

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 4th October 2019

Whole School

Years 4-6 Phase Poetry

On Wednesday, groups of children across years 4-6 joined together to rehearse and perform a poem. They focused on many skills, including tone of voice, facial expression and gesture. Well done to all who took part – especially those groups that made the final!



Special Visitor

On Tuesday, Year 6 pupils were incredibly fortunate to receive two special visitors. Mr Tom Paradise – who was evacuated during World War Two - came to talk to the children about his experiences during the conflict, including rationing and life on the Home Front. James also shared his memories from the war, having grown up in and around Tonbridge and Paddock Wood. The children were fascinated by his stories of bombings in the area. We send our warmest thanks to Tom and James.

The Year 6 team.



ROOFING WORKS

We are delighted to inform you that thanks to the support of Kent County Council we are having parts of our school roof replaced, at no cost to our own school budget. Such support from the local authority is wonderful and we are indeed very fortunate to be receiving this.

As you can imagine, there is no easy time to undergo a project such as this and thus an element of disruption is inevitable. The works are programmed to take 5 weeks (weather dependant), commencing Monday 21st October 2019. It is with this in mind that I am sending you this communication as I want to make you aware of this forthcoming project and ask that you understand and work with us through this period of roof replacement.

The project is being managed between KCC and Amey with the chosen roofing contractor being Higham Roofing and Construction.

Two roof areas are due to be replaced:

- Above the main school hall &
- Above the staffroom and staff toilets

When the roof was replaced above the classrooms (back in Jan 17, unbelievably) the existing roofing needed to be removed, causing quite a lot of dust and disruption. The plan for these works is to actually place the new roofing and insulation over the existing, thereby reducing the level of dust and disruption considerably – which is great news.

As part of the works, scaffolding will be in place around the rear of the school to not only protect people on the ground but also to give the workers a protective hand rail whilst on the roof. Protective canopies will also be in place across the front entrance to the school, the hall doors by the library block as well as to areas to the rear of the school, to ensure an extra level of protection to those on the ground.

Welfare provision will be offered on the back corner of the top playground, ensuring that the contractors have a dedicated, contained work area away from any of the pupils of the school. Skips will also be on site for the collection of debris removed from the roof. These will be placed at the back of the staff car park, along with a dedicated storage container for the roofing items needed.

Finally, to ensure the safety of all users of the school, the school will be **CLOSED to ALL** between Monday 21st October 2019 and Sunday 27th October 2019. Please **DO NOT** visit the school at any time during this period as the contractors will be installing the scaffolding, walkway canopies, skips and welfare areas.

Thank you so much for your understanding in this matter and please feel free to contact me directly if you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss.

Julie Cook, School Business Manager

Annual nasal flu vaccination

This year the nasal flu vaccinations will take place in school on Thursday 31st October. All children, from Reception to Year 6, are offered the flu vaccination and a letter is attached from the NHS School Immunisation team for your information.

This year, the consent form is online at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/childhood-flu-immunisation-consent-form/> and all parents must complete the online consent form marking whether you consent **or** decline consent before **Thursday 24th October 2019**. After this date the online consent form will close and your child will not be vaccinated in school – the NHS Immunisation Team are unable to accept late consents.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the nasal flu vaccination please contact the NHS Immunisation Service on 0300 123 5205.

We have received a letter from the **St. Augustine's Church Food Bank** thanking pupils, staff and parents for their generosity. They are currently providing food to about 75 needy people a week, of whom 37 are children. In addition to this, support can also be given to the lunchtime Soup Bowls and local hostels for the homeless.

Please remember that children are now expected to wear **winter uniform**. Ties should be worn by children in Years 2 and above. Please see the website for details.

Dinner Money – just a reminder to keep your balances for School Dinners topped up. Many thanks.

Year 3

Just a reminder to Y3 that there will be no Y3/4 Hockey on Thursday 10th October, or Y3/4 indoor athletics on Friday 11th October due to Carrot Wood.

SEN

Cuppa, Chat and Cheer-Up!

Come join other SEN parents and carers for a cuppa and chat, meet other people in exactly the same position as you, ask for help or support, make new friends and have a giggle.

Southborough Children's Centre

Broomhill Park Road
TN4 0JY

1st Tuesday of each month

(1/10, 5/11, 3/12)

1.00-2.30 pm

For more information, Email: senstunbridgewells@gmail.com or find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SENsTW>

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.

7th Oct – Y4 Saxon Day

8th Oct –

9th Oct – Boys and Girls' football tournament at St Greg's

10th Oct – Y4 to Carrot Wood/ Owls to visit Reception year

11th Oct – Y4 to Carrot Wood