

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 9th November 2018

Whole School

Reception places for September 2019. If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you need to apply for them to start school in September next year. Online applications are now open. Please go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The closing date is 15th January 2019. Please don't forget to apply for younger siblings!

Bring your Dad or significant male to school Friday 30th November 2018 9.15am – 10.30am

Children can bring their Dad, or significant male, to school on Friday 30th November from 9.15am – 10.30am

Please come straight to the hall after drop off. There will be a welcome from Mrs Crockett and the PTA at 9.15am after which you are invited to visit your child (or children's) classes. We look forward to seeing you then.

Year 1 – 6 Open Day in the afternoon of Monday 12th November. If you would like to visit the school please use the online booking system (please access via the Parents Evening System logo on the website). Bookings are one per family and please log in with your eldest child's details. Bookings close on 11th November at 6.00pm. There are a limited number of places per session. Each session is 30 minutes long, with the first one starting at 1.30pm

The deadline for sending in your orders for **individual and sibling photo** is next **Friday 16th November**.

Banner Farm Road. Please can we remind parents to not drive up Banner Farm Road, particularly at drop off and pick up times. The car park is also for staff only and not to be used as a place to drop children off, particularly at the entrance to the car park.

We have also received requests from the residents of Banner Farm Road to respect their access to their driveways. An increasing number of cars are parking along here parking over driveways.

As you will be aware, smoking on the school site is prohibited. Please remind any au pairs or childminders not to smoke when dropping off or picking up.

Headlice. The school has been advised of a campaign to prevent headlice in schools. Please take a look at www.onceaweektakeapeek.com for advice and free resources.

We have received a letter of thanks from the Hospice in the Weald who were one of our school charities last year. We raised that sum of £887.47. Many thanks for your support.

Interested in becoming a teacher? The next **Get Into Teaching** event will be held at Claremont on Monday 26th November at 7.00pm.

Please see attached flyer for drop-in session on Monday 12 November 10am – 12noon at The Ark Children's Centre for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

Kent County Council is consulting on proposed changes to admissions arrangements for all Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for intake in September 2018. The proposal is to provide priority to children adopted from outside of England, in line with Nick Gibb's request in November 2017. (Please see two letters attached).

The consultation of the proposed changes will run until 10 December 2018. The consultation documents can be found and responses can be submitted via the [questionnaire here](#). If paper copies are required, respondents should contact 03000 41 21 21 and ask to speak to the school admissions department. Parents will also be able to find consultations from any other own admission authority school at www.kent.gov.uk/admissionscriteria

Responses will be collated and presented to Kent County Council's Cabinet for a determination. Once determined the final admission arrangements will be placed on Kent's website at www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any queries, please contact kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Year 1

Dear Parents,

Please be advised that on Friday 16th November for our trip to Tonbridge Castle, the children will be returning back to school ready to be picked up at the usual time of 3.25pm.

Many thanks,

The Year One Team

Year 6

Children in Year 6 will be bringing home a letter today from the NHS School Public Health Service regarding an online health and wellbeing questionnaire that they will complete at school. This questionnaire will help to identify any support your child may need to help them feel more prepared and able to cope with their transition to secondary school.

If you **do not** wish your child to complete the online questionnaire you will need to contact the NHS team direct on the telephone number on the letter by 23rd November. The school is unable to take any opt-out instructions. Should you need any further information please speak to the school office.

Sports

Please could all Claremont sports kit, polo shirts, running vests etc, please be returned to Mr Hogwood as soon as possible for forthcoming events. Many thanks.

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.

12th Nov – Anti-Bullying week, Y1-6 Open Afternoon

13th Nov – French school to visit Claremont

14th Nov –

15th Nov – YR and Y6 Height and Weight checks am

16th Nov – Y1 to Tonbridge Castle, 3.45pm Girls' football home to Speldhurst