



Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 7th July 2023

Dear Families

School staff are finding it hard to believe that there are only two more weeks left of this school year. We have lots to pack in and are also very busy getting ready for next year. Later in this newsletter you'll find an update on the children's new classes.

STEM at Christ's College

Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting Christ's College School in Guildford for their STEM event this week and experiencing how exciting going to secondary school can be. The children had the opportunity to test out various STEM careers including being a builder, engineer, programmer and architect. They tested builders' safety equipment, cut through street light wires to replace them, programmed robots and built skyscrapers using Knex. Everyone loved the challenge where they had to build the tallest building possible using spaghetti and jelly babies! We all look forward to visiting Christ's College again in the future.

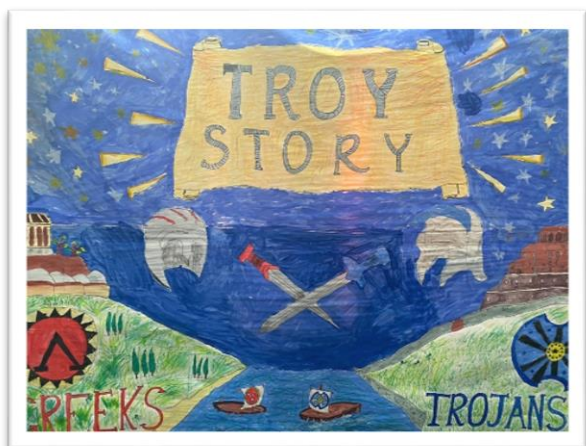


Reminder: Leaver's Service

We warmly invite all our families to the Leavers' Service on **Thursday 13th July at 2.30pm** at St Peter and St Paul Church, West Clandon. It would be great to have lots of you with us to help Year 6 celebrate the end of their primary school journey and send them off with our love and good luck wishes as they move on to secondary school. We will be taking all the children to the service; **please collect your child from the church at 3.20pm**, even if you are unable to attend the service that afternoon. Any children attending Active Hour and After School Care will walk back to school with staff.

Troy Story Performances

Wow! The children of Kestrel Class were incredible in their performances this week and we could not have been prouder. The set and props were phenomenal – so beautifully made by the children. The songs were sung with gusto, the lines delivered perfectly and the battles scenes were epic! The children performed with such confidence and as we watched them we couldn't help but reflect on their journeys and how they are growing into such lovely young people. Thank you to all the families and governors who came to watch them – the rounds of applause made all the hours of practice worth it. Thank you also to Mrs Marsden-Farmer, Mrs Dawe and Mrs Cramp for the time and effort you have put into planning, preparing and rehearsing with the children. With your help they put on a fantastic show 😊. Thank you also to the PTFA for providing the refreshments to keep our audiences hydrated and to raise much needed funds for our school.



Messy Church Barbecue Invitation

We sent this out earlier in the week but we're attaching it again as a reminder for any families who would like to attend. Please email Tessa Forbes to let her know if you plan to go so they have numbers for catering and allergies.

Tanfield Cottage is just across the road from school and parking will be available in the school car park but please take care when crossing the road.



The poster features the 'Messy Church' logo at the top left, which includes a red splatter graphic. To the right is an illustration of a girl in a green dress and yellow hat grilling on a barbecue. Below the logo is the text 'at The Clandon Churches' and the website 'www.clandon-churches.org'. The main title is 'Barbecue on the Beach' in blue, followed by the date and time 'Saturday 8th July 3.00-5.30pm' in purple. The location 'Tanfield Cottage, West Clandon' is also in purple. A paragraph of text describes the event as a 'Messy Church Summer Party' with games, craft, and a barbecue. It asks for dietary requirements to be emailed to 'tessa@clandon-churches.org'. At the bottom left is a small illustration of children swimming in a pool, and at the bottom right is the same email address.

at The Clandon Churches
www.clandon-churches.org

Barbecue on the Beach
Saturday 8th July 3.00-5.30pm
Tanfield Cottage, West Clandon

Everyone is warmly invited to the Clandons' Messy Church Summer Party! There will be games and Craft activities, celebration time and a barbecue tea. If the weather is hot, then cool off in the swimming pool! To help with catering, please let us know if you are coming (especially if you have any food intolerances.) We look forward to welcoming you!

For further details (and to tell us about any dietary requirements), please email
tessa@clandon-churches.org

Designated Teacher for Looked After Children

We are required to provide all families with information about the staff member responsible for Looked After Children. At Clandon and Shere Mrs Voller is the staff member with this responsibility.



The Designated Teacher for looked after and previously looked after children:

The designated teacher promotes the educational achievement of looked-after and previously looked-after children and supports other staff members to do this too.

At Clandon School the designated teacher is
Mrs Victoria Voller

You can contact Mrs Voller at
vvoller@shere.surrey.sch.uk

Staffing Updates

Following the departure of Mrs Allbert, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Weston has been promoted from Assistant to Forest School Leader. We are interviewing for a new Assistant next week and hope to be able to announce her new team-mate soon.

We are excited to announce another promotion too – Mrs Smith has been appointed Head of School at Shere. We will be very sorry to say farewell to her at Clandon, but she and Ms Reynolds are already busy thinking about ways that both schools can work more closely together so we know she will be visiting Clandon regularly.

As Mrs Saunders is now on maternity leave, Ms Reynolds will be taking on the role of SENCO for Clandon. Ms Reynolds was a SENCO for 8.5 years so you are in safe hands and

she is already very involved in the support of our children with additional needs so we are confident that the high level of support that children with SEND receive at Clandon will continue.

Some of you may have heard whispers about changes afoot in Home Lodge. We have been working on a new structure for September and will be giving the classrooms and outdoor area an overhaul as part of the new plan. We will be allocating class names to each year group with Reception retaining Rabbits, Year 1 being called Badgers and Year 2 taking on the new name of Robins. Collectively they will be known Woodlands. All three year groups will be working much more closely together and will all benefit from an enhanced space for play-based learning in continuous provision and a separate calm space for directed teaching in smaller groups. We will be adding an Early Years Practitioner to our team at Clandon to strengthen our expertise in furthering the children's learning through play. Mrs Marsden-Farmer has taken on the role of leading Woodlands so we can draw on her years of experience in infant education. Mrs Voller will be sending out a more detailed explanation of this approach shortly and families will be invited in to see these new learning spaces early in the autumn term.

The children will be 'moving up' into their September classes for a welcome session on Wednesday 12th July with their teachers:

Woodlands – Mrs Marsden-Farmer (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Paine (Thu-Fri)

Squirrels – Mrs Thomas (Mon-Wed) and Vacancy (Thu-Fri)

Kestrels – Mrs Gibson (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Dawe (Thu-Fri)

We are interviewing for our current vacancies including for our job-share in Squirrels next week and will update you as soon as we are able.

We'd like to leave you with this poignant message from the end of Troy Story...

Narrator 2	And so, good people of our audience, our story is finished. We trust that you've been thoroughly entertained, each and every one? Please forgive us if you think our tone has been slightly risqué, but like we said, this is Ancient Greece where lots of questionable things went on!
Narrator 3	Just before you go, we would like to leave you with this simple message – something for you to consider next time you worry that your face has too many wrinkles, that your nose is the wrong shape or that your bottom may be getting too big!
Narrator 4	If you believe that physical beauty is the be all and end all, then, like Paris, you're destined to meet a tragic end! More value lies in honour, kindness and generosity, so strive and search for these and in turn you will find happiness, we promise!
Narrator 1	So if that message has sunk in, then we'll say 'Andio', which translates as 'Goodbye' in Greek.....for those of you who didn't know!
All	Andio!

Warmest wishes

Vicky Voller, Headteacher & Stacey Reynolds, Head of School

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Summer Term Dates

*New dates added or updated event

July	Mon 3 rd	Whole School	INSET Day – school closed to children for staff training
	Tue 4 th	Year 5	STEM event at Christ’s College (12.00-3.30pm)
	Wed 5 th	Kestrels	End of Year Performance 1 (6.30pm) PTFA will be selling drinks and nibbles
	Thu 6 th	Kestrels	End of Year Performance 2 (9.30am)
	Fri 7 th	Kestrels	Zipwire at Bentley Copse (12.30-4.00pm)
	Tue 11 th	Kestrels	£5 Challenge sale after school
	Wed 12 th	Year 6	Matrix Trust Transition Workshop
	Wed 12 th	Whole School	Move-up Session (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
	Sat 15 th	Whole School	PTFA Summer Party 2.00-3.30pm (ticketed event)
	Mon 17 th	Kestrels	Bikeability Level 2 (Group 1) Pre-booked
	Mon 17 th	Year 6	Forest School Event (5.30-7.00pm)
	Wed 19 th	Kestrels	Bikeability Level 2 (Group 2) Pre-booked
	Wed 19 th	Kestrels	End of year party (6.30-8.00pm)
Fri 21 st	Whole School	Last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm	

Autumn Term Dates

September	Fri 1 st	Whole School	INSET Day – school closed to children for staff training
	Fri 1 st	New Reception	Stay and Play 2-3pm
	Mon 4 th	Whole School	INSET Day – school closed to children for staff training
	Fri 1 st	New Reception	Stay and Play 2-3pm
	Tue 5 th	Whole School	Children back in school for the first day of the Autumn term
	Tue 5 th - Thu 7 th	New Reception	Staying until 11.30am
	Fri 8 th	New Reception	Staying for lunch until 1.00pm
	Thu 14 th	Kestrels	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop

October	Fri 13 th	Whole School	Visit from Paralympic Athlete
	W/c 23 rd	Whole School	Half-term holiday