

# CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

## Whole School

We hope to see you all at the **Online safety talk led by Laurence Taylor on Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Hall**. This is relevant for ALL PARENTS of children from Reception age upwards. Please note that this evening is FOR PARENTS ONLY. No children are allowed to attend because of some of the subject matter to be discussed.

## School values

As you will recall, the school leadership has been **developing the strategic vision for Claremont**. Last year we gave you details of the new vision - A hub of educational excellence and innovation, supporting and valuing everyone - and the thinking behind it. <http://claremont.kent.sch.uk/school-vision>

The final element for this project is deciding **the school's values**. This is when we define Claremont's qualities and character. How we, as a school community, are, behave and interact on a day-to-day basis. The children have all now had a chance to give us their ideas, staff are contributing theirs, and this is **your opportunity as parents to give us your thoughts**.

To stimulate your thinking, please find below some of the approaches and questions the teachers used to bring out the children's ideas and their own, together with some of the values that the children themselves have contributed.

- How should Claremont people (children and adults) behave as individuals?
- How should we interact with other people?
- How should we work together?
- How would you describe the Claremont you want as a person?
- If you were creating a new Claremont, how would you explain the ethos of the place you were building?

Here are some of the ideas that the children felt were important when they considered these questions.

- Kindness
- Independence
- Teamwork
- Respect
- Share
- Fairness
- Growth Mindset
- Liberty
- Help others
- Happiness

**Please could you take 10 minutes to consider the information above and come up with 5-8 values you think our school should have.**

**There are two ways to make your contributions.**

**1) By email to [claremont.values@gmail.com](mailto:claremont.values@gmail.com) before 10th February.**

**2) By writing down** your chosen values on the boards which will be on the top playground, by the reception pen and by the office at drop-off and pick-up every day next week.

We hope you feel able to contribute, and thank you for your time.

Carla van der Zanden  
Chair of Governors.

Save the Date: **Wednesday 9th May** at 2.30pm - The British Dyslexia Association are coming in to give a talk to parents, including on how to help your child at home with literacy. This will be relevant for ALL PARENTS.

## Year 3

### Year 3 Homework

We have now opened up some additional topics in Mathematics, covering written and mental addition and subtraction. These are not set homework tasks; therefore, please encourage your child to begin working through them. Also, we have added this week's spelling words to Spellodrome to help them learn them before Monday's Spelling Bee.

Thank you, The Year 3 Team

## Year 6

Year 6 Parents

Please note the next instalment for the Isle of Wight is due on 2nd February. Please remit via the school Gateway system.

Many thanks  
Year 6 Team

## Chess Club

On Friday 26th January the chess club joined over 40,000 children from schools across the UK in the Delancey UK Chess Challenge; the world's largest chess competition.

We completed the first two rounds in the afternoon, with over 40 games of chess completed. The remaining 5 rounds will be played in chess club until Easter, where medals will be awarded to the highest scoring entrants in each year group, along with some spot prizes from our club sponsors Savills, to those children who uphold the clubs ethical values.

We saw some excellent games of chess played, and some exemplary sporting behaviour. Well done to all who entered, especially those taking part in their first tournament.



## Cross Country

Cross Country is CANCELLED on MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Apologies for the inconvenience but I am not on the school site that day. Mr Hogwood.

## Netball

Well done to the B team Netball players who are currently at the top of their league in the Tunbridge Wells district. We are always proud of all our netball players, no matter the score in a game. This week however, the B team did particularly well, beating Horsmonden 10-2 and St Peters' 11-3.

## Class Medals

Acorns: Poppy Sherman

Saplings: Nyah Ayrey

Ash: Bruno Tully

Elm: Isa Lindsay

## Diary Dates

### Diary Dates for next week

Please see the calendar page on the website for advanced dates. The calendar is updated every Wednesday. For detailed information, please click on the DAY view.

**5<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y5/6 Indoor Athletics County Final, Boys Choir to O2

**6<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Safer Internet Day, 7.00pm e-safety talk to parents in hall

**7<sup>th</sup> Feb** –

**8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 3.30pm Girls' A team football home to Paddock Wood, 3.30pm Y2/3 PTA Disco in hall

**9<sup>th</sup> Feb** –