

Sunny Days.....!

Friday, 4th May, 2018

Newsletter



This is just a short newsletter to update you on some dates and events that will be coming up.

On Wednesday this week, Mrs Stranger and myself waxed lyrical about the development of Writing within the school. Thank you so much to the parents who attended; I feel the discussion was very useful, and I hope you do too.

Thank you for your continuing comments on **potential school uniform changes**; please keep these coming. The School Council are about to consult with the children, so it will be interesting to see how their opinion sits within this. A decision will

not be made until the end of this half-term allowing plenty of time for the new school year.

On our Website you will find **curriculum updates** from each class teacher. They will give you flavour of what each class will be focusing on this half-term.

We have also carried out an annual review of our **Behaviour for Learning Policy**, and made some slight amendments in the light of this. This is on the website, and a hard copy placed in the Reception Area.

Letters have gone out to Year 2 and 6 parents about the **KS1 and KS2 SATs** respectively. While we deliberately keep these as low-key as possible, I do want to ensure that nothing is a surprise, and parents are fully informed as to how we conduct these statutory tests.

Lastly, there have been a few issues concerning **medication** needing to be administered to pupils. If this is the case, there is a comprehensive form that must be filled in clearly stating the dosage, frequency and duration, or else we will not be able to deal with this. Please consult the office if you would like further clarification.

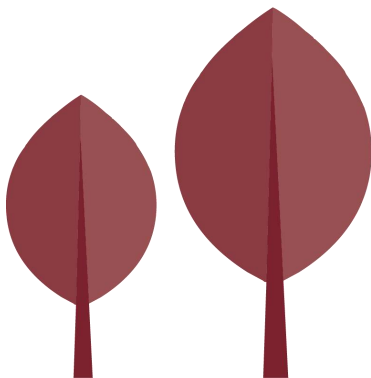
It looks like we will be having some warm weather so please ensure children bring in sun hats, sun cream and have their water bottles.

Rebecca Loader
Headteacher



Guitar Lessons

There are places available to learn the guitar in school. If you are interested, please have a chat with Miss Twite or Mrs Chamberlain in the school office.



TIME CHANGE!



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6 parents, please note that the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly is on Wednesday, 18th July, at 2.15pm, as this is the last primary school day of the children going to Samuel Ward. We also have our performance in the evening, so it will be enjoyable but action-packed!.



The Library looks fantastic!!!!



Thanks to everyone who has supported school events and made the purchase of this furniture possible...there have been loads of positive comments from the children!

THANKS
PTFA!!



A Plant for a Birthday!

Some of our parents have had the brilliant idea of donating a plant for our school grounds when it has been their child's birthday, rather than bringing in sweets or cake. The plants certainly would not have to be bought, but could be cuttings or ones that the children have raised themselves from seeds at home.

Children I have spoken to have been very interested in this, and I think it is a lovely idea– they can keep an eye on their plant as it grows, and it fits in so well with our half-termly value at the moment, **Community and Citizenship**. I'm sure that, like me, you have marvelled at the amount of chocolate and sweets that your children have managed to put away over the Easter Break, and the providing of sweets can often be another last-minute stress for parents. I stress that you are under no obligation to do this, so please don't feel under any pressure – that is the last thing we want!

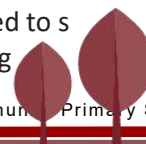


WALKING BUS UPDATE

If you wish to join in the daily walking bus-crocodile from the Cavendish road and Highfield areas, in the morning's, please contact Naomi McIlroy on 07949 770318 (text, or ring) to express your interest, then the rota of parent volunteers can be created...

High vis jackets will be available, and if enough people participate, we will only have to volunteer once or twice a week! Let's ditch the cars, and enjoy the health benefits of walking!

The walk will meet daily at 8.25am by the notice board and bench on Cavendish road and proceed to school via the Clare Country park, cross over Market Hill by Pashlers Alley, and then proceed along the High street, to the school.



Near Miss



We had an extremely dangerous situation by the school crossing last week when a child was almost hit by a reversing car, despite being with his parent who was doing all the right things and making sure he was stopping to let the car manouver.

I would like to strongly remind parents that they should not be using our entrance drive as a turning point, and we will be treating any such incidents very seriously. This child was obviously in the driver's blind spot and he is extremely lucky that he didn't hit him. Quite understandably, the child and his parent were very shaken and upset afterwards. I have reported the incident to our site manager and it will be logged and followed up accordingly.

MAY 2018

Mon, 14th Year 5 Trip to Country Park

Mon, 14th KEY STAGE 2 SATS TESTS WEEK

Fri, 18th Hazel & Larch class café

Tues, 22nd Year 5 & 6 Girls cricket tournament at Sudbury

28th Half Term

JUNE 2018

Fri, 1st June Multi-sports camp 9-5:15

Mon, 4th PD Day

Tues, 5th, Shakespeare Workshop Years 4-6

Wed, 6th Year 3-4 Tennis Tournament

Mon, 11th PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK

Mon, 11th SVCS Swimming starts Year 5/6

Thurs, 14th Year 5/6 Rounders Tournament

Fri, 15th Year 3 & 4 Swimming Club starts

Tues, 19th Year 3 Elm Trip to Ipswich Museum

Fri, 22nd Class Photographs

Fri, 22nd Oak Class Leavers' Cafe

Mon, 25th ASSESSMENT WEEK (Apart from Yr 2/6)

Mon – Wed, 25th- 27th Year 6 Holt Hall Residential

Thurs, 28th Year 1 & 2 Trip to Colchester Zoo

Thurs, 28th Athletics @ Samuel Ward

JULY 2018

Mon, 2nd SPORTS WEEK

Mon, 2nd RACE FOR LIFE

Mon, 2nd and Tues, 3rd BIKEABILITY

Wed, 4th PARK-RUN (see back page)

Thurs, 5th SPORTS AFTERNOON, PICNIC / SUMMER FAYRE

Fri 6th Reports to Parents

Mon 9th -11th SVCS Induction

Mon, 9th Class Transition Day

Mon, 9th Parents' Drop-ins/Meet the Teacher 4-6pm

Wed, 11th- Thurs, 12th BIKEABILITY

Fri, 13th Music Concert am

Fri, 13th Whole-school Outdoor Day in Park

Tues, 17th 2pm Year 5/6 Performance

Wed, 18th 6pm Year 5/6 Performance

Wed, 18th 2:15pm Leavers Assembly

Want to know how to support your child?

Our online workshops can help you understand anxiety and resilience better and how you can help children cope with this:

Raising Happy Resilient Children

- Supports parents in understanding how to help children develop essential building blocks to being able to cope with the ups and downs of life
- Core skills which are essential to promote children's wellbeing
- Support children in developing coping strategies to maintain healthy relationships, survive hardship, problem-solve and talk about their feelings

Online webinar

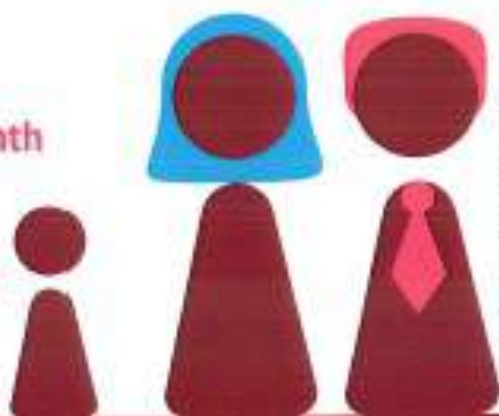
When: Running last Wednesday of every month

At: 10-11am

For more information:

<https://www.wellbeingnands.co.uk/courses>

If you are a professional wishing to make a referral please send to: nmh-tr.suffolkAccessandAssessmentTeam@nhs.net



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The Great Clare Baptist Church

christian aid Bake Off

Sunday 13th May
at Clare Baptist Church
From 3:00pm - 5:00pm



There's no Mel and Sue, no Mary, Paul, Prue, Sandi or Noel. However, there is a warm welcome and lots of cake!

Categories:

- Victoria Sponge
- Chocolate cake
- Technical challenge - Swiss roll
- Fruit cake
- Savoury bake
- "Free from" cake (Gluten-free, dairy-free or diabetic-friendly)

Separate men's and ladies' competitions for the above categories

- 3 decorated cupcakes (children only competition)
- Royal Wedding Themed decorated cake (men's, ladies' and children's competitions)

Entries to be dropped off at the church on Saturday 12th May between 12:00pm and 1:00pm

Free to enter competition
Everybody welcome - baker or not!

For more information contact Jenny Catton (01787) 277585

The Social Club

May 5th at 8.00

fund-raising

QUIZ NIGHT

every penny will go to

Indie-Rose

Tickets £5 to include a ploughmans

from

tables of 6 max.

Christine & Gary Brown

on 01787 827411

