



## Dear Families

Another lovely week at Clandon with lots going on. We have been particularly impressed with the beautiful entries we've received for the Art Competition. The children have been very creative in their interpretation of the theme 'trees'. If there are any final entries, please bring them on Monday when the judging will take place.

## Staffing Update:

We are very sad to let you know that our lovely Miss Kirsty McGowan will be leaving Clandon School at the end of this term. Miss McGowan has been with us for two years, having started as a volunteer during Autumn term 2021. During her time at Clandon she has provided learning support in classes across the school, employed her nurture skills with many children and their families, run active hour and after school care and provided support to Ms Reynolds with some of the SENDCo workload.

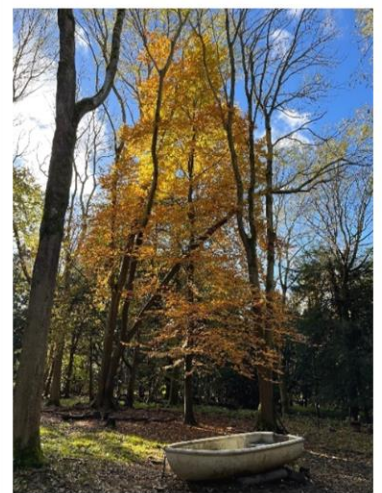
We will all miss Miss McGowan, but we wish her well as she moves on to her new role working with children in a healthcare organisation and gaining further training. She will be staying on as a member of our Bank Staff team and we look forward to seeing her around school in the near future.

## Our Forest School Open Day was a Huge Success:

It was fantastic to see some of you at our Forest School Experience last Saturday. Parents who hadn't had the opportunity to see the site before were amazed by the scale and beauty of the site. Thank you to Benji and Matty who came along to demonstrate some of the activities that

children engage in during Forest School sessions – they were both fantastic ambassadors for the school. This was a Federation event and many Shere parents also came with their children who

excitedly showed them around. It was also lovely to see a number of prospective parents who all went away inspired and impressed. You will know from your own children how integral Forest School is to life at Clandon and this provision is a key reason why some families choose Clandon over other local schools.





More children on roll means more money in the budget to keep our fabulous little school afloat! So please do spread the word about what a special place Clandon is and encourage families to come and see for themselves by booking a tour through the school office.

### **Important Parent Information – Using Mobile Phones:**

There has been some upset in Kestrels this week about communications that have happened between children out of school hours via WhatsApp, Snapchat and in-game messaging features. We have done some follow-up work through our PSHE curriculum today, but we are aware that children in other classes may be struggling with some of the same issues. Although some apps have age restrictions, there is no strict age verification process when children register so underage children can sign-up by giving a false date of birth. Each family will need to make their own decisions about when their child is mature enough to manage online communication, but we would like to share some information to help inform that decision.



Parent Zone (<https://parentzone.org.uk>) has a range of guides and videos outlining what you need to know about a range of technologies and apps. This includes a comprehensive outline of the key features of Snapchat that you can find here: [Snapchat | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life](#). We have attached their guide to WhatsApp as a document accompanying this newsletter.

The Snapchat guide mentions how ‘disappearing’ messages can influence the behaviour of young people and they may be more inclined to take images on impulse that they may later regret. Messages in text don’t contain the additional information that we share through tone of voice and facial expression, so it is easy to misinterpret what others say. Responses are not always immediate, so children can become upset waiting for a reply that doesn’t always come.



We will continue to teach the children in school about keeping themselves safe online, but they will need supervision and supportive conversations at home to ensure that they are putting this learning into practice. Regular check-ins on who they are communicating with and how often are important. Some children may also need an adult to check the content of their messaging and talk to them about why some comments may be inappropriate or upsetting. They may also need support with managing how they feel about communication they’ve received from others. Please do talk to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns about their online communications so that we can work together to keep all our children safe.

### **Preventing Food Waste:**

We wanted to raise your awareness of an app called Olio which may save you money and help protect our environment by reducing waste. Olio has a range of functions but one of these is the redistribution of food which is about to reach its 'use by' date or has reached its 'best before' date. Volunteers collect food from local retailers and post it on the app so that local users can request items and arrange collection. Some volunteers have regular collections e.g. Tesco at closing time on Sundays, so you may notice a pattern of when someone nearby posts lots of items. If you do take a look and find it useful pass the word 😊.



### **Help with Sleep for Toddlers, Children and Teenagers:**

We all recognise how important it is to get enough sleep. Children and Family Health Surrey has launched new videos and webpages to support toddlers, children and teenagers across Surrey with sleep. A series of four videos has been produced for parents and carers featuring NHS nurses and sleep experts.

Jointly funded by Children and Family Health Surrey and Surrey County Council, the videos are suitable for supporting the sleep of children and young people including those with additional needs and learning disabilities, and give advice, information and tips. Visit the [Children and Family Health Surrey website](#) to find out more.

### **School Car Park:**

Another reminder that the school car park is primarily for staff cars as . For specific reasons some families have permission from school to use the school car park for drop off and collection. Owing to the small size and layout of the staff car park it is dangerous to have unauthorised cars using the school car park. If you do not have a permission slip from school please ensure you allow time and use the car park at Clandon Park.

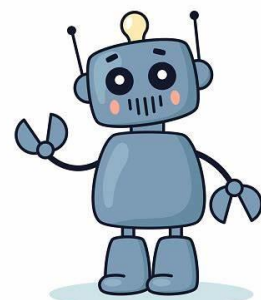
### **Help for Families Facing Hardship at Christmas:**

If your family may be eligible for the Stripecy Stork or Jigsaw donated vouchers to help with children's Christmas gifts, please contact Miss McGowan, in confidence, by next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, by email to [kmcgowan@clandon.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:kmcgowan@clandon.surrey.sch.uk). (Information about both schemes is available in previous newsletters)

### **Developing Communication Skills:**



Would you rather  
have a magic  
flying carpet or  
your own robot?





### **Christmas Fair:**

Thank you for your bottle donations today in exchange for your child wearing their own clothes to school. If you still have bottles to donate the PTFA will be very pleased to receive them next week. Bottles may contain anything suitable for drinking.

The bottles are for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair which will be held after school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 3.00-4.30pm. **Please note the earlier finish time on this day to get the festivities underway.**



Warmest wishes from

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

**The Newlands Federation**

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**Tel Shere: 01483 202198**

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

## 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
	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrels	Movie Night 5-7pm

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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Weekend sports for boys and girls aged 4 - 16 of all abilities

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**NOW ENROLLING FOR OUR SPRING TERM 2024 - BOOK A 2 WEEK TRIAL TODAY!**

Dear Parent

As a parent of a child at a local school, MULTISPORTS GUILDFORD would like to offer you the opportunity of enrolling your child for our **SPRING term starting in January**. All enrolments include a two week trial.

Our sessions take place locally at **St Peter's School, Horseshoe Lane East, Merrow, GU1 2TN**.

MULTISPORTS GUILDFORD is ideal for boys and girls aged from 4 to 16 of all abilities, all equipment is provided and no experience is necessary.

**Our 'Little Sporties' class is for 4 - 6 year olds SATURDAY MORNING CLASS TIMES 9.00am – 10.30am  
10.45am – 12.15pm**

The **'Little Sporties'** class is a 90 minute session run in 3 x 30 minute modules. Each week our Little Sporties are coached in a team sport, an individual sport and fun & games. This is a great opportunity to introduce your child to multiple sports in a fun and relaxed way and classes are very popular. Little Sporties is great for improving your child's hand to eye coordination and ball tracking skills.

**Our 'Main School' class is for 6 - 16 year olds. SATURDAY MORNING CLASS TIME 9.30am - 12.30pm  
(SPORTS LEADERS COURSES)**

As one of our **Main School** students, each week your child will enjoy an hour of each of the following:

A team sport e.g. Netball, Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Basketball, Tchoukball, Handball

An individual sport e.g. Badminton, Tri-Golf, Athletics, Tennis, Martial Arts

A team building challenge e.g. Chinese Dodgeball, Escape and Evasion, Minefield.

In the first year alone your child will have the opportunity to enjoy 18 exciting sports & our team building challenges that help build confidence & develop communication & leadership skills. At MultiSports the children will get to play new & diverse sports as well as the traditional games. All activities are carried out under the expert tuition of our qualified and supportive coaches and your child will work in a small group of students of similar age.

A 50% discount is available for siblings in our Main School. We look forward to welcoming you to MultiSports Guildford.

**SPRING TERM ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN – ALL NEW ENROLMENTS INCLUDE A 2 WEEK TRIAL!**  
**A GREAT WAY TO TRY OUR CLASSES BEFORE COMMITTING FOR A WHOLE TERM.**  
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Netball  
Rock-it-ball  
Rounders  
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Slamball  
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Speed Stacking  
Tag Rugby  
Tambourelli  
Tchoukball  
Tri Golf  
Unihoc  
Volleyball