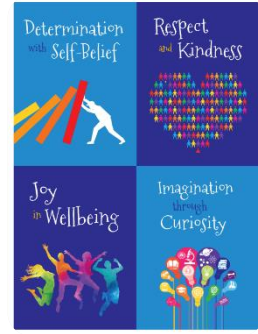




Claremont Primary School

Newsletter 7th July 2023



Good afternoon



I hope everyone has enjoyed the week.

Thank you, Acorns, for your brilliant assembly this morning! It ended the week with such joy!

Also, Year 6 proudly performed their show. I had the privilege of watching it on both performances and it was so brilliantly written, hilariously funny and it took some time to recognise the children, both because of their outfits and also for their incredible confidence!! I was filled with pride and completely inspired!



Cultural Celebration Event

Thank you to those of you who have been in touch and shared that you would like to be involved in this.

The date has been set at Thursday 28th September so do *Save-the-Date*.

We will be in touch in the new academic year to share details.

Strike Concerns

This week, a number of concerns have been raised about the learning time lost for the pupils. Everyone is in agreement that this is not ideal. You, me, the teachers! It has been a disruptive time for the children, not just at Claremont, but across the whole country.

Everyone had hoped for a resolution.

I can also understand that it feels unfair as it is only some classes. Other teachers in different unions may strike in the future and this would then impact on those children. They are just waiting for their full ballots to close. Fingers crossed a solution and agreement takes place before that happens.

We receive a range of thoughts from parents- both for and against the strike action. A number were unhappy that remote learning was suggested last time and felt that I wasn't supporting the teachers!

It is not ideal that 7 days of the school year are taken with this.

Please do note that **progress and curriculum coverage** is across **Key Stages** in the National curriculum, for example - KS2 SATs hosts question levels from year 3,4,5 and 6. Teachers will be still be held to account to ensure this coverage has been completed to allow the children to have the best possible opportunity. This will most definitely be part of leaders' monitoring as always.



Sadly, Miss Chelsea Ede, one of our 1:1 Teaching Support assistants, will be moving on to work at a school nearer to her home as her daughter starts school. She has been with us for the past two years and has been such a dedicated team member, including supporting year 6 in Wales two years in a row! We will miss you Chelsea but wish you the very best of luck!

Mrs Charlotte Halfacre is also leaving us; Mrs Halfacre has also been working 1:1 with a pupil for the past few months. Thank you for your commitment to us and lots of luck for the future.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Roberts and the Claremont Team

School Meal Refunds for Years 3-6

Please be aware that all meals that are pre-ordered via the School Food United app will be automatically refunded to your accounts in the following circumstances:

- Your child is off school due to a sickness absence
- Strike action

If your child goes on a trip/activity which requires a packed lunch, you will be given enough notice to cancel any pre-orders.

Any credits are processed centrally by the team at The Contract Dining Company and should be with you within 2-3 days. Please feel free to contact the school if you see that a credit is still outstanding and we will check for you.

Kind regards

School Office

On Friday 30th June, Mrs Grieg, Mrs Barnes and a wonderful group of parent helpers, took 30 children from Year 1- Year 6 to Dunorlan Park to take part in the annual Colour Run event. The children had loads of fun and enjoyed covering themselves and each other with dye!

