



Clutton Primary School 26th January 2018

Welcome:

Welcome to Term 3 news updates.

It has been a really busy few weeks here at Clutton, especially with OFSTED visiting. Thank you for all of your kind messages following the publication of the report. As all schools, we have areas for development which we will be discussing at the next governor's meeting. It was, however, really pleasing to see all the hard work and dedication from Team Clutton being recognised. Whilst there have been many changes over the last 18 months, they have been necessary to ensure an improvement in the education we provide. It was good to see that the OFSTED inspector recognised that throughout this period, school leaders have remained firmly focused on improving the quality of teaching and learning, which has been effective. A BIG well done to all of our pupils, who were a real credit to you and the school. I was very proud of them. We are hoping to have a celebration with them soon. On another note, if you see Tom Smith, Joe Clemow or Annabelle Webber in the playground, wish them 'good luck' for the first MAT public speaking competition next Tuesday. We are off to Norton Hill to compete, and an update will follow in the next newsletter. They have worked incredibly hard on learning their speeches, and are truly amazing.



Website update:

As part of the process of improving communication, we are developing a much more parent and child friendly website, which we hope will be a more useful and informative site for you to visit. This will include class blogs, so you will be able to regularly share in your child's learning, as well as easier links to newsletters, school menus and additional information. There will also be a much clearer calendar to share key dates. Please bear with us over the next few months, as we switch systems. There may well be a few technical issues in the interim period. Please contact the school office if you require any clarity or help whilst this takes place. Thank you.

Celebrating achievement in and out of school:



Congratulations to our recipients of the Head Teacher Award, Molly, Amy, Olivia, Oscar and Delilah. They have been chosen for demonstrating **resilience** in their learning. This is one of our key school values.



Jodie and Daisy have been working really hard on their swimming — well done girls.



These children represented Clutton Primary in a recent swimming gala. They all really impressed Mrs Macdonald, and we celebrated this in assembly. Congratulations to Emily, Joe, Jonny and Mitchell, who won individual medals.



These are the 'Top Doodlers' for each class, with Jasmine being the top doodler in the school! This resets all of the time, so every child has the opportunity to be top doodler of the week/fortnight. Miss Orange, our Maths leader, is tracking this closely and has created a new Maths display celebrating all of the learning taken place. A fabulous start to our new homework trial.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) at Clutton:

'OPAL has revolutionised our play at lunchtime. From being football dominated we now offer an exciting, creative, physical environment which has something to offer everyone. Children are now highly active and interactive; challenged both physically and mentally' Head teacher quote.



I am delighted to share the news that here at Clutton, we have signed up to take part in the OPAL Primary Project. We will be using some of our PE funding to change play and lunch time experiences for all of our children.

Children in British primary schools spend 20% or 1.4 years of their school attendance in play, and so school leaders have decided to invest in a strategic, planned approach in improving this time for our pupils.

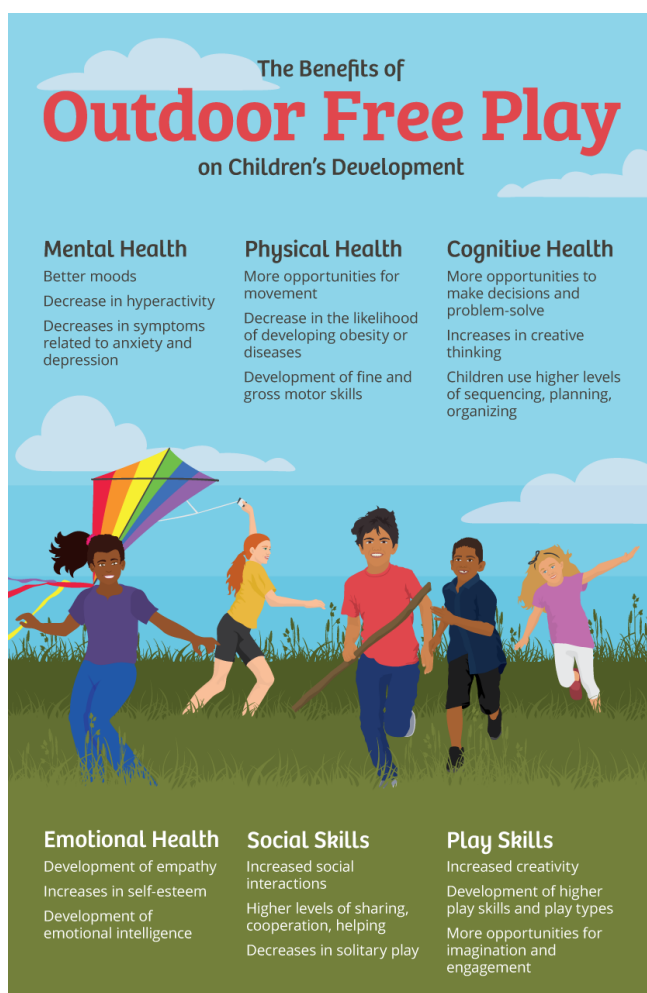
Research shows that play contributes to children's physical and emotional health, wellbeing, approach to learning and

enjoyment of school. Given the importance of play in children's lives and current concerns about children's health and opportunity to access time and space to initiate their own play outdoors, there are considerable benefits for children, parents, school and the wider community from participating in OPAL's programme

This is a two year project, and we have already completed a site audit in preparation. There will be a group leading the project here at Clutton—Mrs McGough will be our play link governor, Miss Wilcox our parent representative and Mrs Cowgill the play co-ordinator. We will soon be advertising for a lunchtime play leader to represent our lunchtime staff and lead from the front at lunchtimes!

As the project swings into action, we will be holding a parent information session to keep you all informed. If you would like more information regarding this, here is the website address:

<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/the-opal-primary-programme/>



Outdoor Learning (con)

Another project starting to take shape is the development of two areas for outside learning/ Forest School activities here in school.

The first stage of the project is the redevelopment of the outdoor learning space for our children in Otter Class.

- ✓ Being outdoors has a positive impact on children's sense of well-being and helps all aspects of children's development.
- ✓ Being outdoors offers opportunities for doing things in different ways and on different scales than when indoors.
- ✓ It gives children first-hand contact with weather, seasons and the natural world.
- ✓ Outdoor environments offer children freedom to explore, use their senses, and be physically active and exuberant.'




We have redesigned the space to incorporate a large canopy to enable children to use the mud kitchen and water tray, even if it is raining! We are also resurfacing the area to make it a comfy space to kneel, sit or lie and to share story time outside. A bit thank you to our local farmer, Colin Withers, who has provided us with a 20ft tree pole and logs to get us started. Obviously this will take time to create, but we thought you would be excited to hear the plans.

The second part of this project is the development of an outdoor learning/Forest school area within our sensory garden. This will be able to be used by all children in the school. Here we are looking at developing ropes, a fire pit and mud kitchen area. The fort will be relocated in the site to create the necessary space. We are very lucky to have Mrs Candy on our school team, as she is Forest School trained and is happy to share this experience with children and staff at Clutton. Plans for the sensory garden will be redeveloped once the fort has been moved and space cleared.

By investing time and money into the site development, we are aiming to ensure that outdoor learning becomes a regular part of learning for all pupils here at Clutton, rather than limited one-off experiences.

Bedtime Guidelines:

|  | What Time Should Your Kids Go To Bed? | | | | | | |
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| | Wake Up Time | | | | | | |
| | 6:00 AM | 6:15 AM | 6:30 AM | 6:45 AM | 7:00 AM | 7:15 AM | 7:30 AM |
| Age | Bed Time | | | | | | |
| 5 | 6:45 PM | 7:00 PM | 7:15 PM | 7:30 PM | 7:30 PM | 8:15 PM | 8:30 PM |
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| 7 | 7:15 PM | 7:15 PM | 7:30 PM | 8:00 PM | 8:15 PM | 8:30 PM | 8:45 PM |
| 8 | 7:30 PM | 7:30 PM | 8:00 PM | 8:15 PM | 8:30 PM | 8:45 PM | 9:00 PM |
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| 10 | 8:00 PM | 8:15 PM | 8:30 PM | 8:45 PM | 9:00 PM | 9:15 PM | 9:30 PM |
| 11 | 8:15 PM | 8:30 PM | 8:45 PM | 9:00 PM | 9:15 PM | 9:30 PM | 9:45 PM |
| 12 | 8:15 PM | 8:30 PM | 8:45 PM | 9:00 PM | 9:15 PM | 9:30 PM | 9:45 PM |

Latest bed time/ Not recommended

This was guidance sent to the school office , which we thought may be useful to share. Of course, we recognise that these are only guidelines and each child is different. If your child is having difficulty sleeping, then the school nurse is available to offer support and help. Please contact the office if you would like her contact number.

Reading at Clutton:

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

| Student "A" | Student "B" | Student "C" |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| reads 20 minutes each day | reads 5 minutes each day | reads 1 minute each day |
| 3600 minutes in a school year | 900 minutes in a school year | 180 minutes in a school year |

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

Thank you to all of the parents who are supporting and encouraging their child to read at home every night. It is a lovely thing to share a story, and can make a HUGE difference over time (as illustrated).

Our new style of teaching Reading in school has started really well, with children even praising it independently to OFSTED!

We have also launched the KS2 Great Clutton Reading Race—ask your child about this if they are in Orinoco and Amazon Class—you are welcome to share your own family classics with your child too! A **BIG** thank you to Mrs McGough's mum's Rock Choir, who have sourced and sent in many books for our race. Additional thanks to the local Book Barn, who have also swapped books with us to boost our supplies! Without such generosity, we wouldn't be able to do such lovely things.

Attendance Updates:

An update on our attendance figures at the end of Term 2:

I am very pleased to say that attendance at Clutton is above the national percentage. National attendance figures for primary schools is around 96%, and we are achieving 97%. Over these two terms, 31 children received their 100% achievement certificate in assembly and 90 children had attendance over 96%. Well done! This reiterates OFSTED findings that children really enjoy coming to our school and learning.



Unauthorised holidays update:

We work very closely with our Educational Welfare Officer, Mrs Sharon Cummings, who tracks attendance and also offers families support if school attendance drops and is a cause for concern. Please be aware, that national legislation regarding unauthorised holiday in term time has now been clarified for all schools. As a result, the school will be following national and MAT guidelines in reporting this, which may result in fines being sent out. I have asked for clarification of rules for parents, and will share this with you as soon as it is available. Please be aware that following this update, the changes regarding reporting and subsequent fines will be in place for Term 4.

Both attendance and punctuality greatly increases a child's chances of succeeding in school and in life—good habits established and reinforced in primary schools is key. Thank you for your help in supporting the work we are doing in school.

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

www.cluttonschool.com

Reminder that Swan Class learning exhibition is taking place on Thursday 8th February from 2.30pm until 4pm. After the huge success of Amazon's exhibition, this will be a fabulous opportunity to share in the children's learning. Having seen some of the excellent work being produced by your children, it is a 'not to be missed' event.

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.