



# Clandon CofE Primary School

Newlands Federation - Roots to grow, wings to fly.

Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**



## **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 ...



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 yours!

### 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](mailto:tessa@clandon-churches.org)

[www.clandon-churches.org](http://www.clandon-churches.org)



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

## Developing Communication Skills:

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



Would you rather  
eat brussel sprouts  
every day for a  
year or roast  
potatoes?



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 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

Warmest wishes from

**Vicky Voller, Headteacher & Stacey Reynolds, Head of School**  
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## Autumn Term Dates

\*New dates added or updated event

December	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school starting at 3.00pm
	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 <b>3.45pm finish</b>
	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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**If you need support now, here's what to do**

**If you're in immediate danger:  
call 999**

**If you have an urgent need, call our  
crisis team on 0800 915 4644 . It's open  
24 hours a day – 7 days a week.**

**If you're not in a crisis, but still need support ...**

**If you do not need urgent support, you can talk to your mental health lead in school. They are there to listen and support you with your mental health and wellbeing. If you do not know who this is, talk to a member of school staff you trust and they will be able to help you.**

**Visit our website, [www.mindworks-surrey.org](http://www.mindworks-surrey.org) – this offers a wide range of information which can help your mental health and wellbeing. We have resources such as [My Safety Plan](#) and [self-help tips](#) to help guide you through your wellbeing during challenging times. You'll find links to useful websites, recommended reading , plus coping strategies to help you through difficult times.**

**We are partnered with Kooth, who are a digital mental health platform providing confidential support for all young people. Here you can access forums, activity centres, messaging and live counselling. You can get support when you need it, with no waiting lists or need to be referred by an adult. Visit [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) for more information.**

**Sometimes it might feel easier to message/ text about how you are feeling and there are many places you can do this:**

- **Shout** : is a free, confidential, 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. To start a conversation, text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258.
- **Chat Health** : is a safe and easy way for you to speak to a qualified health professional. They provide information about services near you that can provide support. Contact them through their website [www.chathealth.nhs.uk](http://www.chathealth.nhs.uk)

**The CYP (Children & Young People) Haven is a safe space for any child or young people aged 10–18 to go where they can talk about worries and mental health in a confidential, friendly and supportive place. Scan the QR code for more information.**



**We also work closely with young people groups such as Amplify, their contact email [amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk](mailto:amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk) and Surrey Youth Voice, where your voice can help us help other young people's mental health and wellbeing services across Surrey and North East Hampshire. Contact them on 01483 519 464 or [user.voice@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:user.voice@surreycc.gov.uk)**

**Mindworks Surrey provides a dedicated out-of-hours helpline for parents and carers of children with suspected or diagnosed neurodevelopmental needs such as ASD and or ADHD. It's open 5 pm–11 pm, seven days a week. Call 0300 222 5755.**

**Mindworks Surrey also offers a range of groups and youth clubs for both children and young people. These are all open to self-referral and you can find out more information on our website by scanning the QR code.**



**The Mindworks Access and Advice Team can also provide support in signposting you to more help.  
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