# Clutton Primary School Appreciate, Aspire, Achieve



## Newsletter 21- February 18th 2022

Well, an abrupt end to a very long and busy term and one we certainly weren't expecting! The first time the school has been closed due to wind speeds. All children are extremely tired and with another very busy term ahead of us, please take time to relax over the next week so that the children arrive back at school refreshed and ready to learn.

On the first Tuesday back (Shrove Tuesday), as well as making pancakes with Lorraine and Fran, all classes will be taking part in pancake races so please could you send your child in with a named frying pan and pancake on this day. Then on Thursday 3rd March it is World Book Day so to celebrate this, children may dress up as their favourite book character (not compulsory) and later that day children will be invited back into school to have a bedtime story read to them by their class teacher or take part in the Key Stage 2 book quiz.

Clubs will commence the first week back and with the exception of multisports, will finish in the fifth week (week beginning March 28th). You should have all received information about the new clubs now on offer, being run by our Teaching assistants at a cost of £15 for the term.

On Tuesday, in the pouring rain, a cherry tree arrived at school. This will be planted on the edge of our forest school area to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee where hopefully children will be able to watch it grow and flourish for years to come.

We also had a good turnout of parents coming into school this week to see their child's work and meet the teachers. Going forward, we intend to hold these sessions 3 times a year, in each of the terms when we don't have a parent consultation evening. We hope this will enable all parents and carers to have more information about their child's progress and learning.

Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull

Thursday 31st March

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 28th February	TERM 4 STARTS
Tuesday 1st March	Pancake making and races. Pancakes for pudding for school lunches!
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day -dress up as your favourite character
	Football Matches at Somervale 4:00 - 5:00pm
	Bedtime stories 5.45 - 6.30pm
Monday 7th March	Year 6 Cross Country Tournament at Somervale School
Saturday 12th March	Clutton Bulb Show
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 22nd March	Girls Netball Tournament Yr 5/6
Monday 28th March	Dance Umbrella 6.30 -8.30pm @The Forum in Bath

Y5/6 gymnastics competition @Writhlington 1-3pm

Friday 1st April Variety (talent) show final -times TBC
Tuesday 5th April Parents evening 3.30 -7pm

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Hi, I'm Kris. I am a Parent Governor and the newest member of the Clutton School Governing body, joining in the Autumn term of 2021.

When my son first started in Cherry Class in 2020, the School office circulated a leaflet 'Are you thinking about becoming a school governor?'. I couldn't say that I was – it wasn't something I'd ever considered before – but it made me think about it. I was told that Governors hold the Trust and the Headteacher to account at a strategic level, with the aim to make sure all pupils get the best education they possibly can in a safe and engaging atmosphere. The more I thought, the more I realised I could help and maybe do a little bit of good. I spoke to a few friends before I

applied, who as it turned out had been School Governors themselves (one at Clutton, many moons ago) and I was reassured that it was worthwhile and rewarding.

I was really pleased when my application was accepted but I didn't really know what to expect. I've not been doing it long, I've been to three meetings in a little under 6 months (one in person, the rest from my sofa by video), and I'll confess that I'm still climbing what is a steep learning curve, trying to get my head around what everything means, but I've been given training to guide me through, everyone has been incredibly helpful, and what I'm learning is fascinating.

One area of real insight I've found is becoming the Link Governor for Science and DT. I've had in-depth conversations with the Subject Lead, Mrs PC about the curriculum and its implementation at both a Trust and School level, and I had the chance recently to visit and speak with some students in Oak Class and Rowan Class about what they've been doing to help me see the curriculum 'in action'.

In the short time I've been involved, the main thing that's been impressed on me is how dedicated the staff are at creating and maintaining a safe and effective learning environment for the children at Clutton – it should make my job as a Governor easy! I look forward to continuing to be a (small) part of their achievements.

If you're interested in becoming a Governor, do get in touch with the School. But please, don't be afraid to ask me anything about it and I'll be happy to share my experiences.

#### **Notices**

- COVID-19 Please continue to keep us informed of any positive Covid tests in your families.
- Dance Umbrella club will run until 4.15pm next term.
- **Dinner Menu Choices** Please remember to book by **Thursday 24th February** for the first week back after half term. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day.
- **Forest School** Children in Willow Class will have forest school on Wednesdays next term. Please ensure appropriate outdoor clothing and wellies are in school on this day.
- **PE days -** will remain the same for all classes next term

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### **Certificates of the week**

**Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables** - Top Doodlers this week are Paige, Connie, Freddie, Zander, Toby and Max. Well done to you all and congratulations again to Connie for having the highest score in the school. Top for Doodle Tables were James L, Lottie FB, Oli, Zander and Joshua W. Lottie was also the highest scorer for Doodle Tables in the school. Congratulations!

**Head Teachers' Award -** Congratulations to the following pupils for receiving the Head Teachers Award this week:

Adlyn - Amazing number writing (craftsmanship)

Alfie - great attitude to learning (resilience and respect)

Rosa - Producing a fantastic Healthy Living book (craftsmanship)

Frankie - Fantastic independent writing (resilience and craftsmanship)

Eric - Always trying his best, particularly in maths (resilience)

Rhys - Coping well in school with his broken leg (resilience)

Fantastic work everyone, well done.

Congratulations to Ruby who have won the House cup this term.

An extra play and scooter time has been organised for all winning houses so far this year, after half term.

