

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 8th February 2019

Whole School

Attendance and Punctuality

Just a reminder of the morning timings: doors open at 8.45am and children are expected to be in school, in their classes and ready to start work at **8.55am**. School gates and the Reception pen gates will be closed at 8.55am. Any children arriving after this time must report to the school office. **Registers are taken at 9.00am** and any children arriving at, or after, this time will be marked as **late**. Please ensure that your children are in school at 8.55am so as to avoid missing important work at the start of the school day and disrupting the class and the teachers.

We are also noticing an increase in holiday absence requests including asking teachers to provide work for children while they are missing school. Please avoid taking holidays during term time. Teaching staff do not have the capacity to make individual arrangements for those doing so and, as I am sure you are aware, a pupil's absence can seriously disrupt their learning, as they not only miss out on teaching while they are away but they are less prepared for future lessons when they return. Many thanks for your support.

Sylvia Crockett

Safer Internet Day 5th February 2019

We held two Assemblies this week, one for KS1 and another for KS2 where we talked to all the children about keeping safe on the internet. The children have also had circle times in their classes to discuss any issues they may have. Please ask your children to tell you about this and also use it as an opportunity for further discussion.

If you would like the school to organise a talk for parents and carers on keeping your child safe on the internet please can you let your child's teacher know and, if we get enough interest, we will organise one for later in the year.

For more information on Internet Safety please go to www.saferinternet.org.uk or look on the Claremont website for other helpful E-Safety websites.

Michele Baldwin.

Y6 CHOIR: YOUNG VOICES AT THE O2

On Monday night, pupils from Year 6 sang at the O2 arena in London. They sang with enthusiasm and energy and we were all very proud of them.



Reading Challenge Success!

Back in the summer term last year, we set the children a challenge to read as many books as they could from the 'TES Top 100 Books to Read' list. We were delighted to discover that three boys from Whitebeam set themselves the challenge to read ALL 100 of them. They completed the challenge this term! We are so impressed by their determination. Congratulations to James Coshell, Conrad Szarowicz and Charlie Skinner!

Please find attached a copy of an education consultation document sent on behalf of the St James' Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School and St James' Church of England Junior School Governing Bodies.

The Governing Bodies, with support from Kent County Council, are proposing to amalgamate the two Schools to form one all-through Primary School from 1st September 2019.

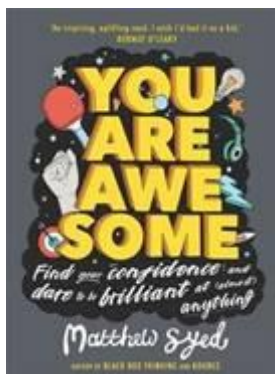
The consultation will take place from Monday 4th February 2019 to 9am on Monday 4th March 2019. Following the consultation, the Governing Bodies will consider all views expressed and will then determine whether to issue a public notice.

Acer Class

Acer's book of the week

In Acer class, we have the opportunity to share a book we are enjoying at the moment and recommend it to the class. We then have a class vote to decide on the book of the week!

This week's recommended book is...



'You are awesome' by Matthew Syed.

This book was recommended by Dylan Brown. He loves this book because it helps the reader to develop their confidence; this book is a reminder that you can do anything if you work hard and don't give up!

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 Feb – KS1 drama workshops, 9.30-11.30 am Y4-6 Choir rehearsal performance at Assembly Halls and 6.30-8.00pm performance

12th Feb – 1.30-2.30pm Y2 to Singing workshop at Assembly Halls

13th Feb – 2.30-5.00pm Y3/4 Sportshall athletics at Mascalls

14th Feb – 3.30-5.00pm Y5/6 PTA Disco in hall

15th Feb –