



Clandon CofE Primary School
Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 15th September 2023

Dear Families

At the end of week two, we expect that your children have come home utterly exhausted and full of tales of all the exciting things they've been up to this week! It has been lovely to visit classes around the school to see children immersed in their learning and proud of what they've achieved. Children in Squirrel Class were working so hard this afternoon and when staff told them they could stop for a break they replied that they wanted to carry on! Fantastic determination and focus Squirrel Class well done 😊.

Active Hour:

A reminder that active hour runs until 4.20pm, Monday to Friday. To avoid disruption to the group and ensure correct adult:child ratios, children should stay for the whole session. Children will be dismissed from the Nurture Room door after active hour and after school care. If you do not get a reply when ringing the Nurture Room doorbell, please phone the active hour mobile on **07377 147617**.

Children missing several sessions of active hour without informing school of the reason for the missed session, may have their place withdrawn so it can be allocated to another child on the waiting list.

Flu Immunisations:

The school nurse team will be in school next Friday, 22nd September, to administer flu immunisations to all children whose parent has provided consent for their child to receive it. The immunisations are delivered nasally.

Thank you to parents who have already responded to the letter from Surrey Children and family health. You need to let the nurse team know if you **do** or **do not** consent to your child receiving this immunisation, so a response is required in either case. If you have not responded yet, you have been sent a reminder today and have until 4pm on Monday 18th September to complete the online response via the link in the Parentmailed letter.

PTFA Update:

The first PTFA meeting of the year was held at the Bull's Head pub on Tuesday and there are lots of exciting events planned for the term ahead. Please do check out the dates we've added later in the newsletter and please do support these events so that we can raise vital funds for our school. This year the PTFA are hoping to raise money for further improvements to the Woodlands outdoor area, additional resourcing for the teaching of science and new equipment for use at Forest School.

Spotlight on Forest School:

Mrs Weston and Mrs Saunders have thoroughly enjoyed their first few sessions of the year, particularly as the weather has been so kind! The children have focussed on their senses by leading one another around wearing blindfolds and many have been busy digging a trench in the new digging area (inspired by Kestrel's WWI topic!). Our new children have very quickly grasped the rules and are looking forward to their session next week.

It has been great to see the majority of children wearing the right clothing and shoes so they can take full advantage of all the opportunities available. Please do consider the weather on Forest School days and ensure children have a waterproof coat if it might shower and suitable layers as the weather gets colder. Even on hot days, we ask them to wear long sleeves and long trousers to protect them from stings, bites and ticks. There is an info sheet about ticks at the end of this newsletter for your information. If do find a tick on your child following a Forest School visit it should be relatively straightforward to remove if you find it that day but do seek medical attention if it is difficult to remove. Please also inform the school office so that we can keep an eye on your child for following few days.

At the PTFA meeting this week, some of our new reception parents were discussing the Forest School site, which only one had visited at an open day we held a couple of years ago. We are hoping to plan a similar open day some time soon and will be in touch when this is confirmed. We also plan to hold our Key Stage Two Carol Concert at the site as we did last year, following lots of positive feedback about how Christmassy it felt huddling around the fire on a crisp winter's day.

If you'd like to visit site sooner, why not sign up for our **Forest School Working Party** on **Saturday 14th October from 11am-1pm**? This is an adult only event and you'll need to come dressed to get stuck in moving logs and tidying the site. Mrs Weston has mentioned the possibility of bacon sandwiches if we work hard enough! Please do let the school office know if you are able to come along and help out.



Online Safety and Acceptable Use – Update

We have had some enquires about the Acceptable Use Agreements sent out with last week's newsletter. We welcome questions and queries, so do keep them coming 😊. Acceptable Use Agreements are used by many schools, in particular junior and secondary schools. For us they serve multiple purposes; we hope that they:

- teach our young learners valuable lessons about consent and responsibility. It has been lovely to hear how seriously some of our children have taken the agreement and signing their name. We want our children to be informed and feel consulted and capable.
- provoke discussions at home about keeping safe online.
- enable families to give consent (or not) for their children to access technology at school.

What will children be doing online?

Teachers use the internet regularly and share videos, games, text, and stories on the large screen. This can be a great way to introduce new concepts and to practise new skills. Videos and images are particularly useful in lessons due their immersive quality. Teachers tend to use YouTube, the BBC and Vooks.

Children use classroom iPads to access apps installed by our IT technicians. These are educational apps such as Scratch Junior, iMotion and Night Sky. On other occasions children will use QR codes in the classroom to access specific content their teachers have prepared. This might be a handwriting or art tutorial for example. Use of the internet is closely controlled and monitored; they are not going to be let loose on Safari 😊.

How do we keep children safe?

The school has robust processes in place to keep children, staff and volunteers safe online. These include effective filtering systems which are reviewed and updated on a regular basis and blocking any potentially dangerous sites. You can find detailed information in our Online Safety Policy. You can find out more about online safety at the following sites:

- What are the issues? – [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- Hot topics – [Childnet International](#)
- Parent resource sheet – [Childnet International](#)

Thank you to those of you who have returned forms and to those who have asked questions. If you have not returned your form, we have extended the deadline until next Friday, 22nd September.

Anxiety Workshop for Parents:

Our link Primary Mental Health Worker, Holly Bloom, will be leading a workshop for parents focussing on understanding anxiety and strategies/approaches for support. This will be on Wednesday 27th September at 9.00am at Shere Infant School. Holly has said that she is happy to start a few minutes late if Clandon parents are delayed on their journey over to Shere. Please let the Clandon school office know if you know like to attend and we will add you to the attendees list.

Free Parent Webinar:

We have also been informed about a useful online session that you may be interested in attending – [Supporting families with children who have sleep difficulties webinar](#).

What is sleep and why does it matter? What are some of the issues experienced by children, young people and families? What is sleep hygiene and what interventions can help? Where can I go to find support? Join us for a sleep webinar for any professionals supporting families. Link to book your space: [Coffee and Chat – Sleep Tickets, Thu 21 Sep 2023 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Harvest Festival Donations:

We hope that on Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th September we will receive lots of Harvest donations for the Food Bank. As a reminder they have asked for:

Biscuits	Cereal	Instant coffee (not decaf thanks)	Laundry detergent	Tinned meat	Tinned spaghetti hoops
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The Food Bank would like us to drop off the donations at St. Clare's Church in Park Barn on either Friday 29th September 4-6pm or Monday 2nd October 8.45-10am. Would any of our lovely parents be able to collect the items at end of school on Friday 29th and drop them off in one of those slots? Please let the school office know if you are able to help.

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe:

We will begin the roll out of our Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies next week, with Kestrel Class on Tuesday and Squirrel Class on Friday. Kestrel Class will also attend workshops facilitated by NSPCC staff on Thursday and parents of those children will receive a letter about the workshop at the start of next week. We will be running workshops with smaller groups of children in Woodlands the following week in order to ensure that they understand the important messages we'll be sharing about how to keep themselves safe. Your children may talk about the assemblies and workshops at home, so please do support them in talking through what they've learned. We will be doing follow-up work over the next few weeks and if they share any worries or concerns that you'd like to make us aware of, please do get in touch.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Warmest wishes from

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Autumn Term Dates

*New dates added or updated event

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
	Fri 8 th	Years 1-6	Welcome Coffee Morning for Parents 9.00-9.30am
	Tue 19 th	Kestrels	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly
	Thu 21 st	Kestrels	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Workshop
	Fri 22 nd	Squirrels	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly
	Wed 27 th	Parents	Anxiety Workshop at Shere
	Thu 28 th	Whole School	Harvest Service at St Peter and St Paul Church 9.30-10.30am

October	Thu 5 th	Whole School	Individual Photographs
	Fri 6 th	Whole School	PTFA Cake Sale - Squirrels to donate cakes, shop bought or homemade (please list allergens if homemade) for sale after school (50p per cake)
	Wed 11 th	Kestrels	Visit to Henley Fort (letter to follow)
	Fri 13 th	Whole School	Visit from Paralympic Athlete
	Sat 14 th	Parents	Forest School Working
	W/c 23 rd	Whole School	Half-term holiday

November	Fri 3 rd	Whole School	PTFA Hot Chocolate Sale after school
	Fri 17 th	Whole School	PTFA Mufti Day - donate a bottle for the Christmas Fair

December	Fri 1 st	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school
	Fri 8 th	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	Fri 8 th	Whole School	Reindeer Run
	Fri 15 th	Whole School	Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

Ticks & Lyme Disease

What are ticks?

Ticks are tiny spider like creatures found in grassy or woodland areas. They attach themselves to passing animals and people. They do this by finding a suitable spot where they bite through the skin and feed on blood. They will feed for 3-5 days then drop off.



What is Lyme disease?

Lyme disease is an illness caused by bacteria, which lives in the gut of ticks. Most ticks do not carry the bacteria, but infection could be passed on if you are bitten by one.

How to prevent ticks

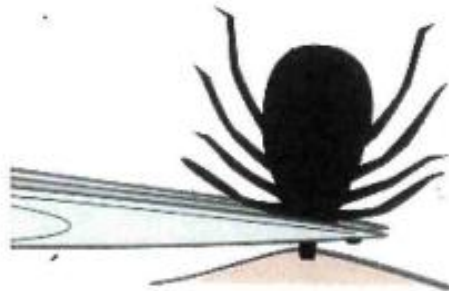
When at Forest school, please ensure that your child has most of their skin covered. Trousers bottoms can be tucked into socks and sturdy shoes or boots should be worn, even in summer. A long sleeved top should always be worn to cover the arms. Insect repellents can also be used. Please check your child over for ticks when they return from Forest School. Particularly vulnerable areas are where there are folds of skin, such as the armpit and also the scalp.

What to do if your child has been bitten by a tick

Remove the tick as soon as possible to reduce any chance of infection.

Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible using fine tweezers and pull firmly and steadily out without jerking or twisting. Do not crush or squeeze the tick's body.

If any part of the tick remains in the skin, remove with fine tweezers. Apply disinfectant to the area. If you are worried seek advice from your doctor.



Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease

The most common symptom is a slowly expanding rash round the bite, usually after 5 - 14 days.

Other typical symptoms include fever, headaches, tiredness and rashes.

Most cases can be treated successfully with a course of antibiotics.

If left untreated infection can spread.