

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 7th December 2018

Whole School

Final call for the Acceptable Use Policy agreement (AUP). Thank you to those of you who have returned the signed form already. If not, please could you return it by Monday 10th December.

We are delighted to say that the school office is now back to full strength. Our team members are Mrs Julie Cook, School Business Manager; Mrs Jodi Stevens, Office Manager and Admissions; Mrs Stephanie Kirk, Administrative Assistant and Attendance Officer; and Mrs Diana Greenwood, Finance Assistant. For all general enquiries please email admin@claremont.kent.sch.uk and for all finance and school payments enquiries, please email finance@claremont.kent.sch.uk

Mr Hogwood's before and after school sports clubs will NOT be running next week. An email will come out in January with new start dates.

A bumper sports report for term 2 will be sent out next week.

BDA Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark. The BDA Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark is an external sign of approval of a dyslexia friendly organisation. It is conferred by the BDA. This award is issued to those organisations who have met; at the time of verification, and continue to meet the quality standards relevant to that organisation for the duration of the BDA Dyslexia Friendly Quality Mark award period.



Congratulations to Mrs. Street and the Dyslexia Working party and to all the staff, governors, parents and children who contributed to us gaining this award. Well done everyone!

Thank you to those of you who have returned their **data sheet** that was given out at Parents' evenings this week. I am still missing quite a few however, and would be grateful if you could check and sign your form and return to me in the school office as soon as possible. Please return even if there are no changes.

Many thanks, Jodi Stevens

The **Christmas Post Box** will be open for business from Monday 10th until Monday 17th December. This will be outside the school office. Please make sure Christmas Card envelopes are labelled with the child's class.

Another reminder re **dropping off your children in Farmcombe Road**. Please do not drop children at the end of Banner Farm Road as this should be a safe crossing place for children. If you stop here, children cannot see to cross the road safely. We had 4 complaints this morning from parents walking their children to school.

PLEASE can you check your children's hair for **headlice** and treat if necessary. We have had cases reported throughout the school this week. Please contact the office for information if required.

Don't forget to book tickets online for the **YR/1 and Y2/3 Christmas performances** next week. Please click on the Parents' Evening System logo at the bottom of the home page on the school website. Please see the diary dates below for dates and times.

Hopefully you will have seen the email sent yesterday with details of the **Discover Exhibition** in and around school on Monday 10th December from 3.30-5.00pm. The children have been working hard on their History projects and we hope you will come along to see them.

Congratulations to Juniper class who reached Number 1 in the Country in Mathletics! They amassed 164,000 points for the week. This is a tremendous achievement, all children contributed over 1,500 points each. Keep up the good work. 😊

There will be some changes to the school dinner menu in the run up to the end of term:

Tuesday 11th Dec: Sausage, scrambled egg, beans and hash brown, sticky toffee pudding and sauce

Thursday 13th Dec: The dessert will now be jelly

Tuesday 18th Dec: Chicken curry, flapjack

Wednesday 19th Dec: Fish and chips, jelly

Year 3

Year 3 Homework and Housekeeping

It has been a very exciting week in Year 3. It has been our Discover Project week and the children have been working incredibly hard on some fantastic items for the exhibition next Monday. The children were also wowed by the amazing Hands on History on Thursday, which enriched our history curriculum in so many ways. Hopefully they all came home and told you something interesting they learned.

Homework

As we are moving toward the end of term, and with so many rehearsals and performances still to come, this will be the last week of spellings this side of Christmas. The Spelling Bee will take place for the current set of words on Monday but they will not have any new words to learn next weekend. We have also come to the end of our weekly Times Tables and Division Facts for now. These will restart after Christmas, alongside spellings. Lastly, there will be no further updates to Mathletics this term but the option to test themselves using Live Mathletics or explore the rest of Mathletics will still be available.

Housekeeping

Hazel will be going into the woods on Wednesday 12th in the morning for the outdoor history activity that we had to cancel last week. Therefore, especially given the weather at the moment, please can you ensure that your child has a warm coat, gloves etc and suitable footwear in school on Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the Discover exhibition and performances of Lights, Camel, Action next week.

The Year 3 Team

Year 6

VE Day Celebration and Spa Valley Visit

On Wednesday, Year 6 got into role and celebrated the end of the World War Two with a VE day party, with authentic 1940s food. We were fortunate enough to be able to visit the Spa Valley railway, where the children were able to go on the trains and platform and film for their World War Two documentaries. These can be viewed at the exhibition on Monday.



After School Clubs

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year

I just wanted to take the time to say a huge thank you to all of you who have attended my yoga classes and supported me in 2018. It really has been an absolute pleasure teaching the students at Claremont!

I'm now also taking bookings for Yoga Club in January 2019!

Classes recommence on Thursday 10th January in the school hall from 3.30 to 4.30. The term will last for 12 weeks but you can book a batch of six classes for £51.

As always I have lots of lovely yoga classes planned to help give your child the tools and techniques to empower and build their confidence; on a physical, emotional and mental level.

Yoga and mindfulness will help students to learn to use their bodies and minds in a less prescriptive way, rather than more formal types of physical education. Classes are non competitive and invite young people of differing abilities to join in the fun!

Please do email if you have any questions relating to any of the sessions. I recommend booking on to courses early to avoid disappointment. No need to pay until January!

I look forward to seeing you in 2019. Namaste everyone. Warm wishes, Joanna

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.

10th Dec – Y4 Viking Day, 3.30-5.00pm Discover Exhibition

11th Dec – 10.00am YR/1 Christmas Production (with toddlers), 2.15pm Y2/3 Christmas Performance (adults only), Boys' football home to St James

12th Dec – School Christmas Dinner

13th Dec – 10.00am Y2/3 Christmas Production (with toddlers), 10.30am Y4 and Elder class to Trinity, 2.30pm YR/1 Christmas Performance (adults only), PTA Cinema Club in hall after school

14th Dec – Y6 and Linden class to Trinity, YR/1 parties in hall pm

