



What a week it has been! Covid finally hit the school and for the first time in 18 months our Clutton bubble burst and we had to resort to sending Sycamore Class home to finish their term via remote learning. I'd like to say how mature the children were when I broke the news to them and thank you to all parents for your support and collecting children so quickly. Let's hope a week of relaxation over half term is enough to break the chain and we can all start back refreshed ready to face the fun-filled, activity packed Christmas term.

At the start of next term, sign up sheets will be in Reception for you to come in and choose a slot to sign up for a face to face parents meeting which will also give you a chance to look at all the wonderful work your child has been doing since September.

Clubs will also start the first week back and will finish on Friday December 3rd with the exception of multi-sports club which will finish on Thursday December 9th.

All that's left for me to say is to wish you a happy half term and I will see you at the fireworks on October 30th.

Mrs Cowgill

As Mrs Cowgill has said, it has been quite a week for us at school with the decision to close Sycamore Class following the sudden increase of positive tests. It is quite scary how quickly things can change, from Friday having almost a full class in, to the class being sent home on Tuesday morning. We would like to thank the children for how sensible they were and all of the parents for managing to pause their day to come and collect so promptly. Hopefully by making this decision when we did, we will have prevented too much spread around the school.

Please continue to let us know over the half-term break by email should your child test positive and then we can make decisions for next term such as whether to hold assemblies and to mix classes at break and lunchtime.

Aside from this, we have had a really good first term of the new school year. Children in all the classes have enjoyed being back in school learning and have shown a lot of enthusiasm every day. Our staff have worked really hard to support all of the pupils and have stepped into different roles when needed due to absence. There have been many highlights of the term: Sycamore's learning exhibition, the fire engine in the playground, our harvest festivals and the excellent netball performance from our team to name just a few.

When we return we will be looking forward to the run-up to Christmas and everything that goes with that in a primary school (usually including a lot of singing and glitter!) I hope you all have a restful week's break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 1st November.

Mr Turull



Notices

- **COVID-19** - Please can you keep us informed of any positive Covid tests in your families.
- **Dinner Menu Choices** - Term 2 meals can now be booked for w/c 1st November. Please remember to book by Thursday for the following week. Unfortunately, options can no longer be changed after this day.
- **Holiday requests** - please can you ensure that you are following the MAT guidance for requesting holidays and completing a holiday request form which can be provided by the school office. Holidays during term time will not be authorised other than in exceptional circumstances. Holiday absences of 10 continuous sessions (5 days) will most likely incur a fine from the local authority.
- **Multi sports Club** - The spaces for this club have now all been filled.
- **Music Lessons** - Guitar lessons are back at Clutton school. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument please see BANES Music Service website – www.banesmusiconline.co.uk. Keyboard, violin and guitar are just some of the lessons available.
- **Nasal Flu vaccinations** - will take place on the 10th November. Please complete the consent form which is linked [here](https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/banes) by the 1st November. (<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/banes>)
- **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.
- **Second hand uniform** - If you would like to buy some then the PTFA are selling second hand uniform on their facebook page Clutton Primary School PTFA.

Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd October	End of Term 1
Friday 23rd October	INSET day
Saturday 30th October	PTFA Fireworks display
Monday 1st November	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 9th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 10th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 10th November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Friday 19th November	Children in Need
Saturday 20th November	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 23rd November	Open morning/afternoon for prospective parents
Friday 26th November	Hobgoblin Theatre Group performance
Tuesday 7th December	2pm Year 1 and 2 nativity performance
Wednesday 8th December	9.30am Year 1 and 2 nativity performance
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch



School uniform

With the very unpredictable weather we have, if they haven't already, please can all children bring in a pair of labelled wellies that can be left in school and stored on their class wellie rack. Can we also ask that over the half term break you take the opportunity to label ALL items of clothing, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats. This will be a great help when identifying abandoned garments and hopefully stop items going home with the wrong child.



Certificates of the week

Apologies for no pictures of the recipients. This is because no assemblies took place as a whole school this week and the children were awarded their certificates in their classes. Their classmates gave them a big round of applause.

Head Teacher Certificates

Congratulations to Mia in Oak class, Livie in Rowan class, Frankie in Willow class, Riley in Maple class and Abel Gillen in Cherry class on receiving this week's Head Teacher award.

Doodle Maths

Paul in Oak class, Eliza in Sycamore class, Oli in Rowan class, Phoebe A in Willow class and Toby in Maple class earnt the most stars in their class this week. Big congratulations to Toby winning the Top Doodler trophy!!



House Points

This term the children have been working hard earning house points for their houses. The results are in and this term the winners of the House Cup are...

Amber

Congratulations!!!

- 1st **Amber** 523 points
- 2nd **Ruby** 474 points
- 3rd **Sapphire** 398 points
- 4th **Emerald** 395 points



Tickets are sold out!! for the Clutton School PTFA fireworks night -30/10-

Keep an eye on the PTFA facebook page as tickets may become available closer to the date. Thank you to everyone who is supporting this event. Let's hope it goes with a bang!!!



Half term activities

