



## Clawton Primary School Newsletter | 12th March 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you to all parents that have introduced themselves this week and offered me a warm welcome to Clawton School. It has been wonderful having all children back on site and to feel the 'buzz' of learning throughout classrooms as well as the excitement of seeing friends again throughout corridors, playgrounds and the dinner hall.

Throughout the week, I have spent time observing the day to day running of the school. Thank you to all the parents that have raised concerns around the staggered drop offs and the car park. Despite schools returning we are still in a period of COVID restrictions and school Risk Assessments still heavily focus on ensuring drop offs are staggered. However, I also agree with you that our current set up is not working. After consultation with the teachers, and whilst considering the importance of learning time as well as adhering to COVID risk assessments, I have restructured the morning drop offs and afternoon pickups. As well as the drop off times changing there will also be a change as of Monday where teachers will come out on to the playgrounds to line their classes up and take them in. Please see more information below:

**8.40am** School gates open. **Squirrels and Hedgehogs** to enter the bottom playground where Mrs Vickery and Mrs Paget will be waiting to line the class up and take them in.

At this point key stage 2 children with a younger sibling can come on site and make their way to the top playground where a staff member will be on duty.



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**Character virtue focus this week:**  
Reflection

**School uniform**

Now we are back in school full time the school uniform policy reapplies. Children can wear PE kit on the days they have sport.

**8.50am Foxes and Badgers** to walk around to the top playground where their class teachers will be waiting to line them up and take them in.

**9am** Pre School to come through as usual.

Pick up:

**3pm: Pre School, Hedgehogs and Squirrels** pick up.

**3.10pm Foxes and Badgers** pick up.

### **Character Education Cornerstone**

In school this week we have begun reflecting on our own characters, what our character strengths are, what we need to work on and how we can become inspiring changemakers. This in turn supports the Character cornerstone of our C360. As part of the character cornerstone each child throughout the school will be working towards a character recognition criterion – this is outlined more in our brochure attached:

<https://my.flipbookpdf.net/xIj5V>

This week the year 5 and 6 class started working towards the 'inspiring leader' badge by considering how they can be playground leaders at lunch time and support the younger children in the dinner hall. All year 6 children are being given the opportunity to do this and will have badges and high vis vests to show they are a leader during lunch time. This will be on a rota so children also get time to play.

Also, this week all children have begun their 'inspiring researcher' UN sustainable projects to enable them to achieve the badge for this element of the character education programme.

### **Excellence as Standard developmental hubs with Mr Roy Blatchford CBE.**

Staff across the Trust continue to work with Mr Roy Blatchford to consider key aspects of our academic cornerstone to continually support 'Excellence as Standard' across the Trust. Through hard work and dedication teams of staff have created documents to support teaching and learning in school and provide ideas for support at home. Please see the leaflets attached. As part of these projects the Clawton staff have begun raising the profile of oracy in schools – the ability to speak well in all aspects of life. Each class has a selection of starter sentences to enable children to frame speech in full sentences, and we have brought words alive in a fun activity where key vocabulary is placed on the front of each class door and anyone that enters the class has to try and include one of the words in their initial sentence – I have already had many children reminding me that I should go back out

of class and come back in using a word. It is a fun and engaging way of allowing children to experience words they may not have come across before.

Wishing you all a safe and hopefully sunny weekend!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R Sharpe'.

Mrs. R Sharpe.