



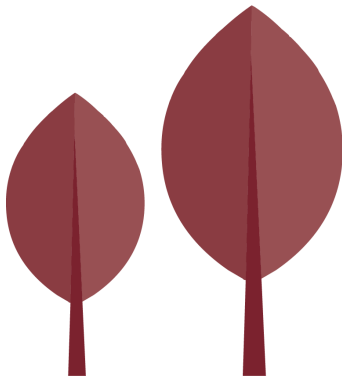
CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, October 6th

Newsletter



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Autumn Days

A few reminders about up and coming events but, first of all, a big goodbye to Debbie Copsey, our cook, who today leaves the employment of Vertas, the catering supplier we use, to make a move into a retail position.

We will miss Debbie's cheerful face and resourcefulness in the kitchen. For a few weeks we will have an Interim cook working with Amanda Meekings, our assistant cook, until Vertas appoint someone to a permanent position.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Harvest Festival on Tuesday, 10th October, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul in the middle of Clare. The service will begin promptly at 1.30 and end at approximately 2.30pm. We will then be making our way back to school where you will be able to collect your children as usual from the playground.

We will be organising a collection of tins for the local foodbank; if everyone can bring in at least one can of food or a dried product, then we will have almost 200 items which will be a brilliant contribution to this charity.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Next week, before and after school, there will be lists available on the playground, so that you can make appointments for the Parents' Evenings the following week (Wednesday 3.15 - 5.35 pm and Thursday 5-7.30pm).

If you are not able to come into school, then please contact the office and we will make an appointment for you.

If you are unable to attend on either of these evenings, then please speak to the class teacher about an alternative time.

Rebecca Loader-
Headteacher

A Push for Politeness We are having a special drive in school to encourage all the pupils to think about how they walk through our corridors, interact with adults and model behaviour with younger children. Our behaviour round the school and in classrooms is generally of a high standard, but every now and then we all need a reminder to treat others with respect.

We are making a point of praising those children who always use 'please' and 'thank you', are mindful of personal space and let people pass in front of them. Little things like responding to adults when they wish you 'Good morning,' or saying it first, can really make someone's day.

The children have entered whole-heartedly into this challenge with some much more mature behaviour in assemblies and at breaktimes and lunchtimes, on the part of the older children as they model exemplary behaviour for the younger pupils; and some lovely greetings across the school as I walk through the corridors.





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Breakfast Club

Our new Breakfast Club, which runs from 7.45-8.45 am each morning is thriving, and we are delighted with the response from children and parents.

Do book your children in using Parentpay for regular sessions, or simply use it for a one-off if you have an early start. Make sure you book your child/children into the club via Parentpay by 3pm the preceding day.

A choice of sporting and craft activities are offered in the spacious school hall, before a nutritious breakfast is offered. The atmosphere is organised yet relaxed and the children attending transition very smoothly into the school day.

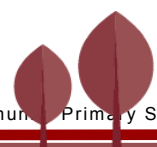


Clare Primary Football Team Report

Clare continued where they left off the previous week with an emphatic 11-0 victory! The first half finished 3-0 and was a much closer affair with both teams playing quick attacking football. As the second half progressed Clare took control of the game. Alfie Grant produced a fine display as centre forward scoring five goals and Macey Robson played her first game for the team showing that football is not just for the boys! This week also saw our first training session with a good turnout and everyone working really hard for each other in the team. Thanks again to parents for your continued support!



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House Captains....It was a closely fought contest and we were really pleased with the ideas the Year 6 nominees had; they each came up with a slogan and spoke for a few minutes in assembly to tell other children why they should vote for them. All the children were praised for their willingness to put themselves forward and present to the whole school. The proud winners were: George Smith and Jamie Noakes (Pashler); Rory Warrack and Jake Bastiani (Clarence); Violet Walter and Aurelia Stonehouse (Castle) and Ehtan Brown and Olivia Webb (Nethergate). We have also voted for the School Council and meetings are going to start for this next week.

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](#).

IMPORTANT PTFA NEWS

Due to a disappointing turn-out at the Annual General Meeting of the PTFA, we are going to try a different approach this year and ask for two PTFA representatives from each class; we will change these every term, so people will only be committed for the events for that particular term.

Please speak to other parents in your child's class to ensure that people come forward for this role. The PTFA have carried out a fantastic service for the school during the last few years—not only do they raise a very significant amount of money to be spent on our children, but they run events which provide fun and entertainment, and draw the whole school community together in a very positive way. **Please support them , as at the moment the numbers have dwindled to an extent that it is almost unviable.**



CAR PARKING

We are delighted that our after school clubs are proving to be popular. Children are being picked up from the office entrance after their clubs at 3.30 pm, 4.00 pm and 4.15 pm. It is important for the safety of children, parents and school staff that parents and carers do not park in the school car park which is restricted to staff and authorised visitors only and is in use at these times. This also applies to morning drop off and 3.00 pm pick up. Please also ensure that you are vigilant with children waiting with you. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



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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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