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Claremont Primary School  
Newsletter 21 July 2021



And so the school year comes to a close...

Today we said some Goodbyes to our brilliant year 6 and some cherished members of staff. It was a joyful, albeit weepy, celebration where every person in the school wanted to send their best wishes to them.

The Autumn school term begins on September 1<sup>st</sup>, however there are two Staff Development Days on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and so the children return on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**. Please see our website for full term dates [Term dates \(claremont.kent.sch.uk\)](http://claremont.kent.sch.uk) and calendar [Claremont Primary School - Calendar](#).

We will then be saying many hellos- to our new children, and to some new staff members. There are two 'Come for a coffee or tea' opportunities for our brand-new parents on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September where they will have an opportunity to meet each other and also some of our staff and governing body members. This information is in the pack that has been sent.

What a year!!

It is apparent that Covid is part of our future but will not define our behaviours and practices as much moving forward. I have attended a Step 4 webinar for schools this week, and what was really enlightening is that there is a strong recognition that some of the health and safety CV-19 regulations may remain in place or be reinstated if there is a significant rise in positive cases. Things to remain- regular and rigorous cleaning for all, handwashing for all, catch it, bin it, kill it.

There will be a new parent pack before the return to school which will share any new CV-19 related regs etc. A full risk assessment will be carried out, shared with governors and, as before, this will inform those packs. On the following page you will see our intention for the start of September- please do take time to read it.

I would like to take a moment to say a huge thank you to every one in our community- our children, our parents and carers, every single member of staff. It has been a very different year- one which nobody could have prepared us for. Thank you for your patience, for your adaptability, for your teaching, for your support of us and each other.

Have a fantastic holiday!

Mrs Candi Roberts and the 'always inspiring' Claremont Team

Return: It is our intention to return to normal school days from September. So just in case it is hard to remember what that looks like or in case you are new-

Safeguarding: Mrs Smith is the Designated Safeguarding Lead; Mrs Roberts and Mrs Seddon are deputy DSLs (DDSL)

Opening Times for children: The school opens at **8.45am** and children are not allowed on site without a parent or guardian before this time. Children should be in school by **8.55am as registration is at 9.00am**. Senor Lalo opens all three gates and parents and children make their way to the front of the school, where the children will come in through the year 3 door or the office door. There will be two members of staff at the top of the path to welcome the children. Elder, Juniper and Acer will access their classrooms via their back doors. Linden, Hawthorn and Whitebeam will come through the main door and go up the stairs to their classes.

Acorns and Saplings parents make their way to the outdoor area of the Early Years classrooms as shown in the video on the website: [Claremont Primary School - Welcome to Reception Year](#)

**NB: Parents are allowed on site; we will work towards parents being able to visit the office** if needed but would prefer to pause that during school drop off, while we get used to our pre-covid procedures. We hope to reinstate this swiftly in consultation with the office staff.

Home-time: Senor Lalo opens all three gates in time for pupils to **finish school at 3.25pm**. **Please do not enter the school site before 3.20pm as lessons and activities will still be taking place.**

- EY Parents will go the pen to collect
- Year 1, 2 and 3 will go onto the top playground. Parents will gather over by the lodge and classes by the school building.
- Year 4, 5 and 6 staff will come out at the end of the day with their class to the front entrance and wait with them the class until they have been collected.

### Uniform and Cloakrooms

Please name all uniform

Winter: Shirts must be tucked in.

- o School jumper (boys) or cardigan (girls) (with school logo)
- o Long-sleeved white polo shirt (Year R and 1 only)
- o White collared shirt with a school tie (Years 2 to 6 only)
- o Mid-grey trousers
- o Mid-grey pleated skirt or pinafore dress with grey tights, grey ankle or calf length socks
- o Suitable black shoes (trainers are not permitted)

Cloakrooms will return and children will be able to bring in relevant items and hang them in the cloakrooms.

PE Kits: We will return to bringing in the PE kits and changing for PE. All children will need to wear school uniform and shoes. Once we have re-established regular routines we will review whether to allow for PE kits to be worn into school. We will give you plenty of notice.



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## Parent Share

New website for parents to boost child's learning and wellbeing this summer

We've launched a brand new site, designed especially for parents, with the support, information and resources they need to help their children enjoy the summer holidays and prepare for the next academic year. The site features links to programmes, activities, resources and videos to boost children's learning and wellbeing aimed at parents of 0-19 year olds, with extra information for parents of SEND children.

### **Dr Alex George's ways to wellbeing**

We have worked with our Youth Mental Health Ambassador, Dr Alex George, on a series of wellbeing videos based on his five core 'ways to wellbeing,' which build on content already in the relationships, sex and health education curriculum.

We are encouraging all education settings, including summer schools and Holiday Activities and Food programme providers, to [download the videos and supporting resources](#) and deliver them throughout the summer holidays, so children can better understand how to look after their own mental health and wellbeing.

[Education catch-up – Find out more about what is on offer to help your academic catch-up and physical, social and mental wellbeing \(campaign.gov.uk\)](#)

The admin team, the midday supervisors and the site management team would all like to thank you for your very kind gifts. We are all always delighted and grateful to you all for your generosity and to the PTA for organising this.

Thank you also for your support and kind words during an odd year. We in the front office normally see so many of you and have the chance to get to know our new parents so we are all hoping that things return to normal as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

Best wishes

Jodi

### Thursday After School Craft Club

Unfortunately, the club is full and the waiting list is also full. Peta is unable to add any more children to the waiting list at the moment.

## Lands' End to John O'Groats Challenge

I am thrilled to announce that we have successfully walked a massive 1262 miles across the whole school. The journey is 603 miles from Lands' End to John O'Groats, therefore we have walked there and back! Thank you to all the children, teaching staff and volunteers that facilitated this fundraiser. The total miles walked are as follows:

Reception	43 miles
Year 1	271 miles
Year 2	168 miles
Year 3	190 miles
Year 4	199 miles
Year 5	184 miles
Year 6	207 miles

Thank you for all your kind donations, we have raised a fantastic £566.70. A special mention also goes to the Quinn Family. They kindly donated proceeds from a concert they performed in to add to the total donation.

It has been a great way to end the school fundraising year.

Mrs Brookbank  
Charities Team