

# CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## Whole School

Following the recent communication seeking nominations for the governor vacancy, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Angela Baker as the new Parent governor.

### STAFF CHANGES JANUARY 2018

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Street and thank her sincerely for all her hard work and dedication in supporting children, parents and staff. We wish her every success in her new role as Headteacher.

Whenever a member of staff leaves, we take it as an opportunity for developing our staff and implementing positive changes. Therefore I am delighted to announce that

- Mrs Smith will be our new SENCo, working in that role Wednesday – Friday.
- Mrs Baldwin will be our Designated Safeguarding Lead, with Mrs Roberts and Mrs Crockett as her deputies.
- Mrs Smith will be responsible for Maple class on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Perry will be responsible for them Wednesday to Friday.
- Mrs Levett will take on overall responsibility for Rowan class.
- Mrs Brooks will be responsible for Hazel class on a Monday/Tuesday and Mr Coulson will be responsible for them on Tuesday to Friday.
- Mrs Brooks will continue to be responsible for the wellbeing of pupils and staff across years 2 and 3.
- Ms Murphy will be returning to support teachers' planning time on Tuesday to Thursday.
- Claudine - SEN Administrator.

Finally, thank you everyone for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to the values of Claremont throughout this term.

I wish you all a joyful Christmas and happiness in 2019 and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs Crockett

### Upcoming changes to trainee teacher placements

As part of their ongoing professional development, Emily Downs (currently in Ash) and Sam George (currently in Acer) will be relocating to a different school for the first half of the Spring term. They will have the chance to further hone their teaching skills and gain experience in a different year group to the one they are currently in.

We will be joined by three trainee teachers who are coming to Claremont for their contrasting placement - Karie Killick (joining Acer), Harriet Thompson (joining Ash) and Daisy Deagle (joining Hazel). This morning, the children had the opportunity to meet the teachers joining their class up to Half Term and we look forward to welcoming them after the Christmas break. Miss Downs and Mr George will then be returning to us after the February Half Term.

### NSPCC 'Speak out Stay safe' session

Please read a letter sent home with your child this week regarding a visit from the NSPCC on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. If you would like any more information about this, then please visit <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe/>

Issue 7 of the Claremont Chronicle is now available to view on the School website. The theme is the First World War. We meet a poppy seller, hear family war stories, learn about a local war hero and find out what the women war workers did. We also feature one of our longest-serving teaching assistants, our very own International chess Grandmaster and a local BBC journalist. There are games, jokes, reviews, teachers' pets and loads more!

Paper copies of the Chronicle will be available to buy for £1 at home time at the school gates on the last day of term, all proceeds going to the school.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and helpers we have had in over the last few weeks. Christmas activities and events couldn't happen without all of you and especially the PTA. Here are some of the festive helpers who were in to serve Christmas Dinner on Wednesday.



## Year 6

### Year 6 Documentaries

We have had quite a few requests from parents for copies of their child's documentary. As a result, we are happy for them to bring in a memory stick for us to copy it to after Christmas.

We have also had a request from the staff at the spa valley railway to have a couple of the documentaries to show on their small cinema about the railway.

Please can you let us know, in writing by the end of term, if you would rather your child's documentary was not shared.

Also, thank you so much for all your help and support this term with the children bringing things in and offering help to walk to various places. We really appreciate it.

There will be no homework over Christmas, apart from reading.

We hope you enjoy the break. Merry Christmas!

Thank you, Mrs Ball, Mrs Ball and Mr Hume.

## Clubs and Activities

There are a number of flyers for the following clubs attached to the email:

Coding Club – after school on Tuesdays

First Class Football – after school on Fridays

Winter Play scheme – during the Christmas holidays at Bishops Down Primary School

Winter Lantern Parade – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## Sports Newsletter

### Cross Country Success on 2 fronts!

In November Claremont attended 2 races. The first one was at Mascalls where all runners ran superbly. It was quite a long course and very exposed to the wind. But Claremont were incredible with the following results:

Y3/4 Girls: Isla- 1<sup>st</sup>, Niamh 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lizzie 6<sup>th</sup>, Christabel 8<sup>th</sup>, Ciara 17<sup>th</sup>

Y3/4 Boys: Louis 1<sup>st</sup>, William 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hamish 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harrison 4<sup>th</sup>, Henry B 5<sup>th</sup>, Henry G 6<sup>th</sup>

Y5/6 Girls: Anika 4<sup>th</sup>, Tilly 5<sup>th</sup>, Ella 6<sup>th</sup>, Evie 8<sup>th</sup>

Y5/6 Boys: Oliver 1<sup>st</sup>, Quentin 9<sup>th</sup>, George W 11<sup>th</sup>, Jacob 14<sup>th</sup>, Gil 21<sup>st</sup>, Robin 40<sup>th</sup>

Claremont won each team competition too!

Then on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 48 children descended on Detling showground for the Kent County Primary School Cross Country Championships. We had representation in every race with some excellent results.

Y3 Girls: Christabel (5<sup>th</sup>), Lola, Ciara= BRONZE TEAM MEDALISTS

Y4 Boys: Louis (6<sup>th</sup>), William, Hamish = SILVER TEAM MEDALISTS

Y4 Girls: Isla (7<sup>th</sup>), Lizzie, Sena (10<sup>th</sup>) = BRONZE TEAM MEDALISTS

Y6 Boys: Oliver (1<sup>st</sup>), Quentin, Ethan= SILVER TEAM MEDALISTS

Y6 GIRLS: Tilly, Anika, Carmen = BRONZE TEAM MEDALISTS.

We had some great runs from each and every runner and it was a pleasure to cheer them on all morning!

### Athletics

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 24 children went to the Angel Centre to compete in the sportshall qualifier for Tunbridge Wells Schools. They all raced, jumped, bounced and threw superbly. Some stand out performances include George W, Ella and Evie both jumping 6m in triple jump, some great victories on the track by Ella and Tilly in the 6 lap. I was very impressed with the determination of each and every one of the athletes. Overall we came 2<sup>nd</sup> by only 10 points!

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 28 children travelled to Ashford for the Kent County Sportshall Championships. This was against athletics clubs instead of schools! We had a mixture of teams from Y4-6. Again we had some superb performances with the following results:

Balance Test: Kitti and Anika = Gold Medalists

Chest Push: Gregory and Lucas/ Alice and Eva = Gold Medalists

Speed Bounce: George W and Quentin = Gold Medalists

2x1 lap: Evie and Deborah = Gold Medalists

Claremont 2: George V, Oscar, Tilly, Ella = Team Bronze

Claremont 1: Deborah, Evie, George W, Quentin = Team Gold

Claremont 1 only won by ½ a point the closest this competition has ever had!!

### **Girls Basketball**



On 28<sup>th</sup> November 16 very excited girls went to play in a girls basketball tournament hosted by Sevenoaks Suns at Hayesbrook. Each team played 5 games with some excellent shooting and dribbling by all. They even got a small coaching session from the head coach of Sevenoaks Suns. I was very impressed with the fun had by all, and hopefully some inspired girls to try different sports.

Thank you to all the parents that transported to all these events and the support given throughout the year so far!

Please note Mr Hogwood's clubs will start on the following days in January:

Cross Country: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Y5/6 Indoor Athletics: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Y3/4 Indoor Athletics: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January

**NEW: Y5/6 Hockey: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 3.30-4.30pm (gum shields needed). If you wish to join this club then please email me on [sport@claremont.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sport@claremont.kent.sch.uk). Also if anyone can assist with hockey, just being extra eyes on the playground then please let me know!**

If anyone wishes to join these clubs then please drop me an email on [sport@claremont.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sport@claremont.kent.sch.uk)

## **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.

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec – 1.30pm Y2/3 Christmas Party, 3.30pm Y2/3 choir to Milward homes, 6.30pm Y4-6 Carol Service at King Charles the Martyr**

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec – PTA Secret Room**

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last day of term**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – School Closed – Staff Development Day**

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