



Clutton Primary School 12th December 2016

Hellos, goodbyes and bye for nows!

As we get ready to celebrate Christmas, it is time to say a fond farewell to Miss Heal. She has been a well loved member of the staff for many years and will be missed by many. We wish her well in her new job, nearer to where she lives, and thank her for all of her hard work and dedication.



We say a 'goodbye for now' to Mrs Hayward, who starts her maternity leave. We look forward to welcoming her back next year, and are excited to meet the new baby when he/she arrives.

We welcome back Mrs Cowgill into Swan Class. She has already been in school lots this term and is really excited to be back at Clutton.

A welcome too, to Miss Elson joining us in Otter Class as our new EYFS teacher and Mrs Ebditch as our SENCO on Thursdays.

Children in Need update:



Year 6 girls, Lucy, Amelia and Amy, accompanied Miss Ennew to the Post Office to pay in our Children in Need donations. They had used their fantastic maths skills to count the money, and then had the opportunity to see how money is weighed to be counted.

We were very pleased when the grand total was

.....£526.55!!!

Thank you to all the fundraisers and cake buyers once again. That money will make a real difference in the community. Playing a part in our community is one of our British Values, and so we felt really pleased to help.

Amazon Class trip to the abbey:



Miss Orange and I had a lovely afternoon visiting Bath Abbey for a special school's performance. We sang traditional carols and some original ones, as well as listening to children read Christmas prayers, play musical instruments and choirs sing. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the world, especially as the Christmas market was on. The children behaved and sang beautifully, and represented Clutton School very well. I felt very proud of them.

Congratulations Amelia in Year 6!



The Clutton Horticultural Society held their presentation evening a week ago, and Amelia Barry was presented with a cup for her entry in the summer flower show. Congratulations Amelia! The flower show is such a special community event, it would be lovely to see lots more entries next year. You've got to be in it to win it!

Christmas performances 2016:



What a treat! The Key Stage 1 performance of 'Whoops A-Daisy Angel' was really good fun. Lovely singing, FANTASTIC dancing and wonderful costumes were enjoyed by all. The children clearly loved performing and we loved

sharing in their performance. They worked collaboratively, learnt lines by heart and spoke out clearly—great speaking and listening skills!

Key Stage 2 retold the Christmas story through song and narration. It wasn't without its technical issues, but children demonstrated true resilience 'as the show must go on!' They finished with a rousing version of the 12 Days of Christmas, and all left with big smiles on faces. A big thank you to all the staff at Clutton who work so hard to make these Christmas celebrations so special.



Attendance Update for Term 2 2016:

In the last celebration assembly of this term, we celebrated children who had 100% attendance over the last two terms—look out for the special certificate in their book bag. Our overall attendance figure for this year so far is 97.92% - This is considered excellent, so well done! By Term 4, we are aiming for over 98%. The top classes were Amazon at 98.10%, followed by Otter Class with 97.92% - our eldest and youngest children.



Mr Tanner's Sports Page:

Clutton's Footballers Brave the Writhlington Chill!

Of course it's heading towards winter but the annual local area football tournaments held on the floodlit all weather pitches at Writhlington School always seem to be accompanied by bone chilling conditions. This year was no exception but both the boys and the girls teams braved the elements and really enjoyed their experience.

First up were the girls who, after one training session and a short tactical chalk and talk, took to the field in a group which contained Westfield, St. Johns and all conquering Paulton. With Martha strong and secure in goal and some tough tackling in front of her, the girls defended for their lives and then grew in confidence as the first game against Westfield wore on. Goals from Amelia and Amy gave us a well-earned point in an exciting 2-2 draw. A hard fought game against St Johns ended 0-0. The expected tougher fixture against Paulton went against us and the girls ended up third in the group on goal difference.

As for the boys, six teams in total entering the competition resulted in a round robin tournament, with every team playing each other. Starting just after four, the lads played continuous football for 80 minutes but were amazingly fresh in the final game; a 2-0 victory over Trinity. Our other win featured a fine display of passing and movement as we triumphed 6-1 over Longvernal. The opener against Farrington Gurney was a neck and neck humdinger which the boys narrowly lost 1-0. Two other defeats were more convincing and we ended up fourth overall.

Well done to all of our players as well as the many parents who stoically stood on the touchline as the mercury hovered around zero! A big thank you too to Mr Gwyther, whose company has so kindly sponsored a snazzy new set of Clutton School football shirts.



23 degrees below freezing but they're still (nearly all of them anyway) smiling!



Advert from our school governors:

Governor of Clutton Primary School: Vacancy

Clutton Primary is a friendly, rural community academy school. Our vision is that staff, governors and parents work actively together to ensure children receive a rich, inspiring and engaging education enabling each child to become a lifelong learner, aspiring to high standards of achievement in all areas of their life.

We are currently seeking volunteers to fill Governor vacancies. It only takes 10-15 hours a term and anyone over 18 and living in the UK can be a Governor. The role of the governing board is a strategic one with three key functions;

- 1) Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- 2) Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- 3) Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

If interested you should be committed to; the critical friend role, open minded, empathetic, sensitive and respectful of confidentiality. You should be an effective communicator with an interest or enthusiasm for education. A sense of humour and the ability to focus on 'the big picture' would help. New Governor induction will be provided. We are particularly interested in individuals with experience or perspective in;

Financial planning/management within the public or private sector.

Some previous experience of being a board member or a governor/trustee in another school.

Anyone interested in learning more about what being a Governor involves should contact Kate Wilson, Chair of the Governing body, by email at kate@littlestarnursery.co.uk. Please outline your experience, skills and attributes and a summary of your qualifications, careers and interests. Please provide reasons why and how you would contribute to the our Governing body.

Kate Wilson, Chair of Governing Body

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Community News:

A Letter to share from Keynsham Food bank:



Registered Charity No: 1159856

December, 2016.

Dear parent/carer,

As you may know Keynsham Food bank has a new system in place for families to access food from the food bank during the school holiday period when school meals are not available for your child/children.

You will not need a food bank voucher to access the food. The voucher has been replaced by this letter. If you take this letter to one of the Food bank Distribution Centres, on arriving at the Centre you will be welcomed by one of the team, you won't be asked for any personal details just the name of the school your child attends, how many children are in your family and if your child/children has any food allergies.

The letter will be dated, signed and returned to you so that you can use it for each week of the school holidays. The details for the Distribution Centres are set out below.

We would be pleased if you would accept the offer as a gesture of kindness from the community.

Very Best Wishes,

Keynsham Food bank

School Holiday Weeks.

Week 1. Monday 20th December, 2016 to Friday 23rd December, 2016.

Date: Signed:.....

Week 2. Monday 26th December, 2016 to Friday 30th December, 2016.

Date: Signed:.....

Food bank continued:



KEYNSHAM FOODBANK

CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION CENTRES OPENING HOURS:

Victoria Methodist Church, Charlton Road, Keynsham, Bristol. BS31 2JA

Monday 19.12.2016 Open: 10.30 - 12.00

Monday 26.12.2016 Closed

Monday 02.01.2017 Closed

Monday 09.01.2017 Open: 10.30 - 12.00

St. Francis Church, Warwick Road, Keynsham, Bristol. BS31 2PW

Thursday 15.12.2016. Open: 10.00 - 12.00

Please note that the 'Christmas school holiday' food will be available from the 15th December, 2016 at St. Francis Church.

Thursday 22.12.2016 Open: 10.00 - 12.00

Thursday 29.12.2016 Open: 10.00 - 12.00

Thursday 05. 01.2017 Open: 10.00 - 12.00

The Link (Ex Methodist Chapel), The Street, Bishop Sutton, BS39 5UU

Tuesday 13.12.2017 Open: 10.30 - 12.00

Tuesday 20.12.2016 Open: 10.30 - 12.00

Tuesday 27.12.2016 Closed.

Tuesday 03.01.2017 Open: 10.30 - 12.00

If you experience a food crisis during the week the Distribution Centre is closed please contact David on the number below.

Also if you live in the Chew Valley area and have difficulty travelling to Bishop Sutton to collect food, please contact David on the number below as it is possible a delivery could be arranged.

PTFA News:

Thank you to the fantastic PTFA and teachers who helped organise and run the school Christmas Fayre. It was lovely to start off the proceedings singing carols in the front playground, and then see all the stalls in the hall. I was particularly impressed with Orinoco Class' bread making skills—the school smelt wonderful all day.

The first phase of our playground improvement plan is taking shape - we have had huge delivery boxes arrive all week. During the first week back, children will have a special assembly to show them all of the exciting new lunchtime games—Mrs Cowgill is busy planning fun packed, energetic activities that they will all enjoy. Over the forthcoming year, we have many more exciting things plannedmore information to come in the New Year!

Thank you....

Finally, a big thank you to all of the staff at school, We, alongside all other schools in the area, have been hit by lots of bugs. This has meant that everyone has had to be flexible, covering extra duties and changing plans at the very last minute. It just goes to show what fantastic teamwork there is here. A thank you too, to the parents for their continued support and especially the children for all of their hard work—they should feel very proud of all they have achieved.

On behalf of all the staff here at Clutton we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Please check out the website. Click on the link below:-

www.cluttonschool.com

Clutton Primary School is committed to working towards race equality, promoting positive approaches to difference and opposing all forms of racial prejudice and discrimination. Language or behaviour, which is racist or potentially damaging to any ethnic or racial group, is not tolerated and will always be challenged. We recognise that British society is made up of people from many different racial, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds and that all pupils must be fully prepared to live in such a diverse society.