

## Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 03.11.23

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

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

This week Year 2 children have continued to take part in their Forest School unit, developing their skills further. Some children in Oak Class have begun a unit on Cheerleading and the Reception children in Willow Class have been continuing to develop their independent learning within their continuous provision areas. Maple Class have been continuing to develop their knowledge of nutrition and movement in Science.

As part of our ongoing school improvement, we have recently made the decision to move our Year 1 & 2 children into the library classroom, mainly in the mornings, for their phonics, English and Maths lessons. By doing this separation, it will enable the Willow Class staff to work closely with smaller groups of children and help to focus learning. We will continue to measure the effectiveness of this during this half term.

Next week, the Y6 children will begin selling poppies and other items to raise money for the British Legion. Items included are poppies, key chains, zip pullers and bracelets. Please send your child in with any money in an envelope.

We are delighted to have our new noticeboard installed outside school this week. A huge thank you to the PTA for supporting the purchase of this and to Tom Barnes for giving up his own time to install the sign for us on Friday. We aim to keep this updated with school and PTA news regularly, so please take the time to check out any notices there.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr P. Rock  
Head of School



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

Day	Event
Mon 06/11	Y2 Class forest school session Archery club (after school)
Tue 07/11	Maple ukulele lessons
Wed 08/11	Local MP visiting Maple Class
Thu 09/11	Dodgeball club (after school)
Fri 10/11	Celebration Assembly

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

*Excellent Work*



*Sawer,  
Bodhi & Grace*



*Values*

*Georgia, Emma,  
Cara-Jane & Ella*



*Hot Chocolate: Esme, Elijah, & Wacky*





# Claybrooke School Calendar 2023- 24



## Autumn Term 2023

Date	Event
17/11	Children in Need
Thurs 23/11	PTA Christmas Craft (In school)
Fri 01/12	Maple & Oak Theatre trip to see 'The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe'.
Fri 08/12	PTA Christmas Bazaar
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	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: **What Parents and Carers Need to Know about X**

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# X

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

### A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

### LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

### VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

### BLUE TICK SALE

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

### DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

### STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

### ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow; this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

### BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

### Meet Our Expert

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