

### **Welcome back**

It has been great to see the children back in school this week and we have had fun introducing them to our new topic 'The Environment' and settling them into their classes. We are all excited about the new academic year and look forward to the things we have ahead.

We would also like to say a big welcome to all of the new pupils that have either started this week or will be starting over the next few weeks. We hope you are very happy here with us.

We will be holding parent drop-in sessions for you to pop in and have a cuppa and a chat. Mrs Cowell-Clark will run these and everyone is welcome. This will be a chance to chat about things that are happening in school and will give you the opportunity to meet with other parents too.

We will be holding the following sessions and they are all 8.50am until 9.45am:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Shared areas**

When you drop off your child on Monday, or when you collect them on Monday, we would love it if you came into school and looked at our shared areas (corridors). We have recently transformed the areas into Under the sea/seaside, Polar, Jungle and Space. We are very proud of these areas and feel they bring a vibrant and interactive feel to the school. Please come and have a look!

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Rawlings for putting up the wallpaper for us and ?????? for building the vehicles.

### **Aldi's kit for schools**

This September Aldi's 'Kit for Schools' promotion is giving 20 Primary Schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for their school. Every school who enters also receives an exclusive school sports kit!

To help us win please collect a Team GB sticker at Aldi when you spend £30, we can add this to our School's poster. We need to collect 300 stickers.

The collection box will be just outside the school office, alternatively your child can give it to their class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Lunchtimes

As you know, last term the way that lunchtimes are organised was changed. The children now have two sittings for lunchtimes, dedicated clubs for key stages and children taking up school dinners can access our salad bar.

The teachers, children, midday supervisors and catering team have worked so hard to improve lunchtimes and I am thrilled to let you know that after a re-audit of our lunchtime provision, Clarborough Primary School provides a 'remarkable service!' We have been awarded a kitemark for our efforts too.



Here is a selection of some of the brilliant things said in the report.

There is a clear allocated *lead* at lunchtime, with lunchtime staff understanding their responsibilities during lunchtime and forming good relationships with pupils. A relationship between the catering team and the lunch team is good. There appears very much *one team*, with all adults present at lunchtime actively interacting with pupils.

Outside, there are a large number of spaces for pupils to engage with, with zones allocated and playgrounds which promote physical activity and social interaction. Staff are mostly clear in their roles during lunchtimes, with appropriate allocation of staffing both indoors and outdoors.

Pupils and staff both report enjoying the changes implemented at CPS. Lunchtimes are calm and enjoyable, promoting social interaction and positive behaviours and a remarkable lunchtime experience. A whole school approach to health is well embedded, with only a handful of changes outlined to further optimise this.

Currently, lunchtime at Clarborough Primary School is: **REMARKABLE**

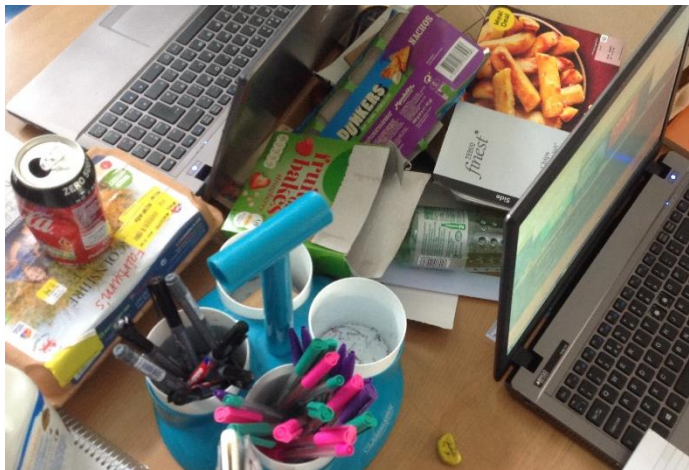
**Please let Mrs Cowell-Clark know if you would like to come in and see lunchtimes in action.**

**We will also be starting termly 'family lunches' where you can come into school and enjoy a meal with your child. Dates to follow!**



## Year 4

Year 4 had to complete their topic work surrounded by rubbish that had been 'dumped' on their tables this week. They were very disgruntled and found it increasingly difficult to work in these conditions. They soon realised how difficult it is for all marine animals when waste is deposited into the oceans where they live. It certainly made year 4 think differently about the waste we use and how we can recycle better in the future!



## School dog update

Over the summer, Jeske (our school dog) and Mrs Cooper travelled down to Devon to take two assessments. Assessment 3 tested all of the things that Jes had done in her entry test in a busy town environment: which included recall, two tricks, loose lead walking, a stay in the down position when approached, gentle taking of a treat and an out of sight stay.

Assessment 4 then saw Jes and Mrs Cooper walking through the town, in and out of shops and then doing some of the same tasks again, but this time right in the centre of a busy high street. The final thing tested was a 5 minute out of sight stay.

We are pleased to say that they passed both tests and are now halfway through the School Dog training programme. Their next assessment will be in November/December this year.

Jes is currently working with one child and day and is now going to be trained to 'chill' in classrooms. This will be with Year 6 children initially.





## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our annual Macmillan Coffee morning will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September between 8.30am and 9.30am in the school hall. We will be selling a variety of cakes with tea, coffee and juice. We will also be serving bacon rolls. We would appreciate donations of cakes, buns, tray-bakes etc which can be brought in to school the day before or on the morning. Everyone is welcome. We will finalise details the week before.



## ICT sessions

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm - 4pm, Mr Herdman will be holding a drop-in session in Class 1 for any parents/carers that would like to come and discuss any support that they would find helpful with regards to ICT sessions being set up in the future.



### Unwanted clothes or shoes...?

If you had a summer clear out, please put your old clothes, shoes or bedding to one side, as we will be having a 'Bag2School' collection on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**.

We will have the bags in school shortly.

Donating items helps to raise much-needed funds for school. Spread the word – if you know of any other family members or friends that are doing the same, include them too.

## Out of school achievements



A big well done to Elliot T in Class 5 for achieving his Stage 4 and 20 metres in swimming recently. Keep up the good work Elliot!

## School dates for your diaries:

### September

9<sup>th</sup> After school clubs begin  
27<sup>th</sup> Macmillan Coffee Morning

### October

9<sup>th</sup> Individual pupil photos **NEW**  
17<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival at church  
18<sup>th</sup> Last day of term  
21<sup>st</sup> Half term begins

### November

4<sup>th</sup> Autumn 2 term starts  
Environmental arts week  
8<sup>th</sup> Pop-up exhibition  
12<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations  
13<sup>th</sup> Parent consultations  
14<sup>th</sup> Flu vaccinations – Reception to year 6 **NEW**

### December

3<sup>rd</sup> Scholastic book fayre begins **NEW**  
5<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Christingle making  
10<sup>th</sup> Scholastic book fayre ends **NEW**  
12<sup>th</sup> Foundation stage Nativity  
13<sup>th</sup> Foundation stage Nativity  
Key Stage 1 Nativity in church 2pm  
16<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 1 Nativity in school 2pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 1 Nativity in school 9.30am  
18<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 2 carols around the tree 3pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term for pupils  
20<sup>th</sup> INSET day

### January

6<sup>th</sup> Term begins

