

Newsletter 8 (1/11/19)



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all had a fantastic half term with your family and friends after a busy start to our school year! In the final week of last half term, the school enjoyed an inspiring visit from David Hill the Paralympian Athlete and the Year 6 children experienced London! Meeting David was both engaging and inspiring and there has been a good amount of sponsor money collected after the event which will support the school in purchasing new playground equipment.

I was privileged to join the children on their London trip and was most impressed by their attitudes, behaviour and approach to the visit. It was a jam-packed two days but every one of the children were brilliant throughout and had an amazing experience that included: The Natural History Museum, travelling on the underground, Covent Garden, dining in a restaurant, catching the show Matilda, staying at a hostel, visiting Westminster and Parliament, the London Eye and a river boat cruise! I would like to say a huge well done to all of the children once again and thank you to all the parents who supported the trip going ahead.

We are looking forward to another busy half term which has already included lots of exciting learning opportunities in lessons this week and fun! The children looked fantastic with their scary hair and funky hats and thank you to all who supported the cake sale after school!

Clubs@Clawton

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for clubs that start next week. If you would like to sign up there are still places available in most clubs. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to take part in a wide range of activities at lunchtime and after school. We look forward to seeing you next week!

Festivals at Holsworthy Community College

On Monday next, 4th November, we have the Multi Skills Festival for children in Years 1 & 2 and then on Monday, 11th November, will be the turn of Years 3 & 4 who have their Tag Rugby Festival. The timing and arrangements for both these events are as follows:

We will be travelling by coach, with St Giles Primary, leaving here at approx. 12.25pm (the events run from 12.45-2.45pm) and we will have an early school lunch before we leave. Everyone will need their PE kits including their Clawton T'shirt and a change of footwear please. Thank you.

Special 'Bonfire Lunch' Menu – Tuesday 5th November

The menu will be Bangers (Westcountry Sausages in a Hog Dog Roll); Roman Candle (Vegetarian Sausage served in a Wrap); Rocket Beans (Curried or Baked Beans); Whizzing Corn (Sweetcorn); Catherine Wheels (Curly Fries); followed by a Homemade Cookie. Free meal or normal charge of £2.20 will apply.

Photographers!

On Friday next week, 8th November, we will have two photographers in school – the Alumnis MAT photographer will be taking photos for the school and MAT websites, in order to be included we must have digital consent – there are still a few forms outstanding so if you know if you haven't returned this yet, please ask for another copy. We will also have Russell Wilcox taking individual and family photos, we will assume you wish your child/ren to be included unless you advise us to the contrary. If anyone wants to bring in younger/older siblings for a family group, Russell will be set up in the school hall by 9am and can do these first. Families in preschool and Parent & Toddlers are also welcome to have photos taken. Proofs will be sent home within a few days with instructions on how to order.

Christmas Dates!

We are now looking at our Christmas event calendar and would like to give you the dates for the shows so that you can plan for attending them.

- Hedgehogs and Squirrels – Tuesday 10th December 2pm and 6pm
- Foxes and badgers – Thursday 12th December 2pm and 6pm

More information will go out nearer the time regarding tickets and final details. We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 18th December.

Twitter

The school now has a Twitter account which proved very successful in the recent trip to London. We would like to make more use of it as a means of sharing photos of some of the super activities which take place in school – only those with digital consent will, of course, be included. Please follow @ClawtonSchool. At the moment content will be limited but we will be making more use of it going forward.

Admissions

Applications for secondary school places closed on 31st October so we trust all parents of year 6 got their applications submitted on time! Applications for admissions to Reception for September 2020 will open on 15th November and must be submitted by 15th January – this will be for children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016. These can be made online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline; if you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or emailing admissions@devon.gov.uk. This is the only way to apply for a school place, the fact that you already attend our preschool or have your name on our informal 'intake list' will not count. It is vitally important that you do not miss the deadline as it could well mean you lose out on a place at your preferred school because your application would not be considered with the first round.

Parent/Carer Acceptable Use Policy/Agreement

Each child will be bringing home a copy of the above document – please read this carefully then complete, sign and return it. It is essential that we have a signed Agreement for each child in the school in order for them access the internet and IT systems in the school so please return this on Monday so it doesn't get forgotten. Thank you.

General Trip Slip 19-20

We have also attached a 'general trip slip' for you to sign and return please – this is for local trips up to Beer Mill etc – we normally tell you when these things are happening and for other longer trips we always have separate permissions but this will cover us for things that are part of the general curriculum. Thank you.

PTA

Final date for Christmas card orders to be back in is Wednesday next week, 6th November, please.

Next meeting Wednesday 13th November Rydon Inn 7pm for 7.30pm start - To plan Christmas!!

Safeguarding

We are often sent through information to support safeguarding within our community and on this week's newsletter I would like to enclose two leaflets that might be of interest to you or someone that you know.

The first is on safeguarding yourself against scam callers and the second is about Early Help.

If you would like to talk to anyone on the SEND or Safeguarding Teams in school about early Help services or indeed anything else that you need support with, please do not hesitate to pop in or drop us an email.

Safeguarding Team

Charlene Marston – Designated Lead
Tracey Vickery - - Deputy Designated Lead
Jaime Paget – Level 3 Trained
Sarah Stroud – Level 3 Trained
Justy Henderson – Pre School Lead

SEND Team

Jaime Paget – SENDCo
Sarah Stroud – SENDCo Assistant
Nicky Mitchell – Pre-school SENDCo
Charlene Marston – Headteacher

Lunch, Wakey & Shakey, Uniform Payments and Preschool Fees

Please ensure that all payments are brought up to date, there are quite a few outstanding from before half term. At the moment we can only take cash or cheques payable to Alumnis MAT but hope to have the online payments system up and running before Christmas.

Puppet Ministry Training Day – 30th November at Chilsworthy Chapel 10am-4.30pm

This will be a practical day to develop skills, find resources and be inspired! It is suitable for adults and children and designed to give hands on experience covering basic and advanced puppetry, solo puppetry, how to start a puppet ministry and so much more. Performances throughout the day to give you plenty of starting ideas. £18 per person (or £25 within 10 days of the event). See Avril for more information.

General Trip Slip 19-20 – Please complete, sign & return

I give permission for my child/ren _____:

- to attend any local trips Yes/No
- to travel by hired transport or in a private car fitted with appropriate seatbelts, in connection with any school visit that is taken as part of the curriculum at Clawton Primary School during the 2019/20 academic year Yes/No
- to receive any medical treatment to be administered in an emergency, including an anaesthetic where necessary. Yes/No

Normal emergency contact number(s): _____

Signed: _____ Name: _____ Date: _____



Free call blockers

The National Trading Standards Scams Team are offering **FREE call blocking** units for people who receive a high level of scam or nuisance phone calls.

Do you or someone you know would benefit from a call blocker?

If you answered yes, then apply for a **FREE** call blocker today!

www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk/callblocker

Why install a call blocker?

Research from the previous call blocker project shows that **99%** of scam and nuisance calls were blocked.

People have reported many benefits from having a call blocker, such as:

- *Significantly reducing the risk of financial harm.*
- *Reducing the risk of trips, falls and distraction accidents due to answering the phone unnecessarily.*
- *Helping those who live alone feel safer and more in control and giving peace of mind to their family and friends.*

If you would like to receive a social media pack or have any queries regarding the project please contact: ***Call.BlockerProject@surreycc.gov.uk***

For updates on the project follow us on social media!

We would also encourage you to complete the Friends Against Scams online learning session, which provides information about scams and those who fall victim to them.



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