



Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 26th May 2023

Dear Families

We have reached the end of another half term at Clandon School. Everyone has worked very hard and achieved so much during the last few weeks. We have so much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in the final few weeks of the school year after half term.

SIAMS Inspection:

You will recall that Clandon had its SIAMS inspection on Friday 5th May. The inspector spoke with pupils, staff, parents, governors and Father Barnaby. She considered "how effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision established and promoted by leadership at all levels in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?" Our overall grade was Good and the inspector also graded both the impact of collective worship and effectiveness of religious education as Good.

We are delighted that the inspector was able to see the school's Christian vision "firmly rooted in theology" and "central to decision making". She also noted that "This is an inclusive school which values all members of its community". The inspector's report talks about "bold curriculum decisions" and the establishment of The Wilderness forest school saying, "This outdoor provision is transformational for pupils."

Thank you to everyone in our school community who helped the inspector to experience our school and to understand our Christian vision.

"We believe that all our children are growing together in God's Garden. We nurture this growth, helping children develop deep roots of Christian understanding, spirituality and guiding virtues. We empower children to blossom in God's image, to do small things with great love and to know that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains."



The full report is attached with this newsletter and we do hope you will take time to read it and celebrate all that is lovely about Clandon School.

Rabbits and Butterflies:

Rabbit Class have enjoyed the excitement of experiencing the butterfly life cycle, watching some tiny eggs hatch into caterpillars, pupate and then transform into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. Today was release day for the three new butterflies and we watched them fly away into the sun.






Badgers and Bugs:

Badger Class have had a great time learning about plants and animals as part of their 'All Living Things and their Habitats' science unit of learning. They have learned the difference between dead, living and non-living things and should be able to tell you what animals and plants need to stay alive. The children explored different habitats around the world and investigated micro-habitats in our school grounds. Then they gathered different natural materials to build a bug hotel and practised building smaller bug hotels before building a bigger class one together. Now all the insects and minibeasts have somewhere safe to stay whilst visiting Clandon CofE Primary School.



Junior Citizen Kestrels:

Year 6 Kestrels had an educational visit to the Junior Citizen event at Guildford Spectrum on Tuesday. This event is held each year to help Year 6 children develop awareness of the wider world as they prepare to move up to secondary school.

<p><u>Ambulance Service</u> The children had a go at resuscitation.</p> 	<p><u>Railway Safety</u> The children were shown an example of a section of electrical cable used on the railways compared to the thickness of a mobile phone charger.</p>	<p><u>Royal National Lifeboat Institute</u> Water safety</p> 
<p>The <u>School Nurse</u> talked about healthy eating and how important a balanced diet is to maintaining good physical and mental wellbeing.</p>	<p><u>Thames Basin Heaths</u> The children learned about protecting our local wildlife and environment .</p> 	<p><u>Drugs and Alcohol Service</u> The children learned about how to keep themselves safe and avoid the dangers associated with these substances.</p>

Warm weather reminders:

Now the weather is finally warmer all children need **sunhats** in school every day. It can get quite hot on the playground, especially during PE lessons. Children should also have their **water bottles** in school each day. These can be refilled during the day so children always have enough to drink. **Suncream** should also be applied before school.

We wish you all a relaxing, hopefully sunny, fun-filled and joy-filled break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 5th June.

Warmest wishes

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Summer Term Dates

*New dates added or updated event

	WB 29 th	Whole School	Half Term Holiday – School Closed
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June	Mon 5 th	Whole School	Start of second half of summer term
	Mon 5 th	Year 4	Swimming lessons – REMEMBER SWIM KIT!!
	WB 12 th	Key Stage 1	Phonics Screening Checks
	WB 12 th	Year 4	Multiplication Tables Checks
	Tue 13 th	Year 6	Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral (9.30am)
	Wed 14 th	New entrants	Open Evening for new families starting September 2023 (7.00pm)
	Tue 27 th – Wed 28 th	Year 6	Surrey Year 6 Secondary Induction Days (pupils will be allocated an induction visit by their secondary school)
	Wed 28 th	Whole School	St Peter and St Paul Pause Day
	Thu 29 th	Whole School	Sports Day at the Rec (parents invited in the afternoon)
	Fri 30 th	Whole School	INSET Day – School Closed to Children for Staff Training

July	Mon 3 rd	Whole School	INSET Day – School Closed to Children for Staff Training
	Wed 5 th	Kestrels	End of Year Performance 1 (afternoon, time TBC)
	Thu 6 th	Kestrels	End of Year Performance 2 (morning, time TBC)
	Wed 12 th	Year 6	Matrix Trust Transition Workshop
	Wed 12 th	Whole School	Move-up Afternoon (into classes for Sept 23)
	Thu 13 th	Whole School	Leavers Service at St Peter & St Paul Church (2.30pm)
	Fri 14 th	Whole School	End of Year Reports Sent Home
	Mon 17 th	Kestrels	Bikeability Level 2 (Group 1)
	Wed 19 th	Kestrels	Bikeability Level 2 (Group 2)
	Fri 21 st	Whole School	Last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm