Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 15th December 2023

Dear Families

Here we are at the end of term already. What a busy time we've all had learning, sharing experiences and supporting each other at school. Clandon is a very special community and it is wonderful to see our Christian values lived out as we learn together.

Pantomime:

We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at the Pantomime, 'Cinderella', on Tuesday afternoon. The children really got into their stride with audience participation and booed and cheered very loudly. Each member of the staff team who accompanied this visit was delighted looking round at all the children and seeing their smiling faces absolutely focused on the show. What a treat for us all and we give huge thanks to the PTFA for paying for the tickets.

We received a lovely email from another audience member who had noticed the Clandon group ... HAPPY CHRISTMAS





Dear Clandon School,

I thought I would send you a brief e-mail to congratulate all of your pupils and staff that attended the Pantomime at the Yvonne Arnold yesterday. We were also in the audience and were taken by the exceptional good behaviour of your pupils and the professionalism of your staff. We really enjoyed the performance, which was made even better by the way all your children interacted with the show. Please pass on our thanks and best Christmas wishes to all pupils and staff.







Nativity:

Woodlands performed their nativity play to the whole school on Tuesday and to their families on Wednesday. They all did so well remembering their lines and songs. Well done to all the Woodlands team for a memorable performance. Thank you to the PTFA for organising a refreshment sale for the families attending.

Spring Term Staffing:

We said goodbye and good luck to Miss McGowan today, finishing with a favourite Clandon song 'My Lighthouse'. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role and look forward to hearing all about it when she visits. Mrs Cramp is going to be running Active Hour and After-School Care four days a week, with Mrs Godfrey taking on Tuesdays. The contact number and procedures for booking via the school office remain the same. Mrs Godfrey will also be taking on some of Miss McGowan's role supporting Squirrel Class and will be joined by Mrs Kirby who is moving from Woodlands into Squirrels. Mrs Daniels will no longer be in Woodlands on Fridays but may reappear from time to time to cover. She will be replaced by Mrs Nelson who is joining the team next term.

We are still trying to recruit a School Caretaker to open, lock and maintain the school site each day during term-time. If you know if anyone who may be interested in this vital part-time role, please ask them to email Ms Reynolds who will then get in contact to arrange a visit and discuss further details about the role. It may suit someone who has retired from full-time work but would still enjoy being part of our lovely school community.

Christmas Activities and Services at the Clandon Churches - ALL WELCOME:

There are still lots of Christmassy family activities and services to look forward to in the Clandon churches this Christmas.



Christmas decoration workshop 16th December at West Clandon Church On Saturday 16th December, our friends at Clandon Park are organising a Christmas decoration workshop! Everyone is invited to drop in at West Clandon church between 2 and 4pm, where a specially commissioned local artist will help them make beautiful Christmas Tree decorations - one to adorn the church's tree and one to take home for vours!

Christmas Eve Crib Service 24th December at West Clandon Church Held at 3pm on Christmas Eve in West Clandon Church, the Crib Service is always really popular. We would be delighted to welcome you and your family. Children (and adults too!) are encouraged to come along dressed as a Nativity character or in other suitably festive attire.

Christmas Day family services

On The Big Day itself, do come along to one of our special family-friendly Christmas Day services - East Clandon Church, 9.15am or West Clandon Church, 10.30am



Further information from tessa@clandon-churches.org

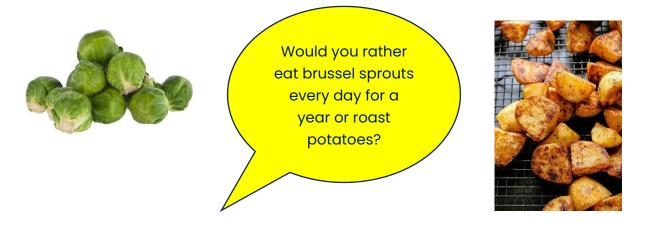


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If your child is due to start in Reception next September please remember to apply online by Monday 15th January. Please also remind your friends to do the same.

Developing Communication Skills:

This week's question had a polarised response from the children...!



On behalf of all the Clandon team many thanks for all your support this term and for our lovely Christmas gifts which we will enjoy. We wish all of you a relaxing, fun, healthy and happy Christmas and we will look forward to doing it all again from Wednesday 3rd January.

Warmest wishes from Vicky Voller, Headteacher & Stacey Reynolds, Head of School The Newlands Federation Email Vicky: head@newlands.surrey.sch.uk Email Stacey: sreynolds@clandon.surrey.sch.uk Tel Clandon: 01483 222442 Tel Shere: 01483 202198 Active Hour mobile number: 07377 147643

December	Fri 1 st	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school starting at 3.00pm
	Wed 6 th	Key Stage 2	Carols in the Wilderness at 2.30pm
	Fri 8 th	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
	Fri 8 th	Whole School	Reindeer Run
	Tue 12 th	Whole School	Visit to Pantomime at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre 3.45pm finish
	Wed 13 th	Woodlands	Nativity at 9.30am
	Fri 15 th	Whole School	Last Day of Term, school finishes at 1.30pm

January	Tue 2 nd	Whole School	INSET – no school for children due to teacher training
	Wed 3 rd	Whole School	Children return to school

February	W/B 12 th	Whole School	Half Term

