

# CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

## Whole School

### STAFF NEWS

It is with sadness that we announce that Mrs Jackie Duffy will be retiring from Claremont Primary School at the end of this term. She has had 23 happy years here and I know she will be missed both in the classroom and on the sports field. We look forward to celebrating her achievements at the end of term.

### SSAT EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES AWARD

I am pleased to inform you that we have just received an award for **Children's Attainment – top 10%**. This means that pupils' attainment at the 'expected' and 'higher' standard at Key Stage 2 in Reading, Writing and Maths was in the top 10% of all schools nationally. Congratulations to staff and pupils.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY – if you are interested in joining our lunchtime team, please contact the school office for details.

Please take care when using the pathway that runs down from the Cambridge Gardens gate, along the end of the front field that leads to the bottom playground. It is uneven and has some exposed tree roots.

In addition, please remind your children not to ride their scooters or bikes inside school premises.

Just to keep you updated on the important issue of parking and speed etc.

Some of you may have seen two officers out on a couple of early morning walks with **Catherine Rankin**, Kent County Councillor, Tunbridge Wells South. One officer deals with new highways matters and one with existing matters. The latter has agreed to refresh the white lines and get the School signs cleaned. In addition, in terms of slowing traffic down generally, she is waiting for the result of the speed survey and the response to better signage in Farmcombe Road.

This is progress for us; she is also keen to reiterate her concern around the speed of traffic and the consistent illegal parking. Please, please support us in this issue. We still have repeated calls, emails and photos of people's cars regularly from concerned parents, and annoyed residents. DO NOT park on double yellow lines or block other people's drive. Let our children travel to school safely.

## Year 1

### Year 1 Maths Workshop and Mathseeds

Many thanks for attending our Maths Workshop. We hope that you found it useful and have a better idea of some of the resources we use in class.

We have introduced Mathseeds to the children this week. Please look out for a letter in their Homework folders along with their login details which we have clipped into their Reading Records. The programme is designed for their level and is an enjoyable way to re-cap their learning at home. Please feel free to explore.

To find out more about Mathseeds, visit <https://mathseeds.co.uk/about/why-it-works/>

## Year 6

Please note that the next Isle of Wight instalment is due on the 2nd March. Please remit payment via the school gateway system.

Many Thanks,  
The Year 6 Team

## Sport



The Claremont swimming team had a fantastic evening at the inter school gala on Wednesday night. For the first time in our history, Claremont won the boys' freestyle relay, the girls' freestyle relay and the mixed relay. There were also some amazing individual efforts from the swimmers with a fantastic number of swimmers placed in the top two, this resulted in the whole team winning the B league; winning promotion to the A league next year. We also had a record breaking performance with Alice Dobson breaking the 25m breaststroke record for the competition with the mixed relay team narrowly missing the competition record. Our two divers also put in great performances with both making the final. Well done to all who competed.

## Class Medals

Acorns: Danny Daly  
Saplings: Robyn Mills  
Ash: Emile Cannon  
Elm: Edward Hunt

## 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.

**26<sup>th</sup> Feb** – YR and KS1 drama workshops in hall

**27<sup>th</sup> Feb** –

**28<sup>th</sup> Feb** –

**1<sup>st</sup> Mar** – World Book Day, 1.30-3.30pm Y3 to TW museum

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar** –