

Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 13.12.24

Be safe, Be ready, Be respectful.

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.



Christmas Carols and Nativity

Our annual Christmas Carol service took place on Wednesday night at St Peter's Church. Key Stage One acted out the story of the Nativity with Key Stage Two providing the singing, prayers and poetry.

Well done to all the pupils and staff for putting together such a wonderful celebration of Christmas.

Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday the whole school gathered in the hall for our annual Christmas Dinner. It was a delight seeing the smiles on the children and staff faces as they shared a meal together, told Christmas cracker jokes and struggled to keep their hats on.



Panto trip: Willow Class and some Maple children.

Children will need to arrive at school for 8.30am for an 8.45am departure. They will be returning at lunchtime therefore pick up is at the usual time. We will be providing packed lunches for all of Willow Class and any free school meals students in Maple Class who are attending the trip, all they will need to bring from home is a water bottle. If your child is in Maple Class and not free school meals, please can you provide them with a packed lunch in a disposable bag. All children are to wear full school uniform. Thank you.

Staffing news.

Miss Poynor will be taking up a 6 week Trust secondment opportunity at All Saints Primary School in Sapcote for the first half term after Christmas as part of her continuing professional development. She will return to Claybrooke after half term in February. Due to this, will be welcoming Mrs Wagg, who is a very experienced teacher at All Saints, as a swap on Miss Poynor's working days for this short period. Miss Ellingworth will continue with her normal two days a week at Claybrooke.



We will also be welcoming Miss Smith to Claybrooke for the first half term to Claybrooke as part of her teacher training. She will primarily be based in Maple Class with myself and Mrs Chick.

Note for your diaries: Friday 20th December: Christmas jumper day.

The latest South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership December newsletter can be read [here](#). The newsletters are designed to give parents an understanding of health and well-being. They include links to websites for more detailed information, helplines and further support.

Inspire Santa Sleigh

This annual event is taking place in Claybrooke tomorrow, Saturday, 14th December starting at 5:30pm. Please come along and show your support if you can.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr P. Rock
Head of School



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Well done to those who received certificates this week:

Excellent Work: Esme, Parker & Bridie

Values: James, Hope & Oakley

Whole school attendance

w/e 13.12.24 89.71 %

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Latest class news:
This week: Oak Class



The class had the best time playing 'glow dodgeball' last week! I kept the activity a surprise until Wednesday morning, and they were so excited when they found out! Claybrooke have always been extremely skilled when it comes to dodgeball, so this was a nice way to enhance their skills, ready for tournaments coming up in the new year.

We have continued to work on writing a balanced argument. The class has decided to write an argument based around children having to wear school uniform. We are nearing the end of 'Secrets of a Sun King' in reading, and we're close to finding out if Lil manages to return the canopic jar to Egypt! The children have enjoyed this unit of work, asking insightful questions around the book and the topic of Ancient Egypt.

In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions, focusing on adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. As we near the end of the term, we'll be securing our knowledge of fractions, and moving on to multiplication and division.

We have finished another unit of work in Science this half term, 'Animals including humans!' The children looked at the life cycles of animals, including gestation, span and how human life develops.

In Geography, we have been learning about Biomes. The children have recapped some knowledge from last year, and also learnt how to make comparisons between different biomes and continents.

In RE, we have continued to study Salvation and focused on the similarities and differences between Good Friday and a Christian funeral. We have also discussed how emotions can change between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



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January Wellbeing Event



Claybrooke Primary School PTA invite you to this very special fundraising event...



Enjoy stress relieving & mood boosting Yoga for all bodies, plus a guided relaxation to melt tension and worries - delivered by a qualified Yoga Teacher & Therapist.



Plus a series of creative coaching activities to refocus your priorities for the year ahead. - led by a professional life Coach.

Only £25 per person
Including hot drink, tasty treat and all craft materials

Beat the January blues, while supporting your school!

All proceeds will go towards new playground equipment for your child!

Sunday January 26th 2025, 1pm - 4pm
@ Claybrooke Primary School Hall

Spaces limited to ensure a relaxed atmosphere. To book your spot, complete the attached form. Feel free to contact Nichola for more info - 07828038494

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

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*Latest vacancies within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust.
(click on the links below)*

[JW Family Liaison Officer](#) - Working at John Wycliffe and Claybrooke Primary Schools

[JW Learning Support Assistant](#)

[Learning Support Assistant](#) role at Ullesthorpe Primary School

[Trust advert - Midday Supervisor roles - Trust advert](#)



Claybrooke calendar 2024- 25



Please see provisional dates for the upcoming academic year. (All dates are subject to change.)

Autumn Term 2024

Date	Event
Mon 16/12	Willow Class panto trip
Tue 17/12	Christingle service at St Peter's Church
Fri 20/12	Christmas Jumper day.
Fri 20/12	Break up for Christmas holidays
	End of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2025

Date	Event
Mon 06/01	School re-opens
Fri 17/01	Young Voices Concert (Only for those signed up)
Tue 11/02	Consultation evenings
Wed 12/02	Consultation evenings

w/c 17/02	Spring Half-Term Week
Mon 24/0	School re-opens
Mon 24/02	Forest school begins for Oak Class
Tue 25/02	Topic Showcase 2.30-3.00 *
w/c 03/10	Reading Festival Week
Thurs 06/03	World Book Day: Stay & Read 8.45-9.15 *
Wed 02/04	Warning Zone trip. Y6 only
w/c 14/04	Easter Holidays
w/c 21/04	Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
Mon 28/04	School re-opens
Mon 28/04	Forest school begins for Willow Class
w/c 12/05	Y6 SATs week
Date tbc	Saffron Lane Athletics
w/c 26/05	Summer Half-Term Week
Mon 02/06	Start of Summer 2nd
Mon 02/06	Forest school begins for Maple Class
Wed 11/06	School Sports Day
Wed 18/06	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 02/07	Oak Class Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 *
Tue 08/07	Leavers' Assembly 9.30-10.30 *
Tue 08/07	Last Day of School Year
Wed 09/07	Summer holidays begin
Tue 26/08	School reopens for pupils

Community Yoga & Mindfulness

10% off for
Claybrooke
Primary
Community

Mondays
@ Claybrooke Primary
School Hall

6 -7:15pm | Yoga

7:30 - 8:30pm | Mindfulness Meditation

Begin your week feeling calm & connected...

Wednesdays
@ Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall

7:15 - 8:30pm | Yoga

Find your mid-week pause to destress & reconnect...

NEXT BLOCK BEGINS WEEK COMMENCING
28TH OCTOBER


FOR MORE INFO CALL, TEXT OR VISIT:




Nichola Day
Sensitive Yoga Therapy

07828038494
www.nicholaday.co.uk





CHRISTMAS YOGA CAMP
For 4 - 13 years olds
@yoga Loft, Burbage



Saturday 21st December
11.30 - 3.30pm

Booking essential, deposit required to secure your Childs place, your child will need a packed lunch and drinks.

Enjoy yoga poses, games, Christmas art activities, more yoga fun, relaxation to end. £25 per child

To book your child onto the Christmas yoga camp contact Becki 07956 655656