

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 14th September 2018

Whole School

Today is National Teaching Assistants' Day and we have celebrated the hard work and dedication of our amazing team of Teaching Partners.



Harvest Festival.

Just a reminder that next Friday 21st September will be our Harvest Assembly. Each year we collect dried and tinned goods which go to the food bank run by St Augustine's church, who distribute food parcels locally. They would be grateful for donations of tinned meat, tinned vegetables, cereal, tea and coffee, tinned fruit, tinned soup, pasta sauces and biscuits. Please can we also ask for at least items within at least 6 MONTHS of their sell by date.

Please bring your donations to school on Friday 21st September. Thank you!

Accelerated Reader

We have been successfully using Accelerated Reader from Renaissance Learning for the past few years in Year 3-6 and it has made such an enormous difference to our children's reading. Please find attached a document that explains how Accelerated Reader works and how we use it at Claremont. There is also some information about Home Connect - a way for you to monitor your child's progress from home. Reminders for how to create an account will be sent home with your child in the next few weeks.

The National Online Safety Team have produced a free guide for WhatsApp:

Whatsapp is the largest global social messaging platform, with over 1.5 billion users per month, and this free guide for parents & carers covers what they need to know about the platform to help safeguard their children from potential online risks including; *the new age limit (16+), scam messages, connecting with strangers, location sharing and more.*

For more information regarding our NOS Certified School Community package, developed in line with the new 2018 DfE Statutory Guidance, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', please complete the form here: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/online-safety-certified-schools-accreditation/>

National Online Safety

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We will soon be voting for the school charities that we will be raising money for this year. If any children, parents or staff have a charity that they would like us to consider, please let Mrs Smith know.

Home Time Arrangements form – please can we remind you to return these forms to the class teachers as soon as possible. Spare copies can be downloaded from the school website.

Claremont's Mosaic Club have produced these beautiful House plaques. These will be on display in the corridor leading down to the IT suite so that every pupil will see them regularly.



PTA

The PTA are seeking volunteers to help manage the Nearly New Uniform stock and sales. There is currently no-one able to run it. If you can spare a couple of hours here and there, please contact beccybarr@gmail.com

The next sale is on Thursday 20th September from 3.30-4.30pm

Clubs

Please see the attached flyer for **French Club for Years 1-4**

Claremont Chess Club (CCC) starts Friday 21st September 12:30-13:30.

The children interested in joining can add their name to the list on the notice board by the stairs. CCC would love more parents to be involved even if you do not play chess. Please contact me directly <thaotraining@yahoo.co.uk> if you can spare the time. There will be a few changes to the club and we will inform the children and parents as CCC progresses.

Steel pans is back at Claremont and now recruiting in years 4, 5 and 6.

There are two steel pans bands at Claremont: the beginners band for Year 4 only and a senior band for children in Years 5 and 6 (beginners in those years are welcome to come along to that band as well). Starting Monday 24th September.

Year 5 and 6 band meets at 3.30 - 4.30 on a Monday in the hall. Beginners Year 4 band meets at 4.30 - 5.30pm in the hall. Lessons cost £7 per hour or £70 for a full term of 10 weeks. For more information and to enrol, please go to steelbeatz.co.uk and use the contact page to email me.

CAMBRIDGE GARDENS AND CAMDEN HILL – Local residents have already complained about parents driving too fast and parking inconsiderately along Camden Hill. We have also had a complaint about a parent parking on the yellow lines at the bottom of Banner Farm Road. If you are the driver of VN12 YDD, please park safely along Farmcombe Road.

You are aware that we have worked diligently to secure new school signs and markings but we cannot sustain safety without you.

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for next week

The calendar dates for the next academic year have been added to the website.

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.

17th Sep – Reception classes start full time

18th Sep – 3.30pm A&B goalkeeping trial

19th Sep – 50th anniversary lunch for pupils, staff and governors

20th Sep – 3.00-4.00pm Nearly New Uniform sale

21st Sep – Harvest Assembly, welcome drinks for new parents at Woods