

# CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

## Whole School

If you are interested in a **career in teaching**, please see the attached letter and flyer. The letter contains the dates of the next two Get into Teaching events this year and the flyer is about the new **part-time option** for teacher training which will be attractive to those who may need to keep an income coming in during training.

### Termly Governor Update: Term 4 April 2019

Firstly in our update for this term, we would like to announce the election of **Flic Roberts and Paul Haines as the new parent governors**. We were delighted to receive six nominations for the two vacancies, and would like to thank all of those who stood for the positions for their support of the school. Thank you also to all of you who voted in the election.

The **Full Governing Body** met in the first week of this term, approving the school's annual financial self-assessment (SFVS) submission and receiving updates on the strategic and relevant management decisions from the Headteacher.

On the same day, prior to the meeting, the governors attended the **governors' open afternoon**, visiting classrooms, looking at books, talking to staff and pupils and taking lunch in the hall. All year groups were well engaged with their lessons and enjoyed sharing their learning. The deeper thinking skills and enquiry based questioning was evident. We all were impressed with the enthusiasm amongst the staff and the pupils, and commented on how well-behaved, polite, happy and engaged the children were across all year groups.

The **Resources team** met on 13th March. As well as looking at February financial monitoring report, they also reviewed and approved the Finance and Charging & Remissions policies, received a report on the latest governor Health and Safety visit, and updates on forthcoming premises and maintenance projects.

We have also been working on the questions and setting up the **annual parent, pupil and staff surveys**. We will be looking at the results from the surveys in the coming term.

The **safeguarding governor** met with the DSL to review safeguarding paperwork and to discuss updates to policies and safeguarding procedures in school.

Governors have met with staff members in the **strategic groups** to support their work and monitor their progress. Reports from Maths, Science and English monitoring governors have been submitted.

The Chair attended (with 20 members of staff) a lecture, organised by the teaching school (Altius) entitled 'Closing the Vocabulary Gap'. Alex Quigley, senior associate of the Education Endowment Foundation, spoke about ways to develop vocabulary across subjects and ages to aid learning.

If you would like to contact the governors for more details on any of the above or to raise any questions, please email [clerk@claremont.kent.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@claremont.kent.sch.uk)

Happy Easter!

Unfortunately there has been a low response to the Parent survey this year. Each year the Governing Body ask all of our stakeholders – parents, pupils and staff, to complete an annual survey giving us their anonymous feedback about the school, which not only gives all stakeholders an opportunity to share their views but also helps the school enormously in its future planning.

This is your chance to have a say so please take the time to complete it, we really value your feedback. Please find a link below for you to complete our short questionnaire (it should take 5-10 minutes) and please complete a separate survey for each child you have at the school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Claremontparentsurvey2019>

Thank you

Carla Van der Zanden, Chair of Governors

The **new menu** for the **Summer Term** is now on the website. There is a link on the home page. For the first week back, there will be some changes:

Tuesday – No Tuna Pasta bake – Now Margherita Pizza with wedges, peas and sweetcorn, pudding now Fruit jelly

Weds – Not Roast – now Burger Bar and pudding is chocolate crispy cake

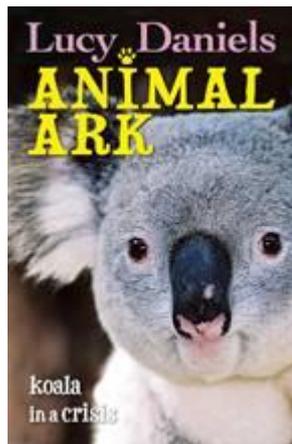
Thurs – will now be Roast Gammon and pudding will be Flapjack

Fri – no change

Please see attached information from the community policing team regarding **shed and allotment security**.

## Acer

### Acer's book of the week



This week's recommended book is...

'Animal Ark: Koala in a Crisis' by Lucy Daniels.

This book was recommended by Delphine Abela. She would recommend this book to anyone who loves animals! This book follows the journey of Mandy, who is so excited to see Koalas for the first time! However, she is horrified when she finds out that the koalas are threatened! Can she save them? Delphine would rate this book 10/10!

## Year 5

All year 5 children have been spoken to this week about the opportunity to apply for a position as a **Playground Buddy**. The children know what they need to do and if they wish to apply they should hand it in to me by 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Mrs Brookbank

## Year 6

This is a reminder that the balance for the **Isle of Wight** trip is due on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Please pay online in the normal manner.

Many thanks, the Year 6 Team

## Hockey Tournament

*On Thursday evening, two teams of Y5/6 children went to Tonbridge School to compete in Tunbridge Wells hockey tournament.*

*The B team competed hard and played excellent hockey showing a 'never give up' attitude. Unfortunately they didn't progress from their group but all had a good time.*

*The A team cruised through their group and made it to the quarter finals where they met Broadwater Down: they won 1-0. In the semis, Claremont encountered St Matthews': they won 1-0 again. Having made it to the final, there were a few nerves but they **WON** 1-0 against St James' B. As a result, Claremont A will be heading to a playoff against an unknown school (at the moment) who will have won the Cranbrook tournament. If they are successful, they will head to the county finals.*

*The children would like to pass on a big thank you to all the parents and supporters who attended (and bought coffee on a very cold evening) and cannot wait to compete again.*



## After School Clubs

There are some places available in the **Spanish club** on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please contact Arancha Bueno for details: [arancha@thespanishlanguageclub.com](mailto:arancha@thespanishlanguageclub.com)

Please see the attached flyer from **First Class Football**. They are running an additional club on Wednesdays for girls in Years 1-4.

## 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.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Apr – First Day of Term**

**24<sup>th</sup> Apr –**

**25<sup>th</sup> Apr – 3.30pm PTA Cinema Club in hall, 4.00-6.00pm 8 x Y3/4 children to mini tennis at St Greg's**

**26<sup>th</sup> Apr – 1.00-3.00pm Y3 Welly Walk**