

Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 22.12.23

Be safe, Be ready, Be respectful.

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

We have come to the end of the Autumn term. What a term it has been! Christmas is always a time for reflection and looking back at the previous year to reflect on the positives and challenges that have taken place.

We've seen the introduction of CUSP, our new curriculum for Reading and Writing and the introduction of a renewed curriculum offer, through RiSE, for Science, DT, Art & Design, History and Geography. We've reflected on our expectations for behaviour and as such, refreshed our Behaviour for Learning curriculum with clearer expectations and non-negotiables. We have rebranded our school logo with a pair of modern new designs to reflect the growth and change of the school, but still celebrating its history, and we have continued to develop and improve relationships with the school community, the PTA and the wider community. Finally, we were inspected by OFSTED toward the end of the term which resulted in a 'Good' inspection judgement. A fantastic end to a year of change and growth.

Congratulations to all of the children and staff for the two fantastic Christmas performances at the church this week. This is the first time in a very long time that Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have come together to put on a joint Christmas Carol and Nativity production and it was lovely to see the entire school together celebrating the meaning of Christmas. Well done to the children for learning all of their words and for speaking and singing so beautifully and to the staff for their hard work behind the scenes putting the event together. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the school during the afternoon and evening performances.



Congratulations to our Executive Principal, Miss Prokipczuk, who will be getting married during the Christmas holidays. We look forward to welcoming her back to Claybrooke in the new year with her new married name of Mrs Darragh.

On behalf of all of the staff, thank you for all of your Christmas wishes, cards and presents. They are very much appreciated.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and a Happy New Year.
We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 8th January. .
Thank you for your continued support.



Mr P. Rock
Head of School



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Some of the fantastic photos from our recent professional school photo shoot.



School attendance

<i>Since Start of the term</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>This week</i>
<i>Willow Class: 87.73%</i>	<i>85.59%</i>	<i>85.07%</i>
<i>Maple Class: 86.64%</i>	<i>85.68%</i>	<i>85.47%</i>
<i>Oak Class: 88.05%</i>	<i>86.58%</i>	<i>85.85%</i>

National average: 94.4% School overall: 82.5%

Each week we will be focussing on a particular class to find out more about their learning.



This week: Oak Class



We're finally at the end of a very long Autumn term, and the children have worked incredibly hard all throughout. We have been to various sporting events, tackled Ofsted and put on a Christmas production! I'd like to thank you all for your ongoing support throughout the year so far.

Autumn term highlights:

In English, we have been studying and comparing poems, including Shakespeare's 'Sonnet 18' and William Wordsworth's 'Daffodils'. We looked at different devices that the poems used, including metaphors, similes and personification. The children then decided which poem they preferred and wrote the reasons why, referencing those poetic devices found. Towards the end of the unit, the children explored the ways in which they could perform the poems. We talked about using intonation, adding gestures, changing their volume and putting emphasis on particular words. Some children were even brave enough to perform it in front of the class!

In Science, we have been investigating Forces. The children have been looking at contact and non-contact forces, including drag, friction, gravity and magnetic force. The class have used Newton Metres to measure the force of objects in the classroom. We made parachutes to investigate the effects of drag and tin foil boats to look at buoyancy!

Following on from Science, the children have made their own rockets in DT! We will be testing which rocket travels the furthest in a straight line, in the last week of term.

In Maths, the children have finished fractions, and have been revising any topics they haven't been secure in.



The Year 5 girls enjoyed their event at Broughton Astley Leisure Centre. They took part in the 'Aspiration Active' programme, which included goalball, wheelchair basketball and martial arts. The purpose of the programme is to encourage children to be more confident in sports.



Letter from the Chair of Governors.

Dear Parents and Carers,

22/12/2023

The school has recently shared with you the wonderful news that Claybrooke Primary School has undergone an Ofsted inspection and is now once again rated as a “Good” school. This is across the board, including the quality of education, our Early Years provision, the behaviour and attitudes of our students, their personal development opportunities, and our leadership.

The inspection outcome is a testament to the collective efforts of our entire school community, showcasing the hard work and dedication of our leaders, staff, and students. Since the last inspection, we've undergone changes, including leadership transitions, and have had fantastic involvement and support from the Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust (IPAT) that the school is part of. Important areas for improvement were identified and addressed, and it was good to hear parents acknowledging the positive impact of these changes during the inspection process. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your ongoing support.

The journey to here has not been easy, and the challenges have been met with determination and a shared vision for the success of the school. Our leaders and staff have demonstrated exceptional commitment, continuing to foster a nurturing and inclusive learning environment in our small school while striving for improvement in the curriculum and the teaching of it.

Claybrooke Primary School stands out for its personalised approach, fostering a supportive and engaging environment. The commitment to each child's well-being was evident to inspectors and safety is a top priority, with a focus on nurturing a secure environment and imparting essential skills. Our students enjoy a positive learning experience, enthusiastically participating in various activities, including sports, and expressed feeling well-supported in their transition to secondary school.

The inspectors also recognised that the school actively involves families and carers, addressing areas for improvement. While celebrating our successes, we continue to need your help to improve the attendance of our pupils, which, although improving, remains below pre-pandemic levels. We are committed to working closely with parents, carers, and the local community to improve attendance for all groups of pupils so that every child can benefit from the good education we offer. We really appreciate your support with this, both in terms of ensuring your children get the best education, but also in terms of helping us achieve the externally measured expectations for our school.

With the holiday season upon us, our Local Governance Board want to take this opportunity to wish you a joyous Christmas break. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to the continued success and growth of our school in the 2024 and beyond.

Wishing a Merry Christmas to those who celebrate it, and a Happy New Year to all!

Sincerely,

Hugo Venter

Chair of the School Governing Board

Clubs for next term. Sign up now if you would like a place.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



We are committed to keeping your children fit, active and healthy!



Claybrooke Primary School

Monday

★ Lego Construction | All Years

Thursday

★ Dodgeball | Year 2 - 6



£42.75 for 9 sessions

3:15PM - 4:15PM

Starting from Monday, 15th Jan

To book:

Visit www.superstarsportmidlands.co.uk

Go to "Book Now" & select your club!



Kidspace after school clubs: Starting January 2024

KIDSPACE

Welcome to Kidspace claybrooke, In addition to our Before and after-school club, which runs 7.30-9.00am and 3.15-6pm, we will be offering Kidspace Mini Clubs, which will run from 3:15p.m until 4:15p.m (no snacks provided). Just like our after-school club, these clubs are open to all children attending Claybrooke Primary School.

**To book a space at our mini clubs, or standard after school club, please email: Kidspaceclubs@gmail.com or Tel: 07890688852
Spaces are limited.**

Club	Day/Time	Dates	Cost
Cooking	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	9 th January – 13 th February	6 Sessions - £37.00
Science	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	10 th January – 14 th February	6 Sessions - £34.00
Crafts	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	11 th January – 15 th February	6 Sessions - £34.00

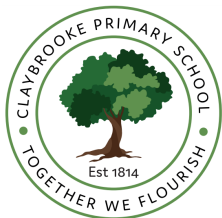
We accept all childcare vouchers, which could save you up to 20%. Please also remember to notify tax credits or universal credits. Depending on family circumstances, they may also be able to assist you financially with up to 80%.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium funding, you may be eligible to access these clubs at a reduced rate. Please contact the school office, if this applies to your child.

If your child already attends Kidspace Claybrooke on any of these days, they can choose to join in the mini clubs on their days at no extra cost.

Kind regards,

Kidspace



Claybrooke School Calendar 2023- 24



Spring Term 2024

Date	Event
Mon 08/01	School re-opens
Wed 24/01	Young Voices Concert (Only for those signed up)
Wed 07/02	Claybrooke Book Fair 2024 (Until 14th Feb)
w/c 19/02	Spring Half-Term Week
Mon 26/02	School re-opens
Wed 28-02	Class Photos
	Topic Showcase 2.30-3.00 *
Fri 01/03	Author visit
w/c 04/03	Reading Festival Week
06/03	Warning Zone trip. Y6 only
Thu 07/03	World Book Day: Stay & Read 8.45-9.15 *
w/c 11/03	Parent Consultations
	Mothers Day craft?
Fri 17/03	Red Nose Day
Wed 20/03	Maple Class production TBC
	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 22/-3	Break up for Easter
w/c 25/03	Easter Holidays
w/c 01/04	Easter Holidays
Mon 08/04	School re-opens

Reminder - Primary school application deadline approaching

*If you've a child starting primary school for the first time in Leicestershire next autumn you need to apply by 15th **January 2024.***

Allocated school places will be announced on national offer day – April 16 2024.

E.Safety:

We will provide information about a different aspect of E safety every week in this publication; we hope you find it useful. This week's topic is: **Top Tips for Setting up Parental Controls on New Devices**

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. Some of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof; however, some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

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