



Clandon School Newsletter

Dear Families

Another two weeks have flown by and we continue to get used to school in a bubble! Children have been sending letters to the residents at Ashley Park and have received some wonderful replies. The Gruffalo bubble has been making board games and the BFGs have been busy baking chocolate muffins. Our Year Six children have been writing battle narratives and learning about pie charts!

Senior Teachers:

I am pleased to let you know that the school governors have agreed to the appointment of a senior teacher at Clandon from September. Mrs Emma Toone and Mrs Yvette Webb have been successful in their joint application for this role and I am sure you will join me in congratulating them on their promotion.

Emma and Yvette will be responsible for day-to-day operational matters at Clandon and will also support me as part of the leadership team as we continue our journey of school improvement. I am thrilled that our school will have such experienced leaders.

Welcome to Mrs Reynolds:

We have been overwhelmed with the number and extremely high standard of applicants for our recent advertisements. From a strong field of experienced teachers, we have appointed Mrs Stacey Reynolds who will join us on a Friday in September to teach Squirrels. Mrs Reynolds is a very experienced and competent teacher who impressed the virtual panel with her lesson planning and knowledge of curriculum. Another fantastic addition to a brilliant team.

Next Tuesday we will be holding a recruitment day (again virtually) and I am confident that we will appoint further high quality team members. We already have 20 applicants!

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant for Kestrels and two SEND Learning Support Assistants. These later vacancies have arisen because of successful EHCP bids for several Clandon children, who will be getting the support they so deserve in September. As I have said many times when our children with additional needs are well supported all children learn better and achieve more. My thanks to Cathy Hollis and Ellie Morton (our SEND team) for this incredible achievement; the result of many hours of work.

Bubble Books:

Clandon Parish Magazine have very kindly organised and paid for printing of Mrs Matthews' highly acclaimed 'Back to School in a Bubble' storybook for children. We will be sending these home with your children in the coming weeks. We hope that they will act as a keepsake and a vehicle to talk to your child about all they have experienced during the pandemic.

Clandon children have been so resilient it can be easy to think they have taken this all in their stride. However, every single one of our children will remember their experiences and feelings at this time; it will be important to work through this in the coming months. We have a plan for September that will prioritise mental health, which I will share with you in more detail before the end of term.

Heartfelt thanks to Mrs Norris and Mrs Rowe for organising such a lovely gift for all the children.

Welcome to our new families:

On Wednesday, we held our new parents' information evening via Zoom. This was a great success but admittedly not the same as meeting in person; a huge thank you to those who braved the cameras to join us. Our new little Rabbits will be starting school in incredibly challenging circumstances, and we will all need to work together to ensure they have the absolute best start to school life.

Starting school should be an exciting and wonderful start to a big new adventure but it also brings anxiety and trepidation for some, not least Mums and Dads.

Clandon is a supportive and loving school community and I am sure we will extend an especially caring welcome to our new families at this time.

September Dates:

Please see below the dates for September and INSET days for 2020-2021!

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September:

INSET Days. This means the school and the nursery will be closed to pupils. However, we will be holding transition visits for our new children on these days.

Thursday 3rd September:

Term starts for Years One – Six.

Monday 7th September:

Reception Class start school, mornings only.

Monday 14th September:

Reception Class start school full time.

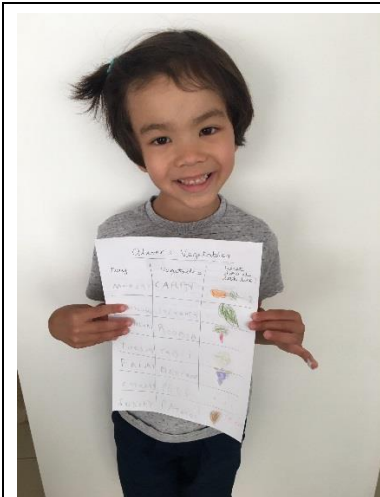
INSET days: **Tuesday 1st September, Wednesday 2nd September**
Monday 4th January
Friday 25th June, Monday 28th June.

My thanks for your continued support.

Warmest Wishes

Vicky Voller

Learning at home and at school is lots of fun!



Oliver's Vegetables

Day	Vegetables	What does it look like?
MONDAY	CARROT	
TUESDAY	SPINACH	
WEDNESDAY	ROOBBIE	
THURSDAY	CROCI	
FRIDAY	DEETROO	
SATURDAY	PEES	
SUNDAY	PATATOS	



MAIZE (SWEET CORN)

Maize was a very important crop to the Mayans. It was made up of a large part of their diet.

The Mayans had a god of maize called *wom coax*. They believed the first humans were made from maize dough.

They chopped down the trees then they burnt the land so they could plant these crops.

OTHER FOODS MADE FROM MAIZE

- Tortillas (flat bread)
- Zucon (a maize dough)
- Pozole (tip of porridge/stew)
- atole (hot or cold drink)
- Tamales (stuffed dumplings)

Tortillas were made from maize dough.

Recipe:

- 250g maize flour
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1c rice flour oil & salt
- Boil over 120 ml of warm water and blend for
- Cover and leave to rest
- Make small balls and roll out as thin as possible
- Bake on a comal on a metate

Metate - flat stone
mano - stone rolling pin
comal - stone griddle





Wow, haven't they been busy! Chocolate cake, bubbles, tortilla making, finding out about vegetables and riding bikes. Percy the peacock visited the playground and put on a great tail display. The sandy footprint was found during a walk.