

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 19th January 2018

Whole School

TRAVEL TEAM – ITEM 1

ATTENTION!! PLEASE READ

As a direct response to parental voice and to children's health & safety, I have created a team to support the updating of Claremont's Travel to School Plan. The Travel Team comprises myself, a member of the Governing body and the Banner Farm Road Residents' Association and two members of the PTA all of whom have been working incredibly hard since October to improve how our children travel to and access the school. Many thanks to Matt Lowe, Richard Segall-Jones, Beccy Barr, and Annelie Banerjee.



Everyone has a unique life and the ways in which each family drop off and collect their children will be different. The common theme is that we all want this to be a safe experience and one that supports ever-growing independence and healthy life choices for children as they mature. Many mornings there are frustrations around how people park, cross roads, and, sometimes, ignore legal road markings for ease of dropping. Unfortunately, we have no influence or power to enforce initiatives but our goal remains the same - safety for all pupils!

Actions to date:

- BFRA are still pushing forward for the extension of the 20's Plenty campaign to Farmcombe Road
- I met with Catherine Rankin, local borough councillor to discuss renewal of road markings along Claremont Road; signs to identify the school more visibly; responsibility for clearance of drains for the alley way access from Claremont Road to Banner Farm Road.
- KCC jambusters are supporting our development of updating the policy in line with current guidance.
- Questionnaires for parents and children have been developed to support our awareness of actual practice and future need.
- PC Hammer (PCSO) will be visiting with speed guns, and reminders of illegal parking restrictions to support children's safety in accessing school from any point.

I will keep you updated as actions develop. Please be mindful of how you drop and collect your children. It is essential we work as a community to improve this. Do refrain from parking on double yellow lines, speed humps and in front of access points and drop down kerbs where children can cross the road safely. Do try leaving home slightly earlier and parking slightly further out and walking in. Every little action supports us in making it a safer community.

Best wishes

Candi Roberts

TRAVEL TEAM – ITEM 2

You will receive an online survey in your mailbox this coming Monday 22nd January. The survey will ask how you routinely travel to and from school.

Please may we ask that you take a few minutes to fill this out. The results are very important to us and will help to inform any action taken subsequently to improve road safety around our school. This is obviously an area of great importance and we really need your input in order to make any improvements to the current situation.

Thank you for your help with this. Annelie Banerjee, Parent Governor

On-line Safety Talk for parents Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.00pm, led by Laurence Taylor, parent governor and East Sussex Assistant Chief Constable. The children are running a competition in school to make films about on-line safety. These will be shown on the night. Come and catch up with friends and learn about this important issue which affects us all from Reception to Year 6.

On **Monday 29th January** we will be **recalling all reading scheme books**. This is to see which books are damaged and need replacing.

Therefore please ensure your child brings their reading book in on that Monday. We are very fortunate to have a very large number of books in our school. Therefore, it will take a couple of days to check them all. We will get them back out as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help with this.

Mrs Ball

Year R

Request for story CDs please

Saplings (Reception) would love any spare story CDs that you may have that your children have grown out of or those free newspaper CDs. Many thanks. Mrs. Bird

Year 1

Year 1 Home Learning - Time

In Maths we will be starting to learn about time.

Please could you share with your child what time they **get up** for school/**leave** for school/**go to bed** and ask them what their **favourite time** of day is.

If they could write these times down in their Sharing Book, that would be brilliant.

Many thanks, The Year One Team

Year 3&4 Sportshall Athletics Trials

Trials will take place for the following events: long jump, 5 strides, javelin, chest push, speed bounce, vertical jump and running.

Monday 22nd January Y3/4 Boys Tuesday 23rd January Y3/4 Girls Both at 1pm on the top playground.

Mr Hogwood

Y5&6 Hockey Club

This club will not take place on Thursday 25th January. I apologise for any inconvenience.

Mr Hogwood

Class Medals

Acorns: Sebastian Severn

Saplings: Gabriel Vince

Ash: No medal awarded

Elm: No medal awarded

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.

22nd Jan –

23rd Jan – YR visiting fire station am

24th Jan -

25th Jan –

26th Jan – Rowan class assembly