



Clutton
Primary School
3rd July 2018

Head teacher welcome.

Hello and welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year. It has been such a busy term and year, that I thought it may be nice to celebrate all that has been achieved at Clutton Primary. We are so proud of our good 'Ofsted' report, which enables us to challenge ourselves even further! We are always striving to provide the very best education and experiences for our pupils and through 'A Partnership in Discovery', aim to develop inquiring minds and a love of learning in all. Next year, we will be developing our curriculum to be more closely linked to our community—we will be looking at mining, farming, railways and Clutton families in the war. If you have any local knowledge or are part of any local groups, and would be willing to come in and share experiences, you will be most welcome. At the start of the next academic year, I will review 2017—2018, and share our school development areas moving forward.

Oliver!



Year 6 are proud to present this year's leaver's performance of 'Oliver!' The team have been working so hard in preparing the show. Tickets will be available to the wider school community tomorrow.

Performances are **Thursday 12th July at 6.30 pm** and **Friday 13th July at 13.00pm**. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3 a ticket to cover costs. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. Tickets are available via Mrs Allen from Wednesday 4th July. To ensure we can safely accommodate all who wish to come, there are a maximum of four tickets per family. Thank you.

Chair of Governors: Annual Review by Paul Smith.

If the weather is not a big enough reminder, then school sports day and induction for parents of next year's reception class, should tell you that the end of the academic year is around the corner. I would like to reflect on the schools achievements and update you on the work of the governing body this year.

Staff changes

All organisations have periods of stability followed by periods of change, Clutton has been no different. We waved a fond farewell to Mr Tanner as he left to pursue his ambitions elsewhere in the Midsomer Schools Partnership, allowing Mrs Morris and Mrs Candy to build on Mr Tanners good work in Orinoco class. Miss Elson looked after Reception class until Mrs Parkes-Cordock joined after Christmas.

Thank you to the children and to parents for showing your resilience and embracing the necessary change.

Ofsted

Since Sept 2016 Miss Ennew and the LGB had had growing concerns that the school was not performing as you would hope. So it was with a sense of trepidation, that we received the call that the OFSTED inspector was due in January 2018. If I'm honest, I felt the inspection was 6 months too early for the school to demonstrate the changes made were having the desired impact. But I was wrong to worry, the school leadership and pupils really demonstrated to the inspector that Clutton had turned things around and were heading in the right direction. Read the inspectors report here: https://files.api.beta.ofsted.gov.uk/141767_2.PDF

Finances

The long term impact of reduced primary school funding in the UK has put Clutton finances under a lot of stress in previous years. For many years, Clutton School had made a deficit, it has lost money for at least the last 4 years. Many of this year's governor board meetings were focused on addressing the long term financial sustainability of the school. Our primary driver has been to ensure the financial survival of the school whilst not sacrificing the learning environment the children enjoy. Hopefully we have found that balance this year, if the surplus continues for the next three years Clutton will have paid down its deficit.

Creativity

You will have noticed that play times look very different in school now. This has been achieved through the introduction of Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL), funded via the grant to ensure pupils engage with regular physical activity. The children are discovering their imagination and creativity at play time. A special thank you to all involved in bringing this initiative to life. Miss Ennew, Mrs Appleyard, Mrs Cowgill and Governor Mrs McGough

The harvest festival, Christmas plays, Spring Bulb show, Talent shows, class learning exhibitions and Art exhibitions don't happen by accident, your children work very hard. Governors have been impressed by the standard on display and are proud that the school is developing a reputation for its Arts.

Progress

Performance data on pupil attainment and progress for 2017/18 will not be available until September, but early indicators across the school are good. A full cohort of new reception class next year, means no mixed class for them and reflects the confidence the community has in the school. In 2018/19 Governors will look to cement the work already done and support the school in sharing its vision with the community.

Thank you

Thank you to Alex Piddock and Sarah Williams who stepped down from the governing body this year. Sarah left after an impressive 14 years of voluntary service, she started when her children were at Clutton, and they are now at University!

Thank you Sarah.

On behalf of the governing body thank you to all the staff. A special thank you to the parents who volunteer their time in so many different ways. Whether you've listed to children read, helped with the school uniforms, gardens or gone on a trip, thank you. Lastly and most importantly thank you to the children for making 2017/18 a very successful school year.

I hope you enjoy the last few weeks and have a wonderful summer with your families.

OPAL Development: Sandpit.

On an EXTREMELY hot Saturday morning, governors and parents gave up their time to help prepare foundations for our new giant sandpit. A big thank you also goes to Miss Douglas and her partner Sean. He has set up 'Red Squirrel'—a landscape gardening company—and it was fabulous that he not only helped with materials, but Sean and his business partner provided expertise and time free of charge. In such challenging financial times, we simple would not be able to make these significant improvements to our outside area without volunteers help. Thanks to Kirstie and Rich McGough, Paul Smith, Simon Clemow, Simon Anthony and Mr Tucker for helping out.



A big thank you to all who have supported school events over the last year. This has enabled the PTFA to help support buying materials for this part of the project.

Fundraising will soon start for a sail canopy to cover part of the sandpit, providing shelter.



Online safety concerns regarding Clutton Pupils:

The staff at Clutton Primary are growing increasingly concerned about the games and social networking sites your children say they are accessing at home on their computers/games consoles and phones. Two safeguarding officers came to see the children, and reported that the children knew they shouldn't be on these, but they played them anyway. They didn't know it is dangerous for them, and will impact on how they learn to behave towards others as they mature. These involve You Tube accounts, Facebook accounts, Call of Duty games and many more.

Pupils in our school as young as 7 are acting out scenes, writing about violence, using inappropriate language and even scaring other children telling them about things they have seen. Safety and well-being of your children is a key priority in school, and so would like to alert you to the risk of your child playing age-restricted video games designed for adults. We cannot control what your child accesses, but we are expected to report any concerns about this to social services, as it affects children's wellbeing and is considered neglectful. As we have concerns, these will be noted and referred as necessary. We understand that controlling technology and setting parental locks etc is a bit of a minefield. Therefore, we thought it may be helpful to provide you with some helpful resources to support your decision making at home.

Whilst social media and games provide excellent opportunities for children to play and learn while engaging with their family and friends., it is up to adults to safeguard children against the very real dangers and damaging effects.

While many video games are entirely appropriate for children, studies into the effects of the violence and sexual content frequently associated with games rated 18 show increases in aggressive and sexualized behaviour by children

Please be aware that video games are age-rated under the Pan-European Game Information (PEGI) system, which rates games at one or other of the following age levels: More information about age ratings can be found on the PEGI website (see below) It is illegal for a retailer to supply any game rated 12, 16 or 18 to anyone below the specified age. The PEGI age ratings enable parents and carers to make an informed choice when buying a game for their child. As an additional aid to parents and carers, video games rated under the PEGI system will usually display information to explain why a game has been rated at a particular age level. Children are not able to separate fiction from reality, and cannot tell right from wrong at such an early age.

It is not appropriate for children to play, or to watch others playing, games rated 18 and therefore suitable only for adults aged eighteen or over as they contain content that is unsuitable for children, including blood and gore, extreme and intense violence (torture, multiple motiveless killing and violence towards defenceless people), mature humour, nudity, strong sexual content, strong language and use of drugs and alcohol. You may wish to consider using free online resources to help decide whether a particular video game is suitable for their child. For example, Common Sense Media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>) provides Kids Media App, available for Android, iPhone, and iPad. Kids Media App, helps parents and carers decide what to let their children play, watch and download.

The App can be downloaded free from

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/mobile>

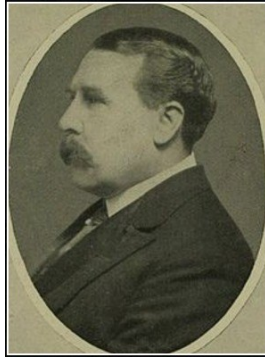
If you have concerns about your child's access to age-restricted video games, we recommend that you access advice sites such as:

<http://www.pegi.info/en/index/id/24>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers/parentsguide-to-technology/gaming-devices>

By parents working in partnership with the school and following these statutory guidelines, we hope to eliminate this current e-safety issue as soon as possible. Mrs Muckley is our E-Safety lead, and often holds assemblies for the children about how to keep safe. If you need further guidance on how to support this work at home, please don't hesitate to contact her.

Man Friday 2018:



Be a wonderful role model because you will be the window through which many children will see their future.

— Thomas McKinnon Wood —

AZ QUOTES



We had over 60 males in our school for this special day. Thank you so much for all of the positive comments fed back to staff. We know how much family days are enjoyed, and next year will be working closely with parents and carers to plan these days for all of our families.

OPAL Update: Den building Day: Over 65 visitors!

“ Many thanks to you and the whole team for organising such a super day. The Opal Project sounds fantastic and I feel positive that my children and others will gain hugely from this. I am passionate about children being given opportunity to play and be outdoors. I am sorry that I couldn't be there today but my child and daddy had a lovely time! “ Year 1 parent.



“ I enjoyed seeing the kids & parents joining in with the play - lots of positive feedback from everyone! ” - Member of staff.



Next developments are the sand pit, and getting welly racks in for September. Remember, OPAL is about valuing and prioritising play—all areas, all weathers.

Sports Day 2018:



“You give them the skills to work creatively and efficiently both in teams and as individuals. You teach them to be good winners and gracious losers. You provide them with the skills and techniques they will need to enjoy and take part in sport for many years after leaving school.” -

Tim Loughton on the importance of PE in primary schools.



Many thanks for all the positive feedback we have received about the new arrangements for this year's Sports Day. The new carousel of activities and single track layout meant great enjoyment and sportsmanship was clear for all to see. A big thank you to Mrs Cowgill for organising such a fun filled and active afternoon. We feel lucky, and are thankful for the loan of the sports field and to the PTFA for the refreshing ice pops. Congratulations to our winners in Ruby House.

Lunchtimes ROCK!



Creativity.
Collaboration.
Imagination.
Activity.
Role Play
Turn taking
Risk managing.....
FUN!

Forest School development:



Hellos and Goodbyes:

The end of the academic year is often a time when we say goodbye to some and hello to others. We say goodbye and good luck to our lovely Year 6 children. They are absolutely ready and prepared for the next step in their learning journey, and we know they will keep in touch. Hello to our new reception class, 24 new pupils will be joining us this term, as they start to become familiar with their new setting.

We say a BIG thank you and goodbye to Mrs Candy, who has been working alongside Mrs Morris in Year 4/5. She was seconded for the year from Longvernal School for two days a week. She has been a real asset to the team at Clutton, bringing experience and enthusiasm. We will miss her, but wish her well in her new role as Deputy Head at Longvernal. Mrs Macdonald will also be spending less time at Clutton, as Mrs Morris resumes her PPA cover role. Fingers crossed, that Mrs Mac will still be at Clutton for a day a week. Mrs Hebditch has been a fabulous SENCO here at Clutton, again seconded from St John's Midsomer Norton. She has really enjoyed working with the team here, and has been a font of knowledge and experience. We are now in the position to have a SENCO based in the school: congratulations to Mrs Muckley, who will take over this role in September. Kindly, Mrs Hebditch has offered to support Mrs Muckley and ensure a smooth handover until Christmas 2018.

We welcome Miss Douglas, who will be joining the teaching team from September. She has worked in the school as a student, and will be joining us this term for shuffle up day (5th July). There will be the opportunity for parents to meet Miss Douglas after school then, and in our Meet the Teacher session at the beginning of the new year.

We also say goodbye to our old class names! As part of our development as an OPAL/Forest School, we have chosen new names to represent our rural locality. EYFS will be Cherry Class, Year 1/2 will be Maple Class, Year 2/3 Birch Class, Year 4/5 Sycamore Class and Year 6 Ok Class—all trees on our school site.

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

www.cluttonschool.com

Dates for the diary:

4th July: Year 5 Languages Day at Norton Hill

5th July: Shuffle Up morning.

13th July: Swan Class Assembly.

18th July: Pride of Clutton Awards.

21st July: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly.



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