracksuit top are essential. They will need trainers also. This clothing will all get muddy, so be prepared for some serious washing! We would ask you also to supply several plastic bags so that we can keep the shoes separate from the clothing, and contain it all in a different bag.

Years 5/6 will be allocated Monday and Friday lunchtimes, Years 3/4 Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes and Year 2 will be on the field on Wednesdays., accompanied by some buddies from the older classes.



## POPPY COLLECTION

We raised £290 for the British Legion, and were told that we were the top fundraisers in the collecting area! Wow!

Thank you so much for your generosity.



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We raised £106 for

Children  
in Need



### ATTENDANCE

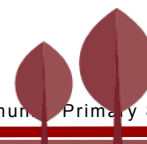
If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you ring the school office before 9.30am with a specified reason for their absence. If a reason is not given, we are obliged to phone you back so that our records are correct. If a child has been sick, then they should be away from school for 48 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.

## Clare Primary Football Team Report

Clare Community Primary School FC's latest fixture saw them back to winning ways against a very strong Burton End side. Bouncing back from the previous week's loss against Westfield Primary, Clare were pinned in their own half for the first 15 minutes with star performances from Oliver Turner-Dockery in goal and Jack Gibbs in central defence. A rare attack saw Ethan Brown hit the post just before half time, with the score all square in 0-0 at half time. The second half saw a debut for Cornelius Barksfield who slotted into defence very well alongside Oliver Rodwell and Jacey Duffy. The pace and skill of George Smith in attack, combined with Oliver Rodwell joining from defence, proved too much for the Burton End defence, who soon found themselves 4-0 down. An all-round, much improved TEAM performance puts Clare Primary back in contention at the top of the table, and more importantly, big smiles back on the children's faces. Next week is our final meet up before the winter break with a training session on the 28<sup>th</sup> November



2017, and our next fixture is not until February. I thank all the children and parents for your efforts this calendar year and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!



## TREE AND BULB PLANTING

Mr Bareham has led the School Council, last week, and another group of children, who had been putting great effort into their school work this week, with planting a host of trees, hedging and bulbs around the school site. We are looking forward to seeing some bursts of purple crocuses in the Spring.



Friday, 1st December

*Non-Uniform Day for children- make it Christmassy if possible!* Any other donations of food items such as mince-pies, chocolate rolls or cakes would be much appreciated. Come and join us at 3pm for the amazing Clare Community Primary Annual Christmas Fayre- Santa's Grotto, Refreshments, Crafts, Sellers, and much much more!



## Important Dates (including Christmas Events)

**PTFA CHRISTMAS FAYRE** Fri 1st Dec **Wear your Christmas Jumpers to school!**

**LAST WEEK OF INTERNALLY RUN CLUBS** Week of 4/12/17- **please note that paid clubs continue for a week longer**

**ART EXHIBITION** Tues 12/12/17 3-5pm

**BOOK FAYRE** Wed 6/12-12/12/17 3-3.30pm

**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES** (Acorns, Beech and Cedar)

**Beech and Cedar play** Wed 6th Dec 9.30am and Thurs 7th Dec 2pm

**Acorn Class Nativity** Fri 8th Dec 9.15am

*Please note that we are not including an evening performance for the Beech and Cedar Christmas production. This was trialled last year, and it was noted that the children were very tired the next day, and not all the children came back in the evening.*

**CHRISTMAS DINNER** Thurs 14th Dec

**CHRISTMAS CAROL** Service at Baptist Church Tues 19th Dec 1.30pm

**CLARE COMMUNITY CAROLS** (Choir) Mon 11th Dec 7.30pm

**LAST DAY OF TERM** Wed 20th Dec **Merry Christmas!**

**TERM BEGINS** 3rd Jan **PD Day (NO CHILDREN)**

Thurs 4th Jan- **Children back at school**



# THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

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Illegal parking creates problems for pedestrians and road users.

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