



Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 22nd September 2023

Dear Families

What a windy week it's been! Forest School happens in any weather but not in high winds or during lightning storms so sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday this week have been on the school site. The children have made some amazing creations with mud and straw (trenches in Kestrels and mud houses in Squirrels) and enjoyed making use of the wood chip area behind Home Lodge where we have a lovely mud kitchen (courtesy of the PTFA), digging patch, willow tunnel and pond.

School Attendance:

Everyone at Clandon believes children benefit from full school attendance. Over the past year poor attendance and punctuality have been ongoing issues for our school. This means some children are routinely missing out on important learning. When children are late to school it disrupts the learning of not only that child but the rest of their class. Our attendance policy explains that we expect all parents or carers who have day to day responsibility for children will:

- encourage daily school attendance and be aware of their legal responsibilities.
- ensure that the child in their care arrives at school punctually each day, prepared for the school day.
- contact the school on the first day of a child's absence by phone or email. We like to know the nature of the illness and the day the child is expected to be able to resume their studies.
- discuss promptly with their child's class teacher or senior staff, any problems that deter their child from attending school.
- contact the school promptly whenever any problem occurs that may keep the child away from school.
- meet with the appropriate person to discuss persistent absence.
- not take holidays in term time.

The local authority inclusion officer will continue termly visits this year and we will routinely notify parents if their child's attendance falls below 95%. Thank you in advance for your support.

Child Health Advice

Many children have received their flu immunisation in school today, if parents have consented to this. Immunising young children against flu has been shown to have a significant effect in reducing the spread of the illness to older relatives as young children have a greater ability to “shed” viruses.

The NHS has published helpful guidance for families about what to do if your child is unwell and whether they should be kept off school. The advice is available here: [Is my child too ill for school? – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/health/a-z/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

Anxiety Workshop for Parents:

There are still places available for next week’s workshop, led by our link Primary Mental Health Worker, Holly Bloom. This will be on Wednesday 27th September at 9.00am at Shere Infant School. The workshop is open to Clandon parents and Holly is happy to start a few minutes late to allow you time to get over to Shere. If you’d like to attend the workshop, please let the Clandon school office know and we’ll add you to the attendees list.

Harvest Festival Donations – Next Week:

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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We are very grateful to Lynn Yeo who has kindly volunteered to drop off our school donations to the Food Bank.

NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe:

Kestrel and Squirrel Class have taken part in Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies led by Ms Reynolds and supported by their class staff. On Thursday Kestrel Class also took part in workshops facilitated by NSPCC staff. Parents of those children will have received a letter about the workshops.

We’ll be running workshops with smaller groups of children in Woodlands next week in order to ensure 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 your child shares any worries or concerns that you’d like to make us aware of, please do get in touch.



Don't forget our Harvest Service on Thursday 28th September at 9:30am – we hope to see lots of you at the church (St Peter and St Paul, West Clandon).

Wishing you all a safe and 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