



# Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

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## Dear Families

### End of Year Reports:

Today your child will bring home their end of year report. Please check bookbags for a large brown envelope. This contains the report itself, a statutory assessment report if your child has taken these and a report of your child's attendance for this academic year. Thank you to the teachers who have taken time to write these reports. Each report is written with love, and each takes many hours. And, to Mrs McGowan who has proofread, printed, photocopied, and filled envelopes – the reports would not get to you without her help. I know you will appreciate the hard work and dedication of our school team.

### Leavers' Service:



Our Year 6 children performed brilliantly at the end of school church service. They read the prayers and readings beautifully. Barnaby talked of the importance of light in keeping us alive and enabling us to see but also how light can also mean wisdom. He noted that the Year 6 children have acquired wisdom during their time at Clandon and the younger children have looked up to them. Now they move on to their new secondary schools Year 5 children will pick up this mantle and become the wise ones to whom younger children look to for their example.

Mrs Voller noted that we will all miss our Year 6 children and others who are leaving. She said she can't imagine Clandon School without them in it but will always remember them.

Barnaby and Mrs Voller then presented Year 6 with their leavers' Bibles as a reminder that God goes with them into the next chapter of their lives. The candle Year 6 were given at the cathedral leavers' service was passed on to Year 5 with these words as the conclusion to the prayer – "Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world and you call us to let our light shine. Help us not to hide our light away but to share it with others."

We finished with a particular favourite school song 'My Lighthouse' and the children taught Barnaby the actions to go with the song.

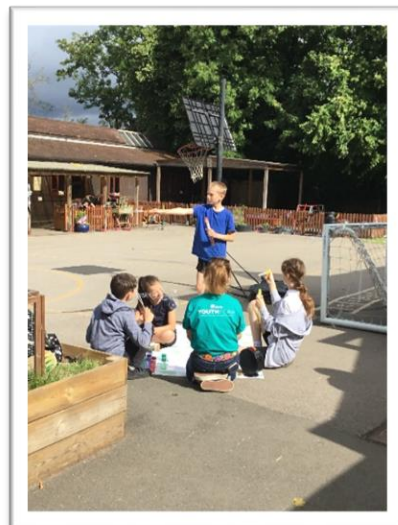
### **Squirrels at Clandon House:**

Following on from a unit of study on Clandon House, Squirrels had very informative visits to look inside this local landmark. We were shown around a small area where we could see the restoration work going on. The children were amazed to see how much damage had been done by the fire and were able to see the lift shaft where it started. We could see all the way up to the roof from the basement and got an idea of the different building materials that were used in construction. There were hand-made bricks and wattle and daub walls. Squirrels really enjoyed being history detectives for the morning.



### **Year 6 Transition Workshop:**

Thank you to the Matrix Trust for visiting to deliver a transition workshop for our Year 6 children. Although excited at their upcoming move to secondary school, they understandably have some worries, and the Matrix Trust Team were fantastic at talking these through. They also had lots of fun as you can see from the pictures!



### The Results of the £5 Challenge:

Kestrels were set the challenge of taking £5 and investing this in a product of their choice to sell at Tuesday's sale. Some made food or beverages, some created games, some filled blind bags; there was so much variety and creativity. They worked alone, in pairs or in threes, sourced their own materials and set-up their own stalls. Thank you to those who attended the sale to support Kestrels and purchase their goods which we hope you enjoyed. After the event, their investment stake was subtracted from their sales to see who had made the most profit and the winners were Samuel and Oliver with a huge total of £49.43 - congratulations boys! Special commendations also go to: Katherine and Lucy who made £22.50, Flora and Lily who made £21.50, Josh who made £19.50, Freya and Nicole who made £17.93 and Ruby P and Poppy who made £17.80. We look forward to hearing what our budding entrepreneurs achieve in the future 😊.



## **Staffing Updates:**

We were delighted to have some really strong candidates for our recent round of recruitment and have found some lovely new staff to join our team from September, including a fabulous teacher for Thursdays and Fridays in Squirrel Class. We are just working through the pre-employment checks and will update you further next week so you know who to look out for in September. We are hoping the new teacher can visit the children next week to support their transition. We have also scheduled a **Welcome Coffee Morning** for parents of children in Years 1-6 on the **first Friday back, 8<sup>th</sup> September**, so that you can pop in for a cuppa and a biscuit from **9.00-9.30am** to chat with the teachers and one another.

Many of you will know Frank Carthy, our Caretaker and Premises Manager, usually seen supervising the MUGA gate in the mornings and then back locking up at the end of the day. Frank will be leaving his Caretaker role at October half-term but will continue working for the Federation in his Premises Manager role, overseeing repairs and maintenance. We will therefore be advertising the Caretaker role at the end of the summer holiday and wanted to flag this up with our school community as it may suit someone you know locally who wants a part-time, term-time job, opening/locking and ensuring the school building and grounds are well cared for.

We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Jen Eldridge next week as she is leaving the Federation to pursue a totally different career with Age UK. Mrs Eldridge joined us in January 2020, just before life changed drastically when Covid hit. She taught many children at Clandon and asked us to wish you all "*au revoir*". We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Eldridge the best of luck in her new role.



Mrs Colby will be finishing her current role in Rabbit Class at the end of term but is staying on our Federation team as Bank Staff so you may see her popping up in classes across the school when cover is required!



One more week to go and so much still to fit in! If your children are in Rabbits, Badgers or Squirrels, look out for the party food sign-up sheets next week, ready for our class parties on Thursday afternoon (Kestrels are having theirs Wednesday evening). The children may bring their own clothes to change into for the afternoon if they wish.

## **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 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School	INSET Day – school closed to children for staff training
	Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5	STEM event at Christ’s College (12.00-3.30pm)
	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	End of Year Performance 1 (6.30pm) PTFA will be selling drinks and nibbles
	Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	End of Year Performance 2 (9.30am)
	Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	Zipwire at Bentley Copse (12.30-4.00pm)
	Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	£5 Challenge sale after school
	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	Matrix Trust Transition Workshop
	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Move-up Session (into classes for Sept 23)
	Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Leavers’ Service at St Peter & St Paul Church (2.30pm)
	Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	End of Year Reports Sent Home
	Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Summer Party 2.00-3.30pm (ticketed event)
	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	Bikeability Level 2 (Group 1) Pre-booked
	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6	Forest School Event (5.30-7.00pm)
	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	Bikeability Level 2 (Group 2) Pre-booked
	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	End of year party (6.30-8.00pm)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	Last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm	

## Autumn Term Dates

September	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	INSET Day – school closed to children for staff training
	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Reception	Stay and Play 2-3pm
	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	INSET Day – school closed to children for staff training
	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Reception	Stay and Play 2-3pm
	Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Children back in school for the first day of the Autumn term
	Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception	Staying until 11.30am
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception	Staying for lunch until 1.00pm
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1-6	Welcome Coffee Morning for Parents 9.00-9.30am
	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop

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