



Newlands C of E School Federation



Newsletter 30th April 2021

Dear Families

We hope you all enjoyed some “together time” over the Easter break, without the pressures of remote learning. The sun shone and hopefully you were able to make the most of being outside and to take advantage of some of the easings of Lockdown.

It was so lovely to see all our children, parents and staff returning to school after the holiday. We feel blessed to have all our shielding teachers face to face with their classes again.

Mrs Voller update

We are really happy to report that Mrs Voller is currently doing very well after her surgery. She is having to rest completely to ensure a continued good recovery. We know she is finding the resting part the biggest challenge and is missing us all madly. But rest she must, as we want her back fit and super-well as soon as she is able. We know you will join us in wishing her well.

Federation

Exciting times! On 19th of April, after years of hard work by Vicky Voller and both Clandon and Shere Governors, the Newlands CofE School Federation came into being!!! The Federation is a wonderful opportunity to safeguard the future of both our small rural, village schools.

The Federation has a new Governing Body with former governors from both Clandon and Shere, joined by newly elected parent governors, and the first meeting took place on 20th April. We are looking forward to all the benefits and possibilities the Federation will bring. As restrictions lift, we plan to participate in more joint ventures. Watch this space!

Forest School Donation

We are delighted with a very generous donation of fantastic, high-quality equipment for Forest School from Natalie Jones, one of the Clandon parents. This will be an amazing benefit for Forest School and all the children. Mrs Williamson, Forest School Leader, and the rest of the staff team send thanks to Natalie for her generosity

Staffing

We say a hello and goodbye to members of the team at Clandon. Mrs Zoe Jeffries, our excellent school receptionist, is leaving us as she is expecting a baby in the summer. We thank her for her positive, cheery outlook and hard work. We all wish Zoe and her family luck for the new arrival.

We welcome in Mrs Clare Jones to the Clandon School office. Clare has already shown that she will fit in with the team and be a real asset.

Reminders

Don't forget that this coming Monday (3rd May) is a Bank Holiday, so let's hope the sun shines. We will see you all back in school on Tuesday 4th May, (Clandon children dressed in smart school uniform ready for class group photos).

Both schools will be participating in the NSPCC Numbers Day on Friday 7th May. Children can come to school wearing numbers somewhere on their person in return for a suggested £2

voluntary contribution to the charity. The focus for the day will be maths, maths, maths - much to Mrs Toone's delight!

INSET days for this term for both schools are Friday 25th June and Monday 29th June 2021. Fox Cubs Nursery will remain open.

Finally, we would like to thank families and the school teams for their warm welcome and support for us both in our new roles as Acting Co-Heads.

Warmest wishes

Emma Toone and Yvette Webb