



We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to our children and families at the beginning of this new school year. We hope you managed to have an enjoyable summer break and found some time to relax and enjoy the wonderful sunshine. The staff have all been really impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the children during their first week back at school; they have come back ready to learn with lots of enthusiasm and interest. We have enjoyed meeting our new starters as well and would like to say a thank you to our Year 6 pupils who have embraced their new responsibilities including acting as 'buddies' to our Reception children (Cherries), helping them to get settled into life at Clutton school both inside and outside the classroom.

Following the overwhelming positive feedback we have received, we will continue this year to send out a weekly newsletter every Friday. It includes important notices from the school office, gives you diary dates, as well as providing other relevant news and information. This newsletter is one of the main ways in which we will communicate with you, so please read it each week so that you are updated with what is going on at school. If you do ever have any queries you can always contact us by phone or email. **The newsletter will be emailed out and added to the school website each Friday.** (A hard copy will not normally be sent home)

A big focus this year will be on school attendance. In a typical year, we would expect a child to have a 96% attendance rate or above. Obviously, unavoidable situations do occur and this will be taken into account. Children who have a high attendance rate (98-100%) will receive attendance certificates at intervals throughout the year. Attendance will be looked at weekly with the involvement of the educational welfare officer as necessary and will also be discussed at parent consultation meetings. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please call the school office stating the exact reason for absence. Please note a child with a slight cold, cough, feeling tired, a slight temperature or under the weather will still be expected to attend school. We can administer medicines if needed once a permission slip has been completed. Routine dental and doctor appointments should also be made outside of school hours.

Following new government guidelines we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time this year.

Quote of the week is from a child in Year 6, that sums up how we would like every child to feel here at Clutton *'In my old school I felt different but here I can be me.'*

Multisports

Multisports club will run on a Thursday after school from 22nd September for 5 weeks and during T2 for a further 5 weeks. All bookings and payments will now be made via Premier Sports. If you would like your child to attend please use the following link:

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/791742>

Certificates of the week

Head Teacher Certificates

These children have received the first Head Teacher's Award of the school year. Congratulations to Elsie, Oli, Henry, Sophie and Max. Freddie and Eliza also accepted a certificate on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II for exemplifying all our school values over her 70 year reign.



We were very pleased to see how many children completed the Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays and brought their medals and certificates in to share. Well done to all of you for taking part, and it's still not too late to go into the library to collect your rewards if you have also completed the challenge.

Doodle Maths & Doodle Tables

Top Doodlers this week are Connie, Pippa, Phoebe, Joshua and Lucie. Top for Doodle Table are Connie, Reuben, Phoebe and Sophie.





MacMillan Coffee Morning

We will be organising the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 30th September in The Orchard. Everyone is welcome to join us for tea, coffee and cakes from 9:00am to 10:30am in order to raise money for this very worthwhile charity.



We would appreciate any donations of cakes to be brought in that morning. Many thanks.

Diary Dates

Friday 16th September	Swimming starts for Oak Class
Monday 19th September	Reception children in full time
	School extra-curricular clubs start
Thursday 29th September	School photos
Friday 30th September	9:00am - 10.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning in school
Thursday 13th October	2.30pm Oak Class Learning Exhibition

Notices

- **Clubs** - These will begin the week beginning Sept 19th. Details and sign up form will be sent home next week.
- **Dinner Menu Choices** - These must be made by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day
- **Mobile library** - This will be in the pub car park every other Tuesday 3-4pm. Please make sure that you take advantage of this fantastic resource.
- **School gates** will open from 8.40am each morning for children to enter school and from 3.10pm to allow parents to come into the playground for pick up at 3.15pm.
- **Summer Reading Challenge** - Remember to pop into the library to let them know that you have completed the challenge and to collect medals and certificates.
- **Swimming** - Please could parents of children in Oak Class make a contribution towards transport costs via Parent Pay. Thank you.
- **Volunteering** - If you have an hour or two free a week and are able to come and volunteer in school, whether it be sharing books with children, helping in the classroom with art or DT projects, we'd love to hear from you. Please pop into the school office for further information.