

## Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 24.11.23

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

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

This week we have had lots of visitors coming into school. Firstly, on Wednesday we welcomed the Travelling Bus on site, the children always enjoy the opportunity to engage with the many activities provided each month by the staff onboard. Then on Thursday the Open the Book team visited once again to share with us another Bible story and how it relates to our everyday lives.

The PTA and other parent volunteers came into school on Thursday for their annual PTA Christmas Craft. This year the children had to decorate their own wooden decoration in any way they felt. Fair to say, glitter was an obvious choice! Thank you to the PTA for organising the event, to Chris Wyatt for organising the wood donation from Global Timber and to John Cavacuti for spending countless hours making each decoration by hand for the children. Your time and effort to support the school is much appreciated. Thank you.



As you may have noticed in last week's newsletter, I highlighted the average attendance for each class. Please can you support us trying to improve our attendance figures further and thinking carefully before keeping your child off school. We will be closely monitoring attendance and lateness weekly. Reminder: registers close at 8:55 with lateness being classed as unauthorised from 9:15am. Thank you. **Any low attendance and persistent lateness will be referred to the attendance team and this may lead to a fixed penalty notice.**

Next Friday, children in KS2 will be visiting the Hippodrome Theatre in Birmingham to watch the stage show of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. There are still some outstanding payments for tickets that must be paid by next Tuesday. (28th Nov) **Please remember that we will not be returning to school until around 5:30 pm**

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.  
Thank you for your continued support.



Mr P. Rock  
Head of School



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PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## School attendance

Since Start of the term

Difference since last week

Willow Class: 87.73%

+ 3.8%

Maple Class: 86.64%

+ 5.7%

Oak Class: 88.05%

+ 4.2%

National average: 94.8%

School overall : 83.6%

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### Next (School) Week's Calendar (\*=Parents Invited):

Day	Event
Mon 27/11	YR and Y1 Forest School session Archery club (after school)
Tue 28/11	Maple ukulele lessons Y5 Girls - Cheerleading
Wed 29/11	Dodgeball club (after school)
Thu 30/11	
Fri 01/12	Maple and Oak theatre trip: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. <b>(Late return to school. Approx 5:30pm)</b>

Well done to those who received certificates this week:

Excellent Work



Paris, Chanelle,  
Millie, Chantel & Seren



Values

Chantel, Joe,  
Griffin, Freddie  
& Lily



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



*This week: Oak Class*



We have started a new reading unit in English, based on the book 'Pig Heart Boy'. The book follows a young teenager, Cameron, who is about to make a life altering decision. The children have enjoyed the book so far and have been able to hold a small discussion/debate on whether or not it's right to use animal organs for transplantation.

In writing, we have started planning an explanatory text, which we will base on the circulatory system. This links back to some of our learning from last year in Science. The children have so far demonstrated their knowledge of conjunctions, passive and active voice, and how to use bullet points and subheadings.

We have completed a new topic in Geography in the past couple of weeks. The children have learnt about The Americas, covering both North and South

America. They have learnt about different seasons in contrasting cities and countries, and understood how deforestation has an impact on the world. Your child will be able to tell you about the seasons in Utqiagvik, Alaska!

- In RE, we have been discussing what matters most to Humanists and Christians.
- In Maths, we have been tackling fractions! The children can recognise/convert equivalent fractions, as well as add and subtract fractions.
- In PE we have been working on our gym skills, using both hand and large apparatus. The children have been demonstrating different ways of travel and jumps.

Some of the children competed in the local Sports Hall Athletics competition last half term. The children completed a variety of running races and 'field' events, including a chest throw, long jump and a high jump. We are still waiting for the overall results, but the children came 2nd in the running races! In every single race, we either came 1st or 2nd! Well done team!

The Year 5 girls have been participating in weekly cheerleading sessions with a local coach. They have been working on various shapes, lifts and even a dance routine! Next week they'll be going to an event at Broughton Astley Leisure Centre to celebrate the end of the 'Aspiration Active' programme and try out other sports.

In computing, the children have been exploring 3D modelling on the Chromebooks. They have demonstrated that they are able to create 3D shapes, which show various things, such as name tags and desk tidies.

We have finished our Science topic, 'Space and Earth'! The children are able to name all 8 planets in the solar system, as well as talk about the heliocentric and geocentric theories, the phases of the moon, the big bang theory, night and day and the planets orbiting the sun.





Over the next few weeks, we'll be:

- Starting our new DT topic, 'Space Race'
- Starting to rehearse our songs for the Christmas production
- Starting a new history topic, the Benin Kingdom

Thank-you for all your ongoing support,

Miss Blower

# KIDSPACE

## BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

### CLAYBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

- BREAKFAST CLUB FROM 7.30AM
- AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UNTIL 6.00PM
  - FULLY OFSTED REGISTERED
- ACCEPT ALL CHILDCARE VOUCHERS
  - RECEPTION TO YEAR 6
  - LIVE BOOKING SYSTEM
- LOCATED ON SCHOOL PREMISES



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# Claybrooke School Calendar 2023- 24



## Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event
Fri 01/12	Maple & Oak Theatre trip to see 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe'. <b>Late return to school at 5:30pm</b>
Mon 04/12	PTA Non-Uniform day. Please bring a donation for the tombola.
Fri 08/12	PTA Christmas Bazaar 5-7pm @ Claybrooke Village Hall
Mon 18/12	Willow Class theatre trip. Jack & The Beanstalk
Tue 19/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 1:30pm (TBC)
Wed 20/12	Christmas dinner in school. Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 6:00 pm(TBC)
Fri 22/12	Break up for Christmas holidays
	End of Autumn Term

**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: **Safer Online Shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday**

## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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