



Clutton Primary School 30th January 2017

Welcome 2017.

Happy new year! I hope everyone enjoyed a peaceful break and are now fighting fit for the new year. It has already been a busy start to the term, with new staff to settle in, our new lunchtime activities in full swing and our continuing work to ensure we provide the best learning experiences for your children. In the next newsletter, I will be updating you all on the progress we are making against the school development plan, as shared at the beginning of the year.



House News—Emeralds win!

Congratulations to the Emeralds! They had collectively earned the most house points of Term 1 and 2, and had a special treat. They were the first to play with Mrs Parsons' outdoor games. It was a fun afternoon, which all the children enjoyed. House points are a lovely way to reward children for putting in extra effort, persevering with challenging work and being good role models around the school.



Playground update:



It is so nice to see all of the children having active and happy lunchtimes. The playground is buzzing with fun and laughter. Mrs Brueggar, our SEN governor, said how lovely it was when she visited the school.

Our creative zone, with water paints, is now also up and running—we have new giant chalkboards coming soon! The construction zone is also proving very popular. Children of all ages need to have the opportunity to be imaginative, take turns and most of all ... have fun!



Governor News: By Kate Wilson

The role of a governor is described as being that of a "critical friend" to the school and as part of this definition one of our responsibilities is to meet regularly with the staff to discuss and learn more about the role the teachers play in areas such as the curriculum, assessment and behaviours for learning.

One goal for the school this year is to develop a curriculum that is relevant and meaningful for the children of Clutton. Analysing the strengths we already have it was clear that a key theme was where we live, the history, ecology and rich community that makes Clutton school what it is. With this in mind, by introducing more outdoor learning, seeking ways of improving the environment to make learning fun and exciting, by engaging with other members of our community and welcoming them to share expertise and experiences, by exploring what is under our very noses, we will endeavour to introduce new possibilities for the children of Clutton.

Free School Meals Entitlement:

The government allocates a pot of money to schools for each registered free school dinner pupil. If eligible children are not registered by parents, we don't get to receive this funding. At Clutton School, we use this money to help children learn a musical instrument, help parents fund school trips and provide additional support that we may not be able to otherwise afford.



School Meals:

Please note the following important information in relation to school meals: Some parents/carers may be entitled to make a claim for 'Free School Meals', **even if their child is already having a free school meal in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.**

Officially claiming your 'Free School Meal' can help your child in school. Find out more by speaking to our office or contact the Free School Meals Team in confidence by emailing freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or calling 01225 394317. You only need your child's name, date of birth and your National Insurance Number and the Free School Meals Service will do the rest.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit
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Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals

Mr Tanner's Sports Page:

The Midsomer Norton School Sports Partnership annual swimming gala is always an eagerly awaited event and this year's was no exception. Our team of nine Year 5 and 6 children travelled by minibus to the pool at South Wansdyke Leisure Centre where they joined a throng of competitors from 15 other schools across the local area.

Having a small team meant that each member of it saw plenty of action. Racing in heats of four, there were four pulsating races in each event with the standard of competition being as high as I can remember. Our swimmers gave it everything they had, ending up in fifth place in the small schools tournament. Many of the races were exceedingly close with Amelia finishing a near second in the 25m Freestyle, Sophie likewise in the 25m Breaststroke and Amy, just pushed into second place in her 25m Backstroke heat. Our heat winners were Ewan with a fantastic effort in the boys backstroke and Eva, whose powerful swims in both the 50m Freestyle and 25m Butterfly were most impressive and claimed medals in both for being the third fastest swimmer overall; her time in the butterfly was a mere half a second slower than the fastest competitor in the event. Congratulations also go to the girls whose medley relay time was the third fastest overall.

The other members of the team should feel proud of themselves too. Ned, Samuel, Oliver and Mitchell swam really well in their individual events as well as the relays, all of them earning valuable points for the cause. Thank you to Mrs Radford who gave her afternoon to be assistant coach and to the several parents who came along to cheer the team on.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mrs Hayward and her husband David, who have safely welcomed baby Lottie Rose, weighing 7lbs 7oz, into the world.

Mum and baby are both doing well, and we look forward to seeing them both soon.

Dates for the diary:

Dates are shared in advance on the school calendar, but with the best intentions, we do sometimes have to make alterations. With this in mind, here are some of the key dates coming up for your diary:

Pantomime: Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March.

Bulb Festival : Saturday 11th March pm—times and exhibitions to be confirmed.

Female Friday: Friday 24th March 9—12pm. All females—mums, aunts, grans etc- invited to spend the morning in class with their children, in celebration of Mother's Day.

Dance Umbrella: Monday 27th March

Here at Clutton, we really value being at the heart of the local community, and such events are really special. A big thank you to all who help provide such rich and varied experiences for the children.

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.