



Be the best you can be!

Weekly Newsletter

W/e 18th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Again I write to thank you for your continued support of the school. I hope that you have been able to enjoy the Christmas performances and singing from our wonderful children on Seesaw. All involved have worked so hard to be able to create a little bit of Christmas sparkle and cheer in these strange times.

Please take the time to read the guidance sent via ParentMail and in the newsletter regarding any actions that you need to take if symptoms develop within your family bubbles.

As the term draws to a close, it is important to say a huge 'Thank you' to the fantastic Mr Byrom who sadly leaves our school today. Mr Byrom has been an integral part of #TeamClarborough for the last five years. His unwavering support for the school, staff and the children, his competitive drive and determination will be truly missed and we thank him for being the best teacher he could be while he was here. He leaves us to run his own swimming school, Speedy Sharks, and we wish him all the very best with his new venture!

Have a safe, happy and restful holiday and we hope that 2021 begins with the promise of better days to come.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Mrs Cowell-Clark!

Contacting us

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: Parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk **Please note that during the Christmas holidays, emails will be monitored once a week.**

Calls can be made to school from 8:30am – 4.30pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other administrative query should be directed to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk **Please note that during the Christmas holidays, the office emails will be monitored once a week.**

Finance queries should be directed to: finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

And IT support queries should be sent to: itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

National Online Safety

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned new devices children may receive this Christmas.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on this. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.



Road Safety and Supervision of children



There have been two incidents where children have been put in danger by drivers on Hillview Crescent. For this reason, we have decided to cone off part of the school drive to make drop-offs and pick-ups as safe as possible. Please be extra vigilant particularly as the mornings and afternoons are now darker. We are aware this moves parking further into the Crescent so you must ensure that where you park does not block the driveways of our residents also.

Please ensure parental supervision and control over children when attending and leaving school – holding hands and not allowing children to walk/run across the roads unsupervised. Thank you.

Join the Winter Mini Challenge



The Winter Mini Challenge is aimed at children aged 4-11 years and encourages children to keep reading over the winter period.

The Winter Mini Challenge is run through the Winter Mini Challenge website. To take part, children simply read three books of their choice over the winter holidays, then add each book to their Winter Reading Challenge website profile and leave a short book review. Books added to the website during the six week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking special rewards including a certificate and a virtual badge.

How to take part:

- Sign up at www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk to create an online profile (if you took part in Silly Squad: The Summer Reading Challenge you might have a profile already)
- Read at least 3 books over the holidays.
- Rate and review the books on the Winter Mini Challenge website to unlock a virtual badge and download a certificate to print.

The Winter Mini Challenge finishes on Friday 15 January.

Eco warriors

A huge welcome to our new Eco Warrior team!

Year 6- Zara and Olivia

Year 5- Jenson and Lexi

Year 4- Saffron and Charlie

Year 3- Toby and Penny

Year 2- Isla O and Elsie

Year 1- Logan and Edith



Last year, the Eco Warrior team made great strides in helping to make significant changes around school. The children worked hard to secure their bronze and silver Eco-Schools Award. They ensured; lights and taps were turned off when not in use, they promoted recycling within each classroom and helped to encourage others to recycle their crisp packets, pens and bread bags. The children promoted healthy eating and during lockdown the key worker children helped to create an amazing garden space where they grew fruit and vegetables which we were able to sell once school was open again. The attitude of the whole school community has dramatically changed and everyone is now more conscious of their environment and have made great efforts in making sustainable choices.

This year the new team will be continuing the efforts from last year's team and will be working towards their Green flag status...and yes we really do get a real flag to fly outside the school! They will meet every two weeks (at the moment via remote video links to ensure bubble safety) and they will carry out their initial environmental review and action plan. The children will be focusing on biodiversity and encouraging wildlife. They'll be creating a bug hotel, enhancing the bird feeders and sorting out the mini pond area. Also, during the spring term they have a very exciting project coming up but they'll keep you posted about this nearer the time!

Finally one last huge congratulations to the new Eco warriors. I know this year's team will work extremely hard to carry on last year's successes!

Hearts for Homes

As part of the 'Hearts for Homes' campaign run by Picture News, Year 5 wrote messages on love hearts to send to the elderly who may be feeling alone or isolated at this time. Miss Mayhew dropped these off to a local care home and we received the most wonderful 'Thank you' letter from the care home. Such thoughtful work Year 5!



Dear Clarborough School,

My name is Sarah and I am one of the Activities Co-ordinators at Cherry Holt Care Home.

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents to say a huge thank you for the recent words and pictures that you sent. They were amazing. We have read every one of them to all the residents and in many cases they were reduced to tears by your uplifting and heartfelt messages. We have put your messages on every resident's door and in the communal lounges. Thank you for taking the time to think about other people. We were very impressed by your beautiful handwriting and kind words as well as the fabulous drawings. Every one of you is a credit to your teachers.

I would like to share with you some of the comments from our residents:

"although we are a bit lonely, we are warm and safe in Cherry Holt"

"many of us have not seen our families since March but we are well looked after by all of our lovely carers"

"It is lovely that so many kind young people are thinking about us"

This year has been very strange not only for the elderly in care homes who cannot see their families but also for young people like you who have had their education interrupted due to the Covid crisis. At times like this it is so important to pull together as a community and look after each other.

I would like to thank you again for your inspiring messages which have made a big impact on our lovely residents. We would all like to wish you, your teachers and your families a very Merry time in your Bubbles. Maybe one day in the next year, when things return to normality, you might be able to visit us and instead of virtual hugs we can give real ones!

Happy Christmas to all and stay well.

Yours on behalf of FBC Carehomes,

Sarah Jarvis.



Guidance regarding COVID and positive testing over the Christmas Holidays

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus, having developed symptoms within 48hours of being in school, then please contact the office at office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk and we will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation in line with guidance from Public Health England and the DfE, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school

So, if you or child develops symptoms on Friday 18th December, Saturday 19th December or Sunday 20th December and you receive a positive result for COVID-19, please contact the office and we will identify close contacts and then advise self-isolation. This is because you would be within the 48hours infectious period.

- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after 6 days from the last day of term, schools do not need to be contacted about their absence until the first day of the new term.

So, if you have been in contact with a positive case after 24th December and are self-isolating, you do not need to contact school until we return on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

- If a pupil or staff member tests positive for Coronavirus, having developed symptoms more than 48hours since being in school, the school does not need to be contacted.

So, if you or your child develops symptoms after Sunday 20th December and you have a test carried out and it is confirmed positive, you do not need to inform school. This is because this is beyond the 48hours infectious period. Parents and carers would need to follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace and isolating guidance.

- **Opening in January:** if you or your child has symptoms of COVID and receives a positive test please contact the office at office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk on Sunday 3rd January. This way we can ensure the class bubbles can re-open safely for children and staff the new term after consulting Public Health England.

House Points

House points continue to be collected safely around the school so we are able to keep you informed about the totals over the term. Children receive house points here for a range of reasons – especially when they demonstrate themselves *being the best they can be!*

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Wilberforce 505 pts	Pankhurst 413pts	Attenborough 378pts	Hawking 375pts

Fantastic effort this term Wilberforce!!

Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

What a week of celebrations! The children have worked so hard finishing crafts and treats for the tree. The Christmas party was a huge success yesterday as we played traditional games and made up some new ones. Learning to win and lose is always a challenge but our little Nursery class has come so far since September. Well done everyone!





Nursery Stars of the week:

Seb for always listening and doing the right thing!

Amelia for being kind and helping the children during pass the parcel when they couldn't unwrap their chocolate coins!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)

This week has been another fabulously festive one with lots more Christmas activities and a delicious Christmas lunch cooked by Mrs Smith!



Reception Star of the week: Everyone for performing so well in our Nativity!

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)

This week Year 1 have been enjoying lots of Christmassy fun including Christmas lunch, games, activities and films!

They have all worked so hard this term and Mrs Williams and Miss Marshall are so proud of each and every one of them.

Have a lovely Christmas and we will see you all in January!

Courtesy Award: Logan for always using his manners and being a good friend.

Merit Award: Edith for trying super hard with her learning, even when she finds it tricky.

Reading Award (kindly donated from Mr and Mrs Herdman): Ben for trying really, really hard with his phonics and reading.

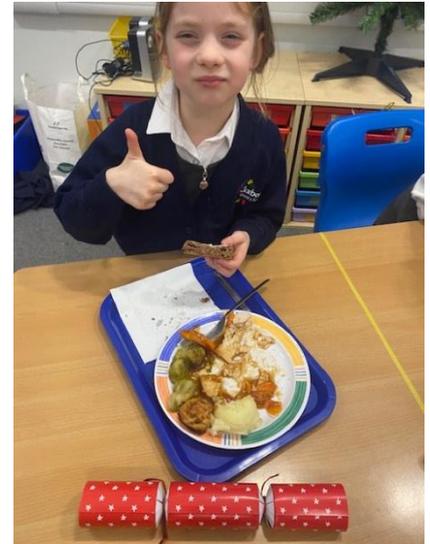


Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)

This week has been filled with Christmassy fun! The stars of their own show loved watching their Christmas Story performance on the big screen as well as watching performances from the other classes. The children got their craft on by making Rudolph Christmas cards and stained glass snowflakes.



Christmas dinner was a huge success on Wednesday and the children really enjoyed it. I was surprised by how much they loved their sprouts! The special message from Santa finished the day off and they received their own special book. Party day was very exciting on Thursday as children let off steam by playing party games!



Thanks again for all of your support this year. We can't wait for 2021!

Courtesy Award: Austin for being so polite and kind. He is always helpful and is often found tidying up the outside area before it is time to come in.

Merit Award: Casey for having such a determined attitude to all her learning. She always remains focused and puts in a huge amount of effort into every single piece of work.

Reading Award (kindly donated from Mr and Mrs Herdman): Rowan as he has made fantastic progress this year and challenges himself with more difficult books.

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)

This week Zagreb class have thoroughly enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit!



They've worked really hard on their extravaganza (see your child's video on Seesaw) and on Tuesday they loved settling down with popcorn to watch the other Christmas performances via video link.

On Wednesday, Zagreb class enjoyed decorating the classroom ready for their Christmas dinner, it was delicious and everyone enjoyed the pigs in blankets!



On Thursday, the children showed off their best dance moves for their Christmas party and on Friday they loved settling down with a hot chocolate and marshmallows for a film in their Christmas jumpers.

All of the children have had a great first term back in school. They have learnt so many new skills already; particularly column addition and subtraction and how to join up their handwriting. They've attended swimming lessons and their improvements are incredible already! They have learnt how to deal with their emotions and worries by attending the SEED workshop or Lego time, and they have welcomed Jeske (the school dog) and Mrs Cooper into the class bubble. The children really have worked incredibly hard and have shown great determination and resilience and I am super proud of them all!



Merit Award: Ivan

Courtesy Award: Daniel

Reading Award (kindly donated from Mr and Mrs Herdman): Lola

Smashers: Daniel, Charlotte, Penny, Beatrice, Sienna, Harriet, Lola, Asya

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)

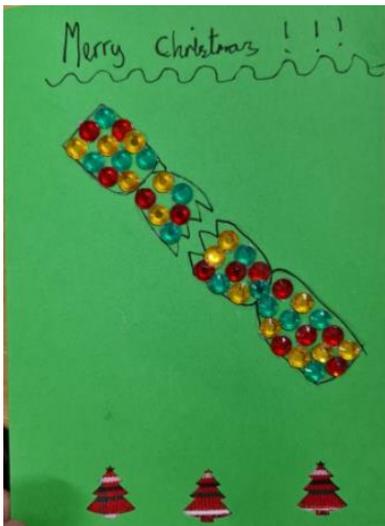
This week, Year 4 have had a fantastic week of Christmas festivities and completing their Science and Art work for the term.

In Art, they have completed painting their clay dragon's eye with metallic paint – they are so very pleased with their results!





In Science, they completed the gruesome task of opening each tub filled with liquid and investigated the damage caused to the egg shells. They might think more carefully in the future when making their choices of drink!



Here are some of the Christmas designs made in lesson on Thursday:

On Tuesday, Year 4 were able to watch the premieres of the Christmas Extravanzas whilst eating popcorn, as well as complete many Christmas activities including code breakers. The Christmas party was a massive hit on Thursday, where some fantastic dance moves were displayed. Finally, they enjoyed watching the Christmas film 'The Grinch' whilst enjoying a hot chocolate with marshmallows (although some children preferred a cup of tea!).



Harrison dressed up for Santa on Thursday and even brought in gifts for all of the children!



Year 4 Star of the week: Freya for being such a fantastic help all of the time, being completely selfless and always looking out for her friends. She has created a fantastic dragon eye this week too!

Smashers: Anya, Ayda, Luke, Molly, Leah, Georgie, Isabella, Freya, Saffron, Madeline, Emilia, Harrison, Joel, Aidan, Ruby, Joey

Merit Award: Saffron

Courtesy Award: Ruby

Reading Award (kindly donated from Mr and Mrs Herdman): James

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)

We have made it to Christmas! This week has been jam-packed full of Christmas fun and activities and we have all enjoyed celebrating Christmas 2020-style! The children had so much fun using the green screen to create their Christmas Extravaganza performance - we hope you enjoyed watching it as much as they enjoyed making it! Thank you for your lovely comments.



Much time has been spent this week playing a variety of games and completing different Christmas activities and challenges. A particular favourite has been the Reindeer Game, a variation on the classic Beetle Drive. They have also played a Snowman version on Seesaw. They have completed Maths challenges, code-breaker jokes and created a variety of craft activities. Thanks to our amazing kitchen staff, the children thoroughly enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner on Wednesday in their class bubble, complete with crackers and a virtual visit from Santa! Wednesday afternoon saw the children compete in teams for a Christmas Quiz with different rounds including: name the film, name the Disney character, identify the logos and apps and recognise familiar objects from very close range! Although it was a close call, our winning team scored an impressive 46/50! Thursday and Friday were also filled with party games, quizzes, prizes and a film treat to celebrate the end of term and all children smashing their reading targets!





Reflecting on this year, the children recalled the significance of rainbows as a symbol of hope during this pandemic and have designed and made some beautiful rainbow decorations out of clay, which I'm sure will take pride of place on your trees at home.





Miss Mayhew is so proud of how the children have managed to keep themselves and each other safe this term and would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year! See you in January!



Year 5 Star of the week: Isabella for her continual hard work and effort!

Merit Award: William B

Courtesy Award: Olivia

Reading Award (kindly donated from Mr and Mrs Herdman): Jenson

Smashers: All of Class 5 have smashed their reading targets

Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

Christmas Dinner:

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed Christmas dinner. It was nice to enjoy a civilised festive meal.



Class Party:

We had great fun playing numerous games in the morning: flap the fish, island hopping and musical chairs and statues. Year 6 are very much party animals and are now well and truly in the Christmas spirit!



GREAT BAKE:

This week we had some really tasty bakes from Ella, Zara and Rosie. They were delicious and went down a treat! A huge well done to Rosie and Zara who are the Great Bake Champions 2020!



Merit Award - Lucy H

You have really demonstrated a love of learning this year. You consistently complete your work to a high standard and often go above and beyond my expectations. You are beginning to correctly select which piece of knowledge you need to apply to different situations. You are not afraid of making mistakes and see them as an opportunity to improve your work and develop as an individual. You have made great academic progress this year! Well done for being the best you can be! #TeamClarborough

Courtesy Award - Rosie L

Thank you for always being a kind, thoughtful and caring individual. You are always considerate of others and have impeccable manners. You are a great asset to the class and have an infectious attitude to learning. You always give everything 100%. Well done for always being the best you can be. You should be extremely proud of yourself. Keep it up! #TeamClarborough

Reading Award (kindly donated from Mr and Mrs Herdman) – Levi S

Levi is someone who has shown a real interest in reading this half term and this has been reflected in his excellent academic progress. I hope this will help spur him on to continue to read!

Smashers:

Charlie, Freddie A, Emilia, Daisy, Zara, Tehya, Lucy, Laurie, Rosie, Reuben, Olivia, Ella, Levi.

Out of School Achievements

A huge well done to Lydia for gaining her Level 3 Learn to Swim Award – Great work Lydia!



If you have any out of school achievements you would like to share with us to put in the newsletter, please forward your photos to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk with a brief description of the award/achievement.

School Dates for your Diaries.....

January:

Monday 4th January – INSET Day

Tuesday 5th January – Children return back to school



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club and Wraparound please email sbennett@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

If you have any questions or queries regarding 30hours and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk Lunches must be booked in via Parentmail

Please note for all of those attending school, if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they should remain at home. Please follow the link below to find more information about this:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>