

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 26th January 2018

Whole School

Reminder - travel survey

A big thank you to all the parents who have already filled out our travel survey online. If you haven't done so already there's still time. The deadline is Wednesday 31st January. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/claremonttravel>

Please could we remind you **not to drop off or wait for children on the double yellow lines at the bottom of Banner Farm Road**. This is a safe crossing point for children walking to school. Please could you pass this on to grandparents and other carers who may be bringing your children to and from school. If you are asked to move your car, please be mindful of how you respond to the request!

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

BATTERIES – Hopefully you have been able to collect lots of used batteries. Please bring your boxes in from Monday next week and take them to your class. Many thanks, Mr Hogwood

Year 1

Year 1 - Junk Modelling

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week Year 1 will be learning about making bridges as part of our 'Build em' High, Build em' Strong' topic. If you have any suitable bits and bobs for 'junk modelling' (cardboard/plastic), please could you bring it into school next Monday.

Many thanks, The Year One team

Year 3

Year 3 Housekeeping

What a week – wind, rain, a new approach to spelling and telling the time in maths!

Spelling

The children will be coming home with new spelling books in their homework folders today. These contain the words we have already been learning and practising this week, so it should just be a question of brushing up. They will have a (fairly low-key) test on them on Monday as part of a whole-school Spelling Bee, where the percentage score of the whole class will be handed in to see which class has scored most highly. We have been practising them several times this week already, using a variety of games (including Hangman, Sign Language and Bubble Writing), which the children have greatly enjoyed. They will have their new spellings on Monday, so please return their spelling books on Monday.

Maths

Telling the time proved quite a challenge for all of us this week: the expectations for Year 3 are very high, and a great leap on from year 2. As well as revising o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to, we have been learning to tell the time to five minutes, using both analogue and digital clocks (e.g., 9:40 or 'twenty to ten'; 6:15 or 'quarter past six'). It would be very helpful if you could reinforce analogue time in particular, because the children seem to be much more familiar with digital notation, and many struggled with the idea of 'minutes past' and 'minutes to' the hour. However, we will be revisiting this topic later in the year, so there will be another chance to 'catch the time bus' – after all, we all learn in our own good time.

Having spent the week in the Stone Age, it seems appropriate to draw your attention to the imminent release of the new animated Ardmann film "Early Man"we can't wait!

Best wishes

Cedar class (proud winners of the first Glittery Dustpan award) and Hazel Class

Half Term Activities

This February school holiday First Class Football are once again running their holiday sports courses:

Indoor football courses will run in Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells with an outdoor football course in Westerham, we are also running a multi-sports course in Tunbridge Wells. All courses are suitable for boys and girls of all abilities in school years Reception - Yr 8 (in two year age groups).

Full details can be found at www.firstclassfootball.com along with our endorsement by the Kent Football Association. As always all our group lead coaches will be FA qualified to Level 2 or above, CRB/CRC checked and trained in safeguarding and first aid. Individual days and half days can be booked but there are discounts for full course bookings and also for siblings.

Class Medals

Acorns: Isaac Jones

Saplings: Seraphine Mathews

Ash: Sylvie Brandon

Elm: Ethan Hargate

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.

29th Jan –

30th Jan –

31st Jan – 3.00-4.00pm Nearly New Uniform Sale

1st Feb – 3.30pm Girls' football training

2nd Feb – 12.30-3.30pm Acer class to squash tournament