



Clandon CE Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Newsletter 10th January 2025

Reminders for week beginning Monday 13 th January	
General	Please ensure children are wrapped up warm with coats
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Kestrels at Forest School – warm, waterproof clothing and packed lunch from home or from Innovate
Thursday	
Friday	

Dear Families

Happy New Year to you all and we hope everyone had an enjoyable break. It has been a chilly start to the term but across the school everyone is in good spirits and keen to get on with their learning.

Stacey Reynolds:

It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you that Ms Reynolds has been offered an exciting new role as an outreach worker at Freemantles School and, as a result, will not be returning to Clandon School. This is a wonderful opportunity for Stacey, but we will certainly miss her here and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Stacey for her years of hard work and dedication to Clandon School. Her determination and advocacy have made a significant impact, and many children have benefitted from her care and commitment. We will be organising some special leaving events for Stacey and will keep you informed so we can all say a proper goodbye.

Attendance:

As you are aware from previous newsletters, new attendance regulations came into effect in August. This means that unauthorised absences can result in a penalty notice being issued if your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks (10 sessions is equivalent to 5 days). You can find more information about penalty notices in our school attendance policy. Copies of the policy are on the school website [Clandon C of E School - Policies](#), or available from the school office.

Ukelele Tuition

Children in Key Stage 2 are very excited at the prospect of learning to play the Ukelele, starting in their music lessons next week. Clandon School is grateful to Surrey Arts for agreeing to loan us a set of Ukeleles and provide a teacher. There is no cost to families

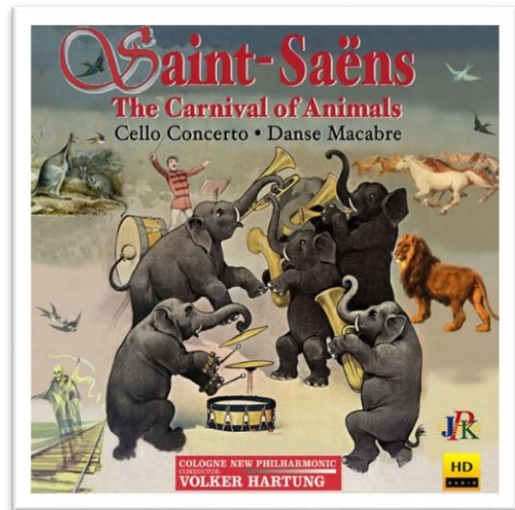
for these lessons and we look forward to seeing the children's progress on their instruments.

Our Behaviour Focus:

This week we have been trying very hard to remember that **'if something goes wrong or we are not sure what to do, ask an adult to help!'** There are always plenty of adults around at Clandon, teachers, teaching assistants and administrative staff are all available to help children in their classrooms, in the hall and on the playground. If your child has any worries at any time, please encourage them to talk to a member of staff.

Composer of the week:

Every Tuesday in our singing assembly, the children are introduced to a new composer and find out a little bit about their life and music. This type of cultural knowledge is important for children giving them a broad understanding of the world and an introduction to the very best musicians, artists, authors and poets. This week's composer is Camille Saint Saens, who famously composed the Carnival of the Animals.



The Mystery of the Clandon Dragon!



In the end of term newsletter, we let you know that we are beginning a whole school shared unit of work this term based on the legend of the Clandon Dragon. You may have noticed that the chalk dragon by the Clandon crossroads has recently been refurbished with fresh chalk.

Final Reminder for Reception and Year 3 Applications

Applications for September 2025 Reception and new Year 3 places close on **Wednesday 15th January**. Please don't forget to submit your applications by then, and remind friends and family members to do the same. Applications received after the deadline will be classed as "late applications" by Surrey County Council and applicants may not be allocated their preferred school.

NB If your child is currently in Year 2 at Clandon **you don't need to do anything** as they will automatically move up to Year 3. This would only be relevant to children moving to Year 3 at Clandon from another school.

Would You Rather...?

Here is this week's conversation starter for you to enjoy a good chat with your child ...



Would you rather climb Mount Everest or take a submarine down to the bottom of the ocean?



Warmest wishes from

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Additional Information:

- Family First Magazine, a bi-annual magazine specifically designed to improve the health of over 6,000,000 families across England, Wales and Scotland via link here: [Schools – Family First](#)

Additional information after dates list:

- Haslemere Museum Events information

Dates for Spring 2025

New or updated events are shown in green

January	Mon 6 th	Whole School	Back to School for the start of the Spring Term
	Wed 29 th	Year 5	Visiting Christ's College to watch a performance during the school day (travelling on Christ's College minibus).
	Fri 31 st	Whole School	PTFA Bake Sale – donations from Woodlands families please.
February	Thu 6 th	Whole School	NSPCC Number Day
	Tue 11 th	Year R	Sportshall Event at Guildford Spectrum 12.45pm
	Wed 12 th	Years 1 & 2	Sportshall Event at Guildford Spectrum 12.45pm
	Thu 13 th	Kestrels	Sportshall Event at Guildford Spectrum (time tbc)
	Thu 13 th	Whole School	PTFA disco after school
	Fri 14 th	Whole School	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
	Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Whole School	Half term – school closed
March	Wed 5 th	Whole School	Visit to RHS Wisley Garden
	Thu 6 th	Whole School	World Book Day
	Mon 24 th	Squirrels and Kestrels	Primary Music Festival at GLive
April	Fri 4 th	Whole School	Last day of Spring Term school closes at 1.30pm
	Tue 22 nd	Whole School	Back to school for start of Summer Term

HASLEMERE MUSEUM EVENTS



ADOPT A PANE

Support the Museum

Haslemere Museum is raising vital funds for maintenance of its listed Georgian building on Haslemere High Street.

Find out how you can help at
haslemere-museum.co.uk/adoptapane



Family event

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH



Saturday 25 January 2025
10.30am-1pm

A chance for children and adults to have fun together making bird cakes, doing craft activities and discovering the birds in the Museum grounds and galleries.

Free event | No need to book in advance

Haslemere Museum, 78 High Street, Haslemere GU27 2LA

