

**Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 15.11.24**

***Be safe, Be ready, Be respectful.***

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

**.Anti-bullying week.**

This week we have been taking part in national Anti-bullying week. The theme this year is 'Choose Respect'. Each class has spent some time exploring this and how it is seen in our own behaviour, online, and in other children and adults.



Some children in Year 6 visited Thomas Estley Community College this morning to be trained as Wellbeing Ambassadors. Well done for representing the school so well. We are looking forward to you being ambassadors for wellbeing at school for the rest of the year.



**Children in Need Cake Sale**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the cake sale which took place after school today. The cakes were delicious! Thank you to those who baked and donated any cakes. You helped raise a grand total of £110 for Children in Need. Fantastic! Thank you.



## Travellers Tea

A reminder that we have the fantastic Travellers Tea event taking place in the school hall next Tuesday, 19th November. Pop along to taste some fantastic food, games and activities. This event is open to all. Please see the flyer further down the newsletter.

Please click this [link](#) to read the latest South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership. 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.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr P. Rock  
Head of School



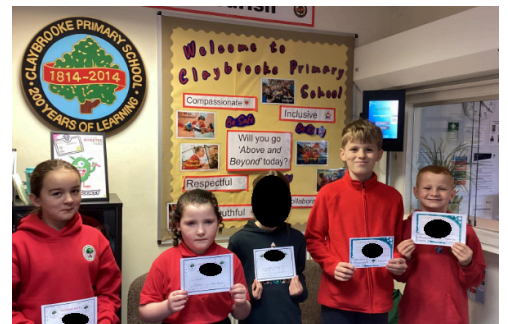
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*Well done to those who received certificates this week:*

*Excellent Work: Dakoda, Bodhi and Lillie Mae*

*Values: Timmy Lee, Freddie and Hugo*



*Hot Chocolate Superstars:*

*Edie, Theo, Georgia and Bridie*

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

*Whole school attendance*

*w/e 15.11.24 89.88%*



## Latest class news: This week: Maple Class



Maple Class have been busy with their learning since returning from half term.

In English the children have been exploring formal letters and had to write a letter to debate whether the school summer holidays should be shortened! Some great reasons were given for keeping them at their current length! In maths they have been continuing to develop their addition and subtraction skills, including estimating and inverse operations.

In Art they have been exploring a range of different painting techniques. These included tonking, sgraffito and impasto techniques. Well done everyone, some great results.



In Computing the children have been developing their animation skills. They have been using the app 'imotion' to create short animations as well as creating flip books. We are looking forward to seeing their final videos at the end of the unit.



This week the children have begun a new geography unit exploring maps and fieldwork. They have already looked at OS maps and identified human and physical features as well as using a compass for direction.

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

### 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signalling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

### 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

### 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

### 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

### 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

### 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

### 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

### 8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

### 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

### 10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

### Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

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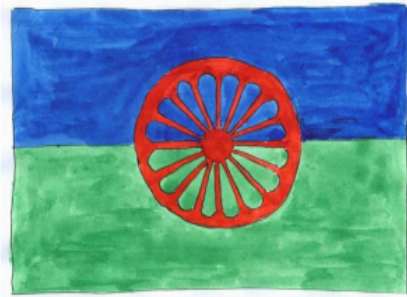
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Harborough District Children and Young People's Charity alongside

residents of Mere Farm presents:

# Traveller's Tea



Tuesday 19th November 2024

3.30pm - 5pm at Claybrooke Primary School

**Free** event and all welcome

**Join us for some Traditional  
Gypsy food, games & activities**

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

[SG - Teacher vacancy](#) *Teacher role at St Margarets, Stoke Golding*

[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
w/c 21/10	HALF TERM
Tue 19/11	Travellers Tea event in the school hall. 3:30 - 5pm. All welcome. *
Thurs 21/11	PTA Christmas Craft 9 - 11:30am
Fri 29/11	'PTA 'Wear what you want' day. Bring items for Christmas.
Fri 06/12	PTA Christmas Bazaar (TBC) 5:30 - 7:30pm *
Wed 11/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 1:30pm (TBC)
Wed 11/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 6:00 pm *
Mon 16/12	Willow Class panto trip
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. <b>Y6 only</b>
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

# THE HARBOROUGH MONSTER TRAIL

#MONSTERTRAIL24

## THE MONSTERS ARE COMING! 21ST OCTOBER - 29TH NOVEMBER

There are 20 monsters hidden across parks and green spaces in Lutterworth, Harborough, Kibworth & Smeeton and Broughton Astley for families to find this Autumn!

### HOW TO PLAY!

Find the monster, scan the QR and collect the code!

To meet our monsters and to download the maps to play,

scan here!



### MONSTER REWARDS



There are certificates and fuzzy monsters to collect. PLUS! A medal for those that find all 20 monsters!

The Harborough Monster Trail kicks off on Monday 21st October, so get active this half term and join the hunt!

### WILL YOU FIND THEM ALL?



Wellbeing | School Sport | PE | Physical Activity



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# 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:**



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