



Clutton Primary School 16th March 2018

Welcome:

Welcome to Term 4 news updates.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to fill in our communications questionnaire. It has been very helpful in letting school leaders know

- A) What is working well
- B) Areas for development. A full report of the survey will be shared with you soon, which will hopefully provide some answers to common queries, as well as sharing developments we have already in place as a response.

I am sure you will appreciate that setting up the correct systems to ensure communication is effective and an efficient use of time, is complex. This is especially true in a small school, where we don't have staff dedicated solely to updating websites etc. Therefore, school leaders appreciate your patience as we start to develop these new systems.

I hope you enjoy this term's newsletter full of all the exciting events your children take part in at school. This newsletter really brings home how important the relationship between the school and the local community is, in ensuring that Clutton Primary remains a really special place to both teach and learn.



Website update:

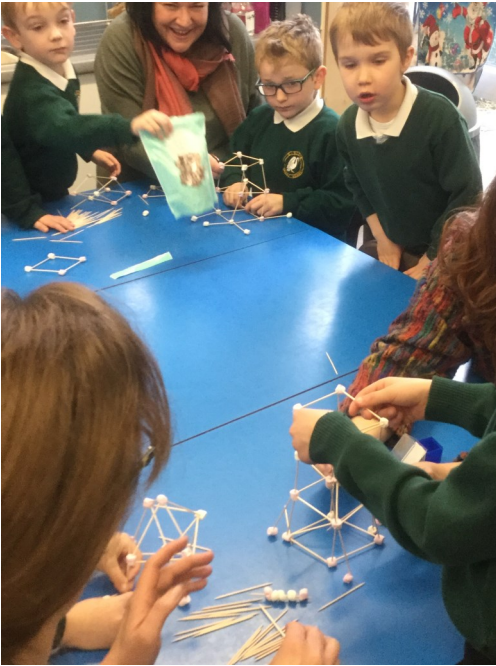


We do hope you have had a chance to look at the new school website. This will be the primary and key way that we will share information, letters, dates, school and class news moving forward. It is currently a work in progress, and teachers are busy updating class pages for you to enjoy. They will be using these pages to share more about your children's learning and how you can support your child's learning at home, a request made in the communication survey.

We are very pleased with it so far, and hope you will visit it regularly. Any feedback on the website will be gratefully received.

Female Friday: Feedback

"Just a quick note to say thanks for a very special morning at school today. I appreciated the insight into daily school life and the chance to see what my daughter does in class. The event was well organised and we got involved in some fun and interesting activities with Mrs Cowgill. "



"Dear Miss Ennew Thanks to you and all the staff for a super morning, it was really lovely and a huge success! I appreciate how much effort and organisation it takes to host something like Female Friday."



Dear Miss Ennew, Mrs Cowgill & team,

I wanted to say a big thank you to you and all the staff at the school for Female Friday. I really appreciated being able to join my daughter in class and having the opportunity to see what she experiences. I thought it was a really wonderful morning and I was very impressed by the warmth and caring environment for all the children at the school.

A BIG thank you to all the fantastic females (54 in total!) who were able to join us for this special morning. It was lovely to see so many enjoying lunch too! Thank you to all the kitchen staff, led by Mandy, who helped make this possible. We study female role models throughout our new curriculum, but we are planning a careers event across the Trust, when we will explore the range of careers open to women. We hope to invite visitors into our school—if you feel you would like to help out with such an event, or speak to the children, please let Miss Ennew know.

School Improvement Focus: Reading

World Book Day :

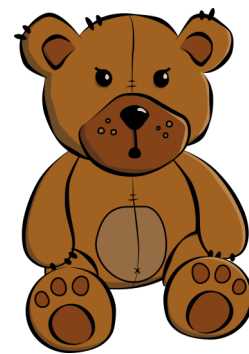


Children LOVED creating settings boxes in class. This was done collaboratively in many classes, helping children to develop teamwork skills, alongside Design Technology. Next year we are planning to extend this project to include modelling and stop start animation.



School Improvement Focus: Reading

Bedtime Stories:



What a lovely evening! Lots of children and teddies made their way back to school to share in some special stories after dark! After popping into all classes, it was lovely to spend time with parents, updating them on some of the exciting developments happening in school.

Children really enjoyed the evening saying, "Can we have a bedtime story club in school?" and "Can we get a onesie uniform?". Teachers, too, really enjoyed the evening and we decided that we would like to hold these events more frequently next year.

Bulb Festival:



The Bulb Festival is always a highlight of the year. This year children wrote their own poetry and created artwork inspired by Georgia O'Keefe. The judges commented on the high standard of handwriting this year—well done to all the teachers and pupils who have been working so hard on introducing cursive script, even in Otter Class! Certificates were given out in a special assembly led by Ms Orange. Thank you to Pat Williams and The Horticultural Society for providing the bulbs and running such a special event for the village and school.

PTFA Pantomime: Jack and The Beanstalk.



A BIG well done and thank you to all involved in this year's pantomime. It was such a shame that some wishing to see the panto couldn't get through the snow!

To make up for this, children performed their dances for the teachers in school, which was lovely. We look forward to seeing the DVD together when it comes out.



We wish all the children performing in this year's Dance Umbrella a 'Break a Leg!' Mrs Cowgill and Miss Ennew are really looking forward to the show. Look out for our new display of Performing Arts at Clutton School.

School Dinner Update:

School Lunches: KS2

In line with B&NES Council and the rising demand in costs for all meals, we unfortunately have no choice but to increase our school lunches to £2.60 (£13 per week) starting from the beginning of Term 5 on Tuesday 10th April 2018. This will of course not affect those children entitled to free school meals and all KS1 meals will remain free of charge. If your circumstances have changed and you feel you might be entitled to free school meals, please collect a form from the school office. From April 10th, the catering service will be taken over by The Midsomer Norton Partnership Trust. Luckily, we are able to confirm that Mandy, Karen and the team will continue cooking our lovely lunches here.

All lunches KS1 and KS2:

As we move over to this new arrangement, we will be sending out additional information which will clarify how you need to choose your child's lunch through Parent Pay. Menu choices will be on Parent Pay, at point of ordering and payment. This will hopefully reduce a) The amount of wasted food and b) ensure your child's choice is available. Please help us by reminding your child what they are having each day.

Any outstanding payments will need to be cleared before you will be able to go ahead and order new meals.

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

www.cluttonschool.com

Reminder that Nile Class learning exhibition is taking place on Thursday 22nd March from 2.30pm until 4pm. After the huge success of Swan'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.