



Clutton
Primary School
25th November 2016

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the update meeting on the 16th November. It was good to have the opportunity to share the exciting plans for the future, as well as staffing updates. As I discussed, the presentation will be going onto the website for those who couldn't come. If you have any further questions, please come and see me. I am in the playground most mornings, alternatively book an appointment through Mrs Allen.

I completely agree with parents that communication between home and school is paramount, and as such I will be holding half termly coffee mornings for parents to drop in and enjoy coffee and a biscuit. This will be starting in January, and I will confirm the date later this term.

I will also be holding meetings to share the development of our new school curriculum this year, alongside parent workshops for SPAG and Maths—both of these subjects have significantly higher expectations for your children to achieve. Such sessions are helpful, as the methods children are taught now are very different from methods in the past!

PTFA : The Jungle Book theatre visit.



Wow! What an amazing experience for all of our pupils and staff! Last Friday, we had a visiting theatre company perform 'The Jungle Book'. What made it extra special, was that children could become actors too. There was lots of audience participation, and Miss Heal almost got eaten by the snake! It was really lovely to see the children enjoying this experi-

ence, and thanks to Mrs Hayward and the PTFA in helping to fund and arrange the production. We have already made a booking for next year's 'Wind in the Willows' and are really looking forward to our whole school trip to Aladdin in January. I am passionate about theatre and the arts, and am thrilled that the school already does so much.

The BIG  BBC Children in Need

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Well done to the school community for raising over £500 for Children in Need this year. Walking around the school, it was lovely to see all the spotty children! Sponsored class events ranged from an

obstacle course in Orinoco Class and a sponsored silence in Amazon Class. By the end of the day, 17 children had still not spoken!! Ms Orange particularly enjoyed the day!



Otter and Swan Class had spent the previous day baking cakes, as part of their DT curriculum. They did a fantastic job, and a big thank you also goes to parents who both brought in and bought cakes during the day. We even had a few cakes left over to share with prospective parents at our Open Day, which was really appreciated. We are finally counting our grand total, which will help go towards the amazing national total of over £46 million pounds. I was a very proud head teacher on Friday, watching Children in Need and thinking about how we, in our school community, have helped those less fortunate.

Poppy Appeal 2016:

This year our school managed to raise over £180 for the poppy appeal. Thank you to all the parents who helped their children choose from a fantastic range of products to help us remember those who have lost their lives in conflicts. A big thank you to Mrs Allen who was inundated at the start of every morning, break time and lunch time for snap bands! Next year, we will be doing a whole school two week project, leading up to the remembrance service. Children will take part in leading the assembly, and I would also like to invite our parent community to join with us in remembering. Our Curriculum for Learning team, led by Ms Orange, are currently identifying key yearly learning opportunities to build into our new school curriculum.



Rainforest Relief Update:

It has been such a busy two weeks since my last newsletter. Last Friday,



Dan Freeman (South West Ambassador of the World Land Trust) visited. He is a wildlife film maker, and held Key Stage 2 workshops showing his film about a giant piranha in the Orinoco river! This was followed by a question and answer session. The children were really engaged, asking lots of super questions. This was followed by a lovely assembly, where Mr Tanner jumped back in time and re-

visited the fabulous Rainforest Relief Day of July 2016. Children had great fun remembering the special animals that came in, the after school fair and how much money they raised: A staggering £2447, which has helped replant 24 acres of rainforest. Here is Dan presenting the cheque to our head boy and girl, Sophie and Oliver. Once we have framed our certificate, it will take pride of place in our entrance hall. We are hoping to develop more whole school, community projects over the forthcoming year. A big thank you to Mr Tanner for organising this visit.

Mr Tanner's Sports Page:

Football was the Winner as Clutton Edge It!

Wow! What a game! One of the most enjoyable football matches witnessed in the past few years was played out on the all weather pitch as Somervale recently. Following on from the close and exciting encounter with Farrington Gurney in the opening fixture of the Small Schools League campaign, the school team braved the chill as they faced much fancied High Littleton.

The game began at a brisk pace which didn't relent for the whole 40 minutes. Under the kosh for much of the opening period, some heroic defending and fine goalkeeping from Sam McKeown kept the Clutton goal intact. As the interval approached the team in green grew in confidence and began to carry the game to their opponents. As such, it was no surprise when Josh Gwyther opened the scoring with a fantastic shot on the turn. High Littleton responded with a quick equaliser but as if to prove that you're never more vulnerable than when you've just scored, Clutton regained the lead straight from the kick off with a looping shot from Denis Hellin. A second strike from Josh following a brilliant move made it 3-1 before High Littleton scrambled in a late consolation to make the final score 3-2 to Clutton. The game was fast, full of skill and highly competitive but played in a fine spirit. Well done to the whole team and thanks to the parents for their terrific support.



A HUGE well done to Anna Pedelty too, who ran for B&NES in the Inter Counties Cross Country Championship last weekend at Ashton Court. She finished 48th with a time of 6.12 minutes—fantastic! Thank you , Anna, for representing our school and our county.

House Point Update:



As you will all know, we celebrate our house point, raffle tickets every other Friday. Children are given house points by all the staff in school, for demonstrating key learning skills and making fantastic choices! If their raffle ticket gets picked from the box, they choose a special treat from Miss Ennew's tray. The child from Otter and Swan class

who gets the most class stickers, also gets to choose something. Amber house have been overtaken by Emerald House, so it is still all to play for. The house with the most points by the end of December will have a special house treat in January. Head teacher awards are presented fortnightly, with photos updated on the school website.

Thank you....

...to our fantastic governors, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Brueggar, and lovely PTFA representatives Mrs Piddock and Mrs Heal, who helped out at the school open day. The biggest thanks, however, go to Sophie, Oliver, Joshua and James who conducted the school tours for potential parents and children. They were polite and humorous ambassadors for the school—well done.

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

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