



# Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

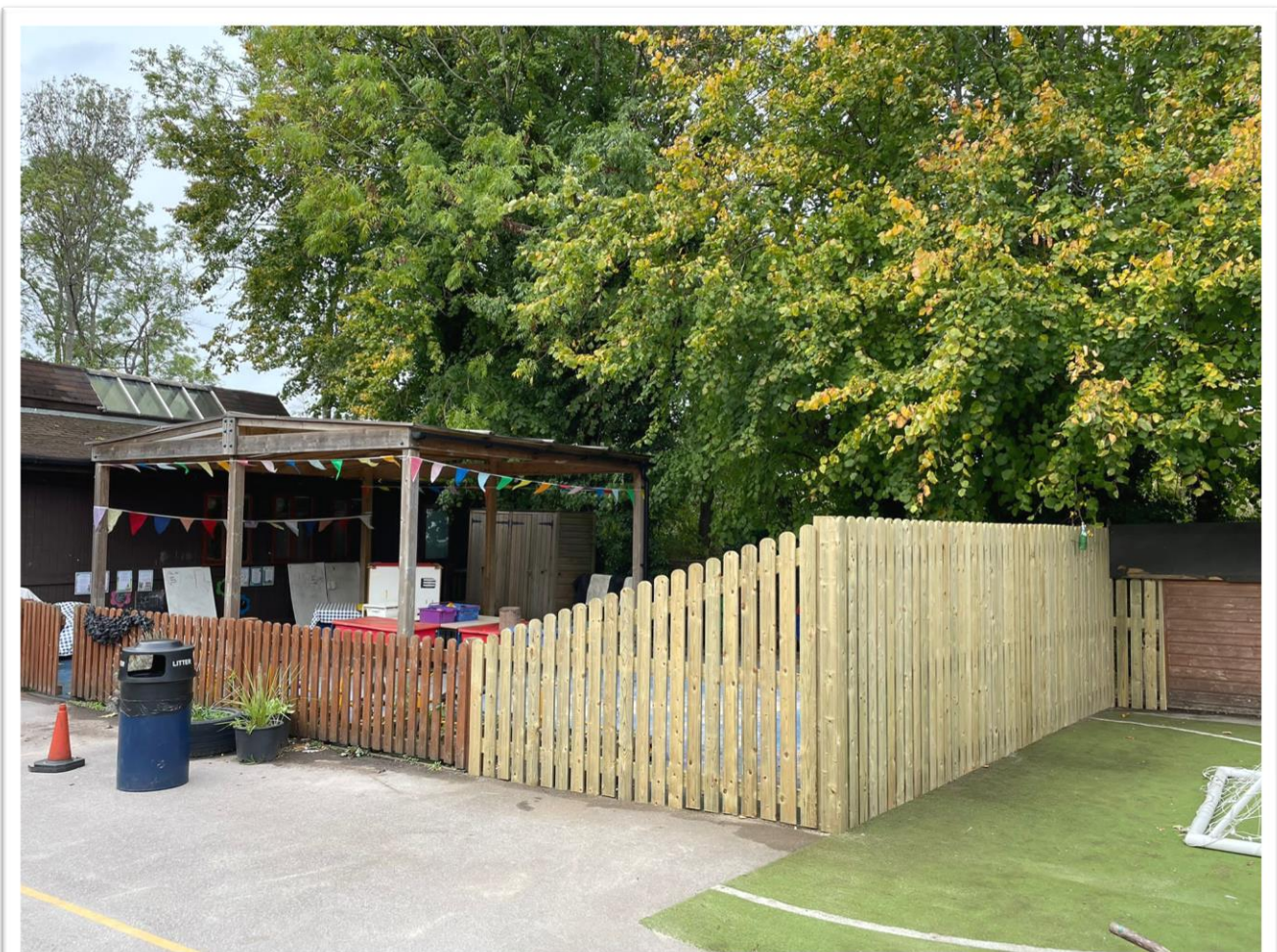
Newsletter 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

## Dear Families

We hope you all had a great half term. We've had a rather wet and windy first week back at school. As winter progresses please ensure your child always has a warm and waterproof coat in school, as well as a hat, scarf and gloves. As with all clothing worn to school, please put your child's name on everything so it can be reunited with them if it is mislaid.

## Thank You for our New Fence:

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Matt Webb and the team at Webb Groundworks for the new fence that was installed during half-term. The team have done a brilliant job and we were really grateful for this donation of the materials and labour. Thank you 😊



### **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal:**

We have a range of poppy-related items in the school office, available for a donation to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Suggested minimum donations are 20p for a paper poppy and £1 for the other items: snap bands, wristbands, zip toggles and clip-on reflectors. The children can bring in money to donate, or you can pop by the office to donate directly.



### **Friendship Workshop:**



Year 6 enjoyed a workshop on friendship with The Matrix Trust. They talked about how to define friendship, making new friends, boundaries and managing conflict in friendship. The facilitators will return later in the year for a workshop focussed on transition. The Matrix Trust have designed their programmes to help prepare our Year 6 children for their upcoming transition to secondary school.

### **School Attendance:**

We wrote about this in the newsletter before half term but wanted to update you on a visit from our School Inclusion Officer earlier this week. She did an assembly for the children on the importance of prompt arrival and regular attendance at school. School gates are open from 8.45 to 8.55am. From now on, children arriving after 9.15am will be coded as U on the register (late after registers close). This means that the session for which they arrive late is classed as an unauthorised absence.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings:**

Please remember to book an appointment to meet your child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress. Appointments are available from 1.00–6.00pm next Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. Bookings are open now on Parentmail. If you are unable to attend during the time allocated for these meetings please speak with your child's class teacher or email the school office to [info@clandon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@clandon.surrey.sch.uk).



**Forest School Updates:**

We'd love to see you if you'd like to volunteer to help at our **Forest School Working Party** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am-12.00pm**. You don't need any special skills but do dress to get stuck-in and bring some sturdy gloves if possible. Owing to the nature of the work that needs to be done, we are not able to have child helpers for this working party. Please meet the team by the ticket office in the National Trust Car Park at 10.00am if you are able to lend a hand.

Next **Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November**, we are holding a Forest School Open Morning from **10.00am-12.00pm**. Please come along and if you know any families currently looking for infant or primary school places do let them know about this event too.

**Pantomime:**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November the PTFA is generously funding ticket costs for a whole school outing to the Pantomime at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford. As in previous years, we will travel by coach to the theatre for which we will ask parents to pay. Collection after the show will be from the Yvonne Arnaud. We are notifying families early about this so you will be able to make arrangements to collect your child from central Guildford on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The finish time will be confirmed closer to the performance date but will be between 3.30-4pm. There will be no Active Hour or After-School Care on this day.

**Help for Families Facing Hardship at Christmas:**

We know times are tough for families at the moment and Christmas brings extra challenges when wanting to buy gifts for our children. Miss McGowan has been in touch with a couple of local charities who supported some of our families last year:

- Jigsaw provides a £25 gift card for each child referred between the age of one and up to those in Yr6 at primary school. The voucher can be used at The Entertainer Toy Shop either in store or online.
- Stripey Stork provides a £15-£20 main present for children who otherwise won't get a present.


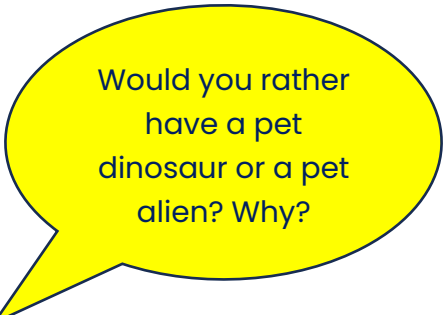

Please contact Miss McGowan, in confidence, by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November by email to [kmcgowan@clandon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kmcgowan@clandon.surrey.sch.uk) if your family may be eligible for either of these.

**Applying for September 2024 Reception or Junior Places:**

Online applications for school places for next September are now open. The application portal will remain open until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Applications are made online and you can find more information via this link: [School admissions - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://surreycc.gov.uk)

### Developing Communication Skills:

Here is this week's question to encourage the children to explain their reasoning:

		
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If you are attending firework displays over the weekend, please do take a few moments to talk to the children about keeping themselves safe. We hope you enjoy the celebrations and that it isn't too wet!

Warmest wishes from

**Vicky Voller, Headteacher & Stacey Reynolds, Head of School**

**The Newlands Federation**

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**PLEASE NOTE the new Active Hour mobile number: 07377 147643**

**The Newlands Federation**  
A partnership of Shere Infant School & Clandon Primary School

warmly invite you to join us for a



on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 10am – 12pm

Join us at our amazing wilderness forest school for a taste of primary education at its very best.

Hear from head teacher Victoria Voller about our unique ethos, where children are active protagonists of their own learning journey, and skilled practitioners facilitate a truly inspirational experience centred around our natural pedagogies.

Meet us at 10am in the National Trust car park at Clandon House, GU4 7RQ and walk with us to the wilderness.

For more information or to secure a space email [info@shere.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@shere.surrey.sch.uk) or call 01483 202198

*Learning naturally through play games nature stories dialogue the arts*

## Autumn Term Dates

\*New dates added or updated event

November	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Hot Chocolate Sale after school
	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6	Friendship Workshop with Matrix Trust
	Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Forest School Working Party 10am-12pm
	Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Individual Photographs
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents	Parent Teacher Meetings 1-6pm
	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Remembrance Visit to Memorial at the Church
	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Families	Forest School Open Morning 10am-12pm
	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Mufti Day - donate a bottle for the Christmas Fair

December	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school
	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2	Carols in the Wilderness at 2.30pm
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Reindeer Run
	Tue 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Visit to Pantomime at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre 4pm finish
	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Woodlands	Nativity at 9.30am
	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School	Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

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