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Claremont Primary School

Newsletter 23 April 2021



Good afternoon

Welcome back to school for term 5. I hope everyone has had a good Easter break and been able to take advantage of the lifting of some restrictions, the good weather and the reopening of hair salons!

It has been a good week, and the new lunch system was a bit frenetic at the start of the week but is getting slicker by the day. Paul Bilski in year 3 gave us a mantra- we should aim to be 'quick and slick.' After the excitement of being with more of our friends you will be unsurprised to know lunch has been a fairly noisy experience, so we have since extended the mantra to 'quick, slick and quieter.' For the first time Saplings and Acorns have been collecting their own lunches from the serving hatch and clearing away their own trays. They have been brilliant!

Our attendance numbers are still showing us as a healthy school with 99.5% attendance. Hopefully, we will be able to move back to our normal practice before too long.



As always, **all** of the staff have been incredible dealing with the new internal changes; I know they will be relieved also, when the regular systems return to normal. I would personally like to thank them for their continued commitment to Claremont. It is/ has been a tiring year and they continue with their normal enthusiasm and positivity.

The children have been working really hard, and also have opportunity to be outdoors in the sun for a number of lessons. Unfortunately, I have had some communication from neighbours in two different areas this week sharing that pupils have not been behaving appropriately in Grove Park or at the bottom of Banner Farm Road in the mornings. The latter involves some of the older children who are gathering before school at one particular spot. I know they are enjoying the freedom of being allowed out but I would appreciate it if you could chat with them about appropriate behaviours when they are out especially when in school uniform and maintaining respect for our neighbours.

Last night I attended the PTA meeting, and I would like to share my thanks to them for their commitment to us as volunteers and all of the hard work they put in for our children. I was inspired by their enthusiasm and vision.

It remains to say- have an amazing weekend!

Mrs Candi Roberts & The Mighty Claremont Team

Re-introduction of confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device tests at assisted testing sites in schools and colleges

At the end of March, NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for positive lateral flow device (LFD) tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools or colleges. This means that all staff, pupils and students who get a positive LFD test, whether at home or supervised at their school or college, should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days of the positive LFD result.

Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with [NHS Test and Trace guidance](#) and while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can also end their self-isolation.



If you would like to join our team please do visit Kent Teach to see the exciting opportunities.

Vacancies:

1. Someone to join our teaching team

[Kent School Jobs - Teaching Jobs in Kent | School Support Jobs in Kent \(kent-teach.com\)](#)



Online Exhibition

Friday 30th April – from 12pm

On Friday 30th April, we will be sharing pupil projects that were done in the previous 'Explore' term. Projects will have a geography focus. Due to the current, ongoing situation, we will continue to carry out our exhibitions online. Your child's work will be shared with you via Teams. If the teacher is uploading a video then a link will be provided, which will take you to an area where you can view the presentation. We hope you enjoy watching them!

Thank you,

Mr Greaves



Curriculum Newsletters

This term's curriculum newsletters are now on the website; you will be able to see what your child will be learning in the 'Create' term. Select the 'Children and Learning' tab at the top of the page and then select 'Claremont – Our Curriculum'.



PTA Newsletter

The PTA is delighted to share with you their new [website](http://www.claremontprimarypta.com) which has launched today.

Add <http://www.claremontprimarypta.com> to your favourites now!

Please take a look for info on how to get involved, how to donate, and in particular on the **events page**, for details of:

- the 2nd hand uniform sale, which will launch at 8am THIS SATURDAY,
- the Ecolidz collection we have organised for 5th May, and
- the latest fundraising event - the Family 5k - Do It Your Way - on Sunday 16th May for which you can now buy tickets and share the Localgiving sponsorship page with all your friends and family.

Please also remember to follow the PTA on social media where you can easily find their latest news:

@claremontprimarypta on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

@ClaremontSchPTA on Twitter

West Kent Family Advice Line

Monday - Friday
9.30AM - 2.30PM
☎ 03000 414415

Parents and carers from West Kent can phone the advice line to receive FREE advice, guidance and information around a wide range of topics including:

- Free for 2 -free childcare for 2 & 3-year olds**
- Parenting advice and support**
i.e. managing children's behaviour, child development.
- Emotional health and wellbeing**
For your child and yourself.
- Children's activities**
Ideas to do at home with your child/children.
- Signpost to other services that can support you**
i.e. Housing, Domestic Abuse.
- Other topics.**

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

A message from Councillor Joy Podbury

Mayor of the Borough of Tunbridge Wells

As I come towards the end of a very different Mayoral year, I would like to say a very big, heartfelt thank you to every one of you who have supported me and my charity, Porchlight. Together we have raised an incredible **£7,300**. This is especially incredible as this has been achieved in such a difficult year and just from our emails seeking donations rather than actual fundraising events. I also thought you might like to hear how your donations are being used.

Porchlight tell me that "Donations to the Mayor's Appeal have been used to fund our most vital frontline services. This includes our helpline which has seen a dramatic increase in demand as a result of the pandemic and offers a lifeline to anyone, from people at risk of becoming homeless to people already unfortunate enough to be living on the streets.

It has also supported our rough sleeper service, enabling our Outreach team to continue to go out on the streets and support people who have been found sleeping rough even throughout lockdowns.

We have been delivering support services to adults, children and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Finally, our BeYou Project, helping young people has also been supported through your donations. We have currently had to move this service virtual with county wide Zoom groups that have proved incredibly popular.

Porchlight are still accepting donations for my Mayoral year so if you or anyone else you know might be in a position to, and wish to add to the total raised you can do so by visiting www.porchlight.org.uk/donate. Please put Mayor in the reference so that it can be added to the total Mayoral year donations.

Thank you once again.

Stay safe and well.

Joy

Supporting your child with a bereavement

We have attached a document sharing the details of an upcoming information session that is being held for parents and carers of children/young people that have lost or are preparing to lose a loved one.

This session will be held via zoom on the 28th April at 7:30pm and is aimed at providing advice on how to support a child/young person through the loss.