

CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK ENDING 13th September 2019

Whole School

Harvest Festival - On Friday 20th September, we are holding our Harvest assembly. Each year we collect food for the St Augustine's Food Bank. The Food Bank supports around 67 local people each week, about 30 of whom are children. In addition, the Welfare Team supports 15 local families, Nourish food bank and the three hostels in the town and the Winter Shelter when it is in operation.

As the Food Bank is supporting people with very limited cooking facilities, they ask that we provide food from the following list:

Tinned soup, tinned tuna, tinned meat (corned beef, ham, meat balls, stew and mince), tinned vegetables, tinned spaghetti, macaroni and ravioli, tinned fruit, jams, Nutella, breakfast cereals and biscuits. Please ensure that all foods are at least six months within their sell by date.

Please bring any donations to school on Friday 20th September. The children can bring these straight to the Hall as they come into school.

Thank you for your support, Mrs Smith

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.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS – Just a reminder that anyone who is new to volunteering this year or hasn't volunteered for some time, **MUST** attend the volunteers' meeting in the hall after drop off on **Monday 30th September**.

We have added an ADDITIONAL DATE of Tuesday 1st October at 3.00pm.

Once you have attended this meeting, Mrs Stevens who manages the DBS checking process will contact you. Only after your DBS check is through will you be able to start volunteering. Check times vary from person to person and according to how busy the system is.

If you are continuing to volunteer from last year, you can start with immediate effect however, you are required to read the safeguarding and volunteer information and sign the Memorandum of Understanding by the end of September. These are now available in the office

We have attached a poster from the **TW Civic Society regarding the forthcoming Heritage Open Days** event, which is taking place from Friday 13th - Sunday 22nd September.

If you are not familiar with the event, it is organised by the Civic Society in association with the National Trust, and this year will offer over 50 free events in and around Tunbridge Wells. Please take a look.

Free School Meals – Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals which will mean that you are eligible for additional benefits. The school will also receive extra funding to support your child if you register. **This also applies to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 although your meals are already paid for.** To find out if you are eligible, please visit the KCC website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

PC Jodie Hobbs, the safer schools coordinator for Kent police, has contacted us to let us know that next week UK Finance and the fraud prevention service Cifas are running a national campaign called "Don't be fooled"

The campaign starts on the 16th September and is supported by Kent Police.

The campaign is designed to raise awareness for parent and guardians and warn children about the dangers of becoming "money mules"

Money mules are people who allow others to access their bank accounts in exchange for a cut of the criminal funds placed there, which in itself is a form of money-laundering that carries a maximum sentence of 14 years' imprisonment.

Young people are often unaware that acting as a money mule is illegal. They are approached to take part online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs.

The increasing use of social media means that young people have never been more vulnerable to becoming victims of fraud. Many youngsters are unaware of the devastating consequences that fraud can have on their future opportunities, and so teachers, parents and carers can play an important role here by ensuring young people have the necessary knowledge and skills to prevent them from unwittingly falling victim to fraud, or even becoming perpetrators themselves.

Year 6

World War 2 Experts

Year 6 pupils will be learning all about World War Two this term. Their enquiry is 'How can we learn from the past?' If you are aware of anybody who would be well placed to talk to the children about the period, please drop a note to Mr Greaves or Mr Hume. You can email the office or send a note via your child. We are particularly interested to hear if anybody knows of someone who was a child at that time and is able to share memories with the children. Many thanks, Mr Greaves and Mr Hume

Music/Clubs

VIOLIN LESSONS AT CLAREMONT

If you are interested in your child learning the violin, please contact Madeleine Butcher on 07960 878616 or email madeleine.butcher@btinternet.com for further details.

First Class Football will be running a **Girls' football club** again on Wednesdays after school. This is for girls in Years 1 – 6. Please see the attached flyer for information.

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.

16th Sep – Reception classes start full time

17th Sep – Y1- 6 Open Event

18th Sep –

19th Sep – Y1- 6 Open Event

20th Sep – Harvest Assembly/ 20 x Y3/4 children to Tag Rugby tournament am/ PTA welcome drinks for new parents at Woods