



Good afternoon

Well it appears as if the weather has changed, and the past couple of days have shown a wetter profile. That said, we have had another successful week with more children in attendance as time has gone on. This is great news and shows us to be a healthy community. To help us remain that way, please do make sure your child picks up their coat in the morning and dresses appropriately for the weather as playtimes and some lessons will still take place outdoors.

Well done to all members of Acorns and Saplings who have had their first full week.



As we know, the government are administering more regulations to limit gatherings again with the Rule of 6, and some earlier closing of premises where groups may gather. In addition, face coverings are becoming mandatory in many more areas and maintaining social distances. With this in mind, I would ask that from Monday, parents do wear a face covering during drop off and collection times if possible; this will also support those who are feeling more anxious at the moment.



Also at school most of our staff meetings will be virtual, and the Rule of 6 implemented in staff meeting areas. This rule **may** impact after school clubs, and so communication will come out if this changes any clubs your children are attending.

Some good news- I would like to welcome Victoria Frost and Julia Francis to our brilliant MDMS team; the MDMS team and our catering company CDC, are doing a sterling job supporting the pupils during the staggered sittings. All members of the SLT have done daily lunch duties and other members of the team have stood in at short notice to support as well. It has been one of our biggest challenges and I would like to thank Miss James and Mrs Saunders for their organisation and commitment to ensuring the lunch is a happy experience for the children.

Next week we are having our first virtual parents' consultation meeting; as you are aware we brought forward the meetings so that your children's new teacher is able to 'meet' you and for you to hold a collaborative discussion about your child(ren). I will be interested to see how these go.

Finally, we would normally hold Open Mornings for potential new parents and children to Claremont. Please look out for a tab on the website home page for an Open Morning tab in the near future where we will be providing a presentation to meet the team; general information that would be delivered in the face to face meetings and our video to showcase our amazing pupils.

Have a good weekend, Candi Roberts and the dedicated team at Claremont.

A few reminders:

1. Children should only be bringing in the following items to school. Please **do not** send in items in a plastic bag.
 - A water bottle
 - Packed lunch (if they have one)
 - Year 4 children - a hockey mouth guard
 - Sports Kit if children are attending First Class Football/Cross Country after school
2. Please can you complete a **Request for a Pupil Pass** for any appointments that your child needs to attend. You can photograph the form and email to the school office via admin@claremont.kent.sch.uk

<https://claremont.kent.sch.uk/content/uploads/library/Forms/Application%20for%20Pupil%20Pass%20Nov%2018.pdf>

Year R parents

As part of the 'Discover' term, we will be talking about ourselves and our families.

We would really love you to send in a photo of your family and this will stay in school and be part of our display. It doesn't have to be a posed photo.

Have you had a look at the curriculum newsletter on the school website? (Children and learning/Claremont - Our curriculum and look for the Reception overview - Term 1 (Please see next item))

Reading Books

We would like to start sending home reading scheme books this week. This has been a challenge to organise due to the need to quarantine them when they come in, as they are predominantly made from plastic. We think the best way to manage this, is to do what a lot of other schools are doing, which is to return and re-issue books on two days a week only.

- From next week, we will start to send reading books home for the children.
- They may bring home more than one book at a time. We are not expecting them to read both in one night, but to spread them out between the days they are able to have them changed.
- **We are asking please that books only come back in to school on a Monday or a Friday.**
- As we are still not using bags, the children will need to carry the book in. No plastic bags please.
- New books will be sent home on a Monday or a Friday – please do not send books in on any other days.

If you have a **library book** at home from the end of last year, you can send this in from Monday as well. We are not able to use our library at present but we would like to collect in any outstanding books in the interim.

Curriculum Maps

Terms 1 and 2 **curriculum maps** for all year groups are now available on the school website under Children and Learning/Claremont - Our Curriculum.

It is important that you look at these as they provide essential information for your child's learning.

Year R

<https://claremont.kent.sch.uk/content/uploads/library/Curriculum%20maps/Discover/Reception%20Curriculum%20Overview%20Term%201%20and%202.pdf>

Year 1

<https://claremont.kent.sch.uk/content/uploads/library/Curriculum%20maps/Discover/y1.pdf>

Year 2

<https://claremont.kent.sch.uk/content/uploads/library/Curriculum%20maps/Discover/Year%202%20Curriculum%20Letter%20T1%202020.pdf>

Year 3

<https://claremont.kent.sch.uk/content/uploads/library/Curriculum%20maps/Discover/Year%203%20Curriculum%20Overview%20-%20Term%201%20Discover%202019-20.pdf>

Year 4

<https://claremont.kent.sch.uk/content/uploads/library/Curriculum%20maps/Discover/Y4.pdf>

Year 5

<https://claremont.kent.sch.uk/content/uploads/library/Curriculum%20maps/Discover/Y5.pdf>

Year 6

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Flu Immunisations

The school has been allocated 4th December for flu immunisations. These will be offered to children in Years R – 6. This was the date allocated to us by the Kent Immunisation Team.

We will be receiving a link from the Kent Immunisation Team in due course which we will forward to you.

Asparagus & new potato frittata

Ingredients:

- 200g new potatoes, quartered
- 100g asparagus tips
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 40g cheddar, grated
- rocket or mixed leaves, to serve

Method:

1. Heat the grill to high. Put the potatoes in a pan of cold salted water and bring to the boil. Once boiling, cook for 4-5 mins until nearly tender, then add the asparagus for a final 1 min. Drain.
2. Meanwhile, heat the oil in an ovenproof frying pan and add the onion. Cook for about 8 mins until softened.
3. Mix the eggs with half the cheese in a jug and season well. Pour over the onion in the pan, then scatter over the asparagus and potatoes. Top with the remaining cheese and put under the grill for 5 mins or until golden and cooked through. Cut into wedges and serve from the pan with salad.

