

Clarborough Primary School
Building success together!

Welcome

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school this week and excited to start the new year. We would like to say an extra big welcome to our new starters: In Nursery Amelia P, Joseph W, Isla O, Elizabeth H, Isla S, Faith H, Elsie H, Maisie-Lou S, Rion C, Rowan B, Ruth D, in Reception Sienna-Ruby W, in Class 3 Nevaeh D and a welcome back to the school to Ethan R in Class 4. We wish them all well as they join our school.

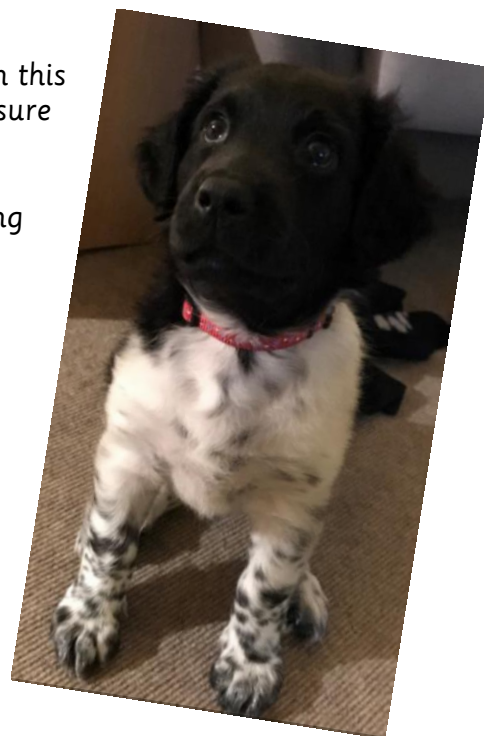
Introducing Jes – our School Dog (well, Puppy!)

Last week saw another new starter in school, of the canine variety. On Monday Jes visited our school for the first time. Jes is Miss Spencer's dog and will also be trained up to become our school dog. At the moment Jes is getting used to all of the sights and sounds of our school and the world in general. She is only in school part time at the moment.

Over the next few months Jes will begin her formal training, will undergo her first assessment with the Dogs Helping Kids charity and will be very slowly introduced to some of our pupils (in order for her to get used to our school). In the longer term the hope is that Jes will become an Attending School dog with the charity (one of the Assistance Dog charities). Her role will be varied and driven by pupils and teachers, but more can be found out about the work that these dogs do by visiting www.dogshelpingkids.co.uk Until she has been assessed by the charity, there will be no direct contact with pupils during school hours.

If you would like your child to be involved in this initiative in months to come, then please ensure that you have completed and returned the consent form sent home last week. We will update you on Jes's progress over the coming months.

By Miss Spencer



National Writing Competition

Towards the end of last year, children in Year 2 (current Year 3) entered a national writing competition. During the summer holidays, many of the children were notified that they will be having their short stories published in an anthology due out in November. Fantastic to see so many children with a 'Talent for Writing.' Well done Year 3!



Sports Mark

The school has now been awarded a Silver Mark from the School Games Team. The School Games is a programme designed to keep competitive sport at the heart of schools and provide more young people with the opportunity to compete and achieve their personal best. Throughout the course of last year we introduced more sporting opportunities for the children as well as 'taster' sessions such as the cricket lessons that Key Stage 1 took part in in February, the Quad Kids events and the volleyball lessons. If you wish to find out more about this scheme, please visit the following website.

www.yourschoolgames.com



Document tray

It has been brought to our attention that if people dropping off at the 8.00 am breakfast club and have documents or money to return to the office, they are not able to do this as there is no member of staff in there at that time. We have now put a tray on the edge of Mrs Goad's desk so that you can put documents in there for her to collect when she arrives at 8.15 am. The office door may be closed but it will be unlocked so please just open it and put your documents in.

Parking

May we take this opportunity to remind you that you are able to park at the village hall when dropping children off and picking them up in order to reduce the traffic outside school and on Hillview Crescent. We would encourage you to take advantage of this in order to reduce congestion and help to keep the children safe. There is a path through from the village hall car park to the back of school for you to use.

School Lunches

May we politely encourage parents to check the school menu on a weekly basis in order to make informed choices regarding your child's lunches. There has unfortunately been a lot of wastage this week and many children quite hungry as they have not liked the choices on offer. Whilst we actively encourage children to try new foods, some children find it distressing if they do not like anything on the menu.

The menu is displayed in the hall and on the playground noticeboard but if anyone wishes to have a paper copy then please call or pop into the office and I will be happy to give you one.

Out of school achievements

If your child achieves success out of school in a sporting event or other activity and you wish to include it in a future newsletter then please let me know and I will be happy to include it. Either pop into the office to see me or email me the details at lgoad@clarborough.notts.sch.uk.

Over the summer Darma B in Class 5 received a number of distance awards for swimming. She is pictured here with her certificates. Fantastic achievement Darma, well done!



Bassetlaw Action Centre

Bassetlaw Action Centre is a community resource agency offering help and support to individuals and organisations throughout Bassetlaw; promoting the independence of older and vulnerable people and supporting individuals with long term conditions.

This is achieved by a number of wonderful volunteers, but we always need more. We are looking for people who may be able to spare as little as an hour a week to visit a lonely, vulnerable person within their community or join our volunteer drivers and allow people who are stuck in their own homes to get out for appointments or to the shops.

For further details and an application form please contact us at the following:

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Canal Street
Retford
DN22 6EZ

01777 709650

www.bassetlawactioncentre.org.uk

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School dates for your diaries:

I will write 'NEW' next to new events each week

September

- 16th QEHS 11+ exam paper 1
- 23rd QEHS 11+ exam paper 2
- 29th Macmillan Coffee morning (more details to follow) **NEW**

October

- 5th Ice-cream pick 'n' mix dinner **NEW**
- 6th Individual school photos
- 9th INSET Day (no children in school)
- 13th 11+ exam results posted out
- 16th Harvest Festival produce to be brought in this week **NEW**
- 18th Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 Flu vaccinations **NEW**
- 19th Harvest Festival 2.00 pm (more details to follow) **NEW**
- 20th Last day of term
- 23rd Half term begins
- 30th Children return to school

November

- 1st Parent's consultations (Reception to Class 6) **NEW**
- 2nd Parent's consultations (Reception to Class 6) **NEW**
- 3rd Bonfire Night dinner **NEW**
- 10th Remembrance Day observance **NEW**
- 'Poppy Day' dinner **NEW**
- 17th Children in Need day **NEW**

December

- 8th School Christmas Fayre (more details to follow) **NEW**
- 14th Foundation Nativity (more details to follow) **NEW**
- 15th Foundation Christmas Party (more details to follow) **NEW**
- 18th Key Stage 1 & 2 Nativity – PM (more details to follow) **NEW**
- 19th Key Stage 1 & 2 Nativity – PM (more details to follow) **NEW**
- 20th Key Stage 1 & 2 Nativity – AM (more details to follow) **NEW**
- 21st Christmas Dinner
- Key Stage 1 & 2 Christmas Parties (more details to follow) **NEW**
- 22nd Last day of term

January 2018

- 8th Children return to school

Local community dates for your diaries:

September

- 30th Bassetlaw NCT Nearly New Sale at North Notts Arena – 11.30 am onwards