

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 8th September 2017

Whole School

Welcome back and welcome to new pupils, parents and staff. We hope that everyone has had a refreshing break. We have had a good start and it has been a pleasure to welcome the new Reception pupils this week. We also congratulate the year 6s on such a positive attitude as they sat the 11+ on Thursday.

Our weekly newsletter is a 'must read' for everyone. It is our primary way of communicating with you and will include celebration items, upcoming events, reminders and changes of date. A copy is always placed on the school website.

We look forward to another successful and happy academic year with staff and parents continuing to work positively together to enable children to 'let their light shine' and Claremont Primary to be a 'hub of educational excellence and innovation, supporting and valuing everyone'.

Mrs Sylvia Crockett

On **19th and 21st September we are holding Open Days for years 1 - 6**. These are an opportunity for you to see the school in action by going on a tour of the school with your child(ren). There will be a choice from 6 different times per day, with each tour lasting 30 minutes. Parents will enter the school via the hall and children will meet you there. We will be using our on-line booking system for you to book your slot and a reminder of how to use this will be sent out from the school office next week. Booking will open Monday 11th September at 6.00pm.

Please find attached the **new staff structure for 2017-18**. A copy is also placed on the school website for your convenience. You will see that the school is divided into 4 different operational areas:

Teaching and Learning; Wellbeing and Welfare; Inclusion and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities); and Operations and Business.

In each area the roles and responsibilities have been allocated to members of staff at middle and senior leadership level.

In the first instance, if you are concerned about your child, you should see the class teacher as he/she is the person who knows your child best. If that concern continues please make an appointment to see the relevant middle leader, depending on whether it is a curriculum concern or a wellbeing concern. Our middle leaders are very experienced in their areas of leadership and should be able to support you, but if you are still concerned then please ask the school office for an appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals this school year. If so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible, as this will ensure that the school does not miss out on the extra funding available for every child who receives free school meals. You may find that you are eligible for other benefits as well as saving on the expense of making packed lunches! Please use the link below to check out if you are eligible and then apply:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

NO KIWI FRUIT – please can we remind you that we have a child with a severe allergy to kiwi fruit. Therefore we request that you do not include kiwi fruit in snacks or packed lunches.

Harvest Festival.

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will be on **Friday 22nd September**. As part of our celebration we would like to donate food to the St Augustine's Church Harvest Festival Appeal. If you are able to donate please could your child bring your food donation to school during the week of the 22nd September. St Augustine's have requested that we keep our donations to the following as they can be used for quick and easy meals

- TINNED TUNA
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED VEGETABLES (NOT CHICK PEAS, MUSHY PEAS, KIDNEY BEANS)
- TINNED SPAGHETTI, MACARONI CHEESE AND RAVIOLI
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED RICE PUDDING AND CUSTARD
- TEA, COFFEE, SUGAR
- LONG-LIFE MILK
- SQUASHES
- JAMS, NUTELLA
- BREAKFAST CEREALS
- BISCUITS
- SWEETS

Please can we also ask for at least items within 6 MONTHS of their sell by date.

Many thanks for your support

Michele Baldwin and Clare Smith.

Accelerated Reader:

This term, I would like to trial using Home Connect (a way for parents to view their child's Accelerated Reader quiz results). If your child is in Year 3-6, and you would like to take part in the trial, please e-mail the office with your child's name and class and they will forward your details on to me.

Many thanks, Mrs Ball

Sensory Circuits

Sensory Circuit is a structured sensory motor skills programme that helps children to be more focused and ready to learn.

We are looking for parent volunteers to help staff members run these sensory circuit sessions. The sessions will run every morning from 8.45-9.00 on the top playground and training will be provided. If you could help regularly for at least 2 mornings a week please contact Mrs Street. Thank you!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MEDICAL AND HEALTH NEEDS

Please can we stress the importance of informing us of any medical needs that your child may have. If your child has a medical condition, but you have not yet completed a Medical Needs form, please pop into the office to collect one.

If your child has asthma or needs to have medication administered in school, we ask you to pop in and complete separate forms for these. Please ensure that all inhalers and epi pens are in school as required.

Many thanks, Clare Smith

CAMBRIDGE GARDENS AND CAMDEN HILL – we have already received complaints from local residents about drivers using Cambridge Gardens (which is a PRIVATE road) and driving too fast along Camden Hill. Please can we ask that you drive and park responsibly in roads around the school.

Just a reminder that there is an ASD drop in for parents on Tuesday 26 Sept 1-3pm at Sunrise Centre, Southborough, TN4 0RJ. This is for parents of children **with or without** diagnosis of ASD. Telephone: **01892 502466**

Date	Time	Date	Time
Tuesday 26 September 2017	1-3pm	Tuesday 20 March 2018	1-3pm
Tuesday 21 November 2017	1-3pm	Tuesday 22 May 2018	1-3pm
Tuesday 30 January 2018	1-3pm	Tuesday 17 July 2018	1-3pm

You are invited to attend a local NHS public listening event:

'The final event in this series of events happening across west Kent over the summer as part of our ongoing conversation with local people about the future of the NHS and social care. If you haven't been able to attend any of the other events this is an opportunity to hear plans for healthcare across west Kent and to contribute your views.

Tunbridge Wells	19 September	6pm to 9pm	The Camden Centre, Market Square, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 2SW
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All the events have focussed on the work in your CCG area to improve the range and quality of NHS services available in local communities and GP practices. There will be an opportunity to find out more about what is involved, provide your feedback and ask any questions you have about local plans. These follow on from the events held in March the results of which will be published shortly on the CCG website: <http://www.westkentccg.nhs.uk/homepage/#>

We are very keen to hear the views of local people as we work together, making the most of our partnership across health and care to work more actively with our local communities to help people stay well. As well as providing some information on what we are doing to improve care at a local level, we want to understand people's experiences of care to help shape the future of services.

We look forward to seeing anyone with an interest in health and care in their local area. To help us manage numbers and meet any specific needs you might have such as 'large print documents' or having a hearing loop please sign up to this event by contacting us at nelcsu.engagement@nhs.net or calling 03000 424348.'

Year 1

We have had a lovely few days in Year 1, the children have settled in well and have enjoyed sharing their boxes.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help in class this year. Next week we will be organising a timetable and will let you know when we need your help.

We will be sending home reading books tonight and next Tuesday and Friday and again we will be sorting out the system for this term next week. Please could your child have wellies in school for next week.

Sharing books will start going home on a Friday from next week.

Thank you for all your support

The Year 1 Team.

Year 2 – Maple class

Dear parents,

Please can you ensure that your child has wellington boots at school by Tuesday next week as we will be taking part in Forest School this term every Tuesday. This will take place within the Claremont Primary School grounds and is an opportunity for the children to learn more about our outdoor areas and the nature which is contained within them. Also, they will be required to wear own clothes on these days. I would advise that your children wear clothes that you do not mind getting muddy.

Many thanks,
Mr Care

Year 3

Dear parents / carers,

In Year 3, we still very much appreciate parental help and we believe it is highly beneficial to the children. If you feel you can help out, please contact either the school office (by either dropping in a note or emailing them on admin@claremont.kent.sch.uk) or by sending in a note through your child's teacher.

We looking forward to working with those who can help.

Kind regards,

Mr Coulson and Mrs Moss Tallon

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.

11th Sep – YR in til midday

12th Sep – YR in til midday

13th Sep – YR in til midday

14th Sep – YR stay for lunch

15th Sep – YR stay for lunch. Curriculum Letters to go home