



Clutton Primary School November 2020

Head teacher welcome:



Hello! Another few busy weeks have passed, with lots of learning, in lots of different ways. Sycamore Class are now enjoying Forest Schools. Thank you for your continued kind emails and letters thanking the staff for their hard work and commitment in keeping school as happy and safe as it can be. It really does mean a lot to us all. In times of such change and uncertainty, we always keep the children's well being and interests at the heart of what we do. I hope you enjoy sharing in this newsletter and feel a little more connected to what is happening beyond the gates! Keep safe.

Parent's Evening Feedback:

Thank you to those (48%) who took the time to respond to our Parents Evening Feedback survey. The majority of respondents felt that the School Cloud system (used across the schools in the MAT), was easy to book and attend an appointment, and the guidelines provided were helpful. There are some concerns around the functionality of School Cloud for separated parents, these issues will be feedback to School Cloud.

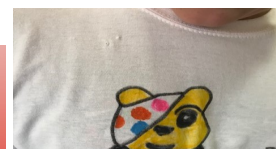
The majority of respondents felt that the 5 minute time allocation was not sufficient to discuss their child's progress, in particular following lockdown in T4-T6 2019/20. Parents did appreciate the extra follow up calls/emails that teachers then offered as required.

75% of respondents felt that where possible, a face to face parents' evening is preferable to the online appointment. The feedback received both through this survey and comments via email, will be considered as we review and plan for the next parents evening in March. Thank you to those parents' who recognise the additional challenge COVID places on school

Children in Need 2020:

Different, but still fun and time to appreciate all we have.

This year, we were so pleased that Children in Need raised over £37 million pounds this year. We joined in by doing some special Joe Wicks exercise classes, Pudsey art work and Pudsey Forest School.



Clutton's Little Act of Kindness Advent Calendar 2020.

Advent, for Christians, means the 'coming' of Christ into the world. Around the world, people of all nations and religions enjoy coming together for special celebrations.

This year, more than ever, we want to remind each other that this is a special time of giving and receiving, and that the act of 'giving' doesn't need to cost anything at all.

This year, we want to create a giant advent calendar with families of Clutton School. We are asking families to create together an A3 portrait picture relating to Christmas, which can be viewed from the school playground. Examples of themes could be: The nativity story, Faiths around the world, A Victorian Christmas, The 12 days of Christmas, symbols that represent Christmas and many more! . Big and bold designs that can be seen from a distance will work best.

Deadline for hand in: Friday 27th November, ready to be assembled for 1st December. We need at least 18 pictures.



Alongside this, we would like your idea for a single act of kindness, which will be shared daily across our school community. Ideas such as: Buy a gift from a local business, Bake cookies for a neighbour, make a thank you note for the postman, clean your street of any litter, sort out some toys for children who don't have any. I am sure you can think of many more—ask your child to write it out, if they can, and pop it in the plastic art wallet tied to the gate.

Please ask the school for A3 card/paper to create your family picture, as we are happy to supply that. Our gifted artists will be chosen to create the numbers for our calendar, so look out for those when you collect your children. We are very excited about creating this together and hope it will be a new tradition for years to come.

PS: We would like to have a real tree at the front of the school—if you feel you could donate a tree/pot this year, we would be super grateful.

Thanks: Mrs Morris (RE lead), Mrs Willcox (in house artist in resident!) and Miss Ennew.

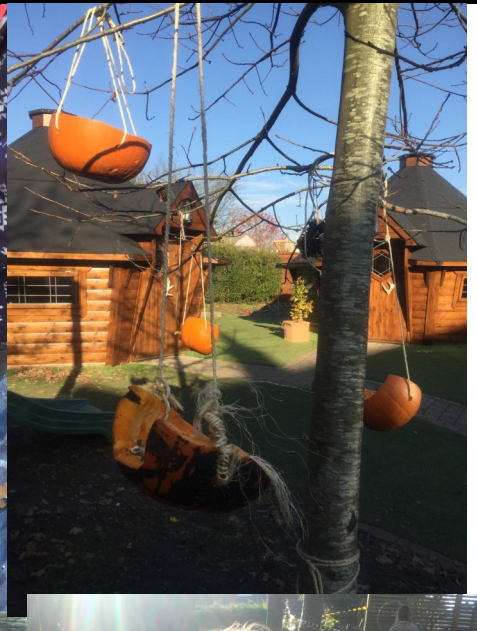
Remembrance week :

Linked with our school value of respect.

Here at Clutton we spend a week learning about Remembrance and linking it to one of our school values, Respect. This year, it was lovely to see the pupils wear their Rainbows, Cubs and Brownies uniforms with such pride. The work created and shared showed a growing knowledge and empathy. Sycamore Class are continuing their work around the war, with a film narrative called 'The Piano'. We hope you enjoyed sharing in the learning when dropping off the pupils.



Sycamore Forest School: Making bird feeders from pumpkins and helping create our Remembrance cross.



E– Safety: A guide for home use.

Technology and the internet can be a fantastic tool, and in light of our current situation more than ever we have relied on it to stay in contact with friends and family. At school we recognise these benefits, however we can also see the potential dangers. It is our priority to ensure that the children are educated to understand these dangers and know how to look after themselves online.

Although we understand the importance of staying in touch with others, the children at Clutton Primary School should not have their own account on any of the following social media platforms: Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok and Twitter. Age restrictions on these platforms are all 13+ and are therefore not appropriate for any of the children in this school. Social media and related falling outs, and children re-enacting aggressive war play are an increasing issue we deal with regularly between pupils.

It has come to our attention that many of the children do have these accounts and, whilst we cannot tell you that they shouldn't, we can advise and ensure that the children have the correct education to stay safe. This includes providing you with resources to support your children's safety at home. At school, we do not encourage children to be discussing TikTok or any of its contents and will actively seek to stop this.

Some useful resources:

- ThinkUknow (This provides age-appropriate resources to support your children online)
- Safer Internet Centre
- CEOP
- NSPCC
- Parent Zone

If you have queries or concerns about any of the following, or would like some advice on how you can support your children at home, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Muckley, our IT and E-Safety school lead.

Dates for your Diaries 2020–2021

Please check the school website and class pages for up to date information regarding events at the school. We have lots of special Christmas activities for the pupils coming up, so look out for an email sharing all we have planned.

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.