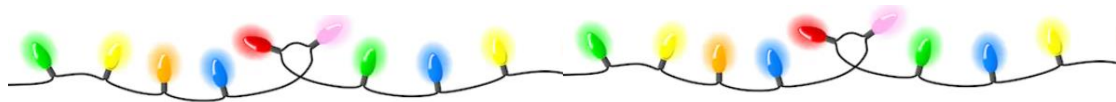




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Primary School



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Weekly Newsletter

W/e 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been trying so hard with their end of term assessments this week and I am really proud of them! I'm sure they have spoken to you about the tests they've been completing – their resilience and determined attitude has been WONDERFUL to see!

We've added the information about upcoming events into this week's edition of the newsletter as there are many planned activities ahead. You will have already received this via Parentmail but we didn't want you to miss anything.

This year, as we have before, I would like to make a donation to the Bassetlaw Foodbank. A list will be sent out next week of items that are in short supply or which are really useful. If you are able to make any contribution to this, I know it will be so very gratefully received.

Please remember that as a school we have many ways that we can support you and your family. At this time of the year, it can be challenging for some so please get in touch if I can help in any way.

Thank you,
Mrs Cowell-Clark

Contacting us:

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is:
parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

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

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 'What parents and carers need to know about age-inappropriate content'.

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.



Recycling

We are continuing to recycle old pens, crisp packets, cans and old batteries in school. Please send any recycling into school with your child. **We are now also recycling used/empty printer ink cartridges!**

Please turn off your engines and considerate parking



Please turn off your car engines whilst waiting in the village hall car park and on Hillview Crescent. This is more environmentally friendly and considerate to those around them.

Further, for those parking at the village hall, please can you ensure that you park your vehicle appropriately and in the correct parking spaces provided to ensure that other parents can get in and out of the car park easily.

Booking in Lunches, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club

Parentmail continues to be open for you to book your child's lunches, Breakfast club and Wraparound places for the Autumn Term 2. Please note, these must be booked one week in advance to allow us to ensure correct staffing and meals etc.



We're on Facebook and Instagram!

We are on Facebook and Instagram! Search for 'Clarborough Primary' and follow us for regular updates and see what we are getting up to!



Toys and Fidget Toys

Please note that fidget toys or any other sort of toy should not be brought into school unless you have spoken with your teacher and they have permitted your child to bring it in.

Lateral Flow Tests and Illness

We continue to see positive COVID cases in our surrounding area and thank you for your support in getting your child a PCR test if they have symptoms or are unwell. I would like to share this guidance from Nottinghamshire County Council to remind you that positive cases can only be confirmed by a PCR test via post or a testing centre and not through LFT tests.



Reminder: LFD testing is not recommended for children under 11

We wanted to remind you that parents of children aged under 11 should not be advised to use LFD tests with these children, as this would not be in line with national guidance.

Information for the public on [ordering lateral flow test kits](#) states that people should only use the service if they are aged 11 or over, and the [NHS website on rapid testing](#) also states that children under 11 do not need to do rapid tests.

If children are identified as close contacts of a confirmed coronavirus case by national Test & Trace, they will be advised to get a PCR test, unless they are aged four and under, when they will only be advised to get a PCR test if they are living in a household where there is a confirmed coronavirus case.

It's also that time of year when other illnesses are around. This information (below) is from the NHS to provide support should you be unsure whether your child should attend school.

When should my child return to school?					
Chicken Pox	Conjunctivitis	Diarrhoea & Vomiting	Glandular Fever	Hand, foot & mouth	Impetigo
When all spots have crusted over	None*	48 hours from last episode	None*	None*	When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles	Mumps	Scabies	Scarlet Fever	Slapped Cheek	Whooping Cough
4 days from onset of rash	5 days from onset of swelling	After first treatment	24 hours after commencing antibiotics	None*	48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu	Head Lice	Threadworms	Tonsillitis	
	Until recovered	None*	None*	None*	

Christmas Decorations

We have had our annual decorating of the Head's door tradition. This year it is Nutcracker-themed and it is definitely getting us all in the festive mood! Thank you to Miss Green who took the time to design and decorate – another fantastic display!



Christmas@Clarborough!

December is finally here! Here's how we are PLANNING to celebrate the festive season at Clarborough. We will let you know of any changes due to national regulations but hope that the following will go on as planned:

From Monday 6th December - Christmas Post

The Christmas Post Box will be back this year. If your child would like to send Christmas cards, they can be posted in the box in the jungle area from Monday 6th December. Deliveries will be made every afternoon to each class.

Wednesday 8th December – RE Day: The story of Nativity

On Wednesday the 8th December, the focus for learning in school across all classes will be the story of the Nativity. Each class will be looking at a different aspect of the story and we look forward to sharing the children's learning via Seesaw.

Thursday 9th December – Nursery and Foundation Stage Nativity AM. Taking place outside under the canopy at school so wrap up warm to watch!

This year's Nursery and Foundation (Reception) Stage Nativity will take place under the canopy at school. Reception parents are invited to attend the Nativity on 9th December at 9.30am and Nursery parents are invited to attend at 11am. Two adults per child are allowed to watch the Nativity and any younger siblings are also able to attend with a grown up. Please wrap up well!! There is no need to purchase a ticket this year but any cash donations are welcome on the day.

Friday 10th December – NEW: Christingle service in the School Hall. 1:30 pm – School children to attend only

Pupils from Years 1 – 6 will be attending a short Christingle service led by Mrs Lesley Keating where the children will learn about the symbolism of the Christingle.

Friday 10th December - Clarborough Primary School Christmas Fair 3:30pm – 4:30pm

We are so excited to welcome you back onto the school grounds for our Christmas Fair! Please join us and support the school with this event. There will be many stalls and activities for you to enjoy! Delicious food will be on sale and of course no Christmas Fair will be complete, without a Christmas raffle! Any donations

towards this raffle, would be gratefully received. In light of recent Government advice, if you are attending this event, please wear a face mask.

Monday 13th December – KS1 Nativity At school 1.45pm

Come along and enjoy our KS1 Nativity at school. We would ask that no more than three adults from each family attend. There is no need to purchase a ticket this year but any cash donations are welcome on the day. The Nativity will be taking place outside under the canopy, so please wrap up well!

Tuesday 14th December – KS1 Nativity 10am at St John the Baptist Church, Clarborough

Come along and enjoy our KS1 Nativity at St John the Baptist church. We would ask that no more than three adults from each family attend to keep numbers as safe as possible for the church. There is no need to purchase a ticket this year but you are able to donate to the church fund whilst you are there.

Wednesday 15th December – Christmas Lunch at 12.15pm and Carols around the Christmas tree at 3.15pm (Village Hall Entrance).

On Wednesday 15th December, the children will be having their traditional Christmas lunch with Christmas hats and crackers. **You can book in and pay for this now on Parentmail.** Children are to attend in full school uniform.

Carols around the Christmas tree will take place again this year! Our KS2 children will sing you a few Christmas songs on the playground at 3.15pm. You are more than welcome to come and join in and please arrive via the Village Hall gate – Have your singing voices ready!!

Thursday 16th December - Class Christmas parties

The children can get their party outfits ready for their Christmas parties on Thursday 16th December!! Each class will have their own little party with guaranteed music, games, dancing and laughter – so start planning their outfits! If your child is having PE on this day, they don't have to come in their PE kits because the PE lessons will be adapted accordingly.

Friday 17th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Last day of term!

Finally, Friday 17th December is Christmas Jumper Day and the last day of term. All children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform and wear a Christmas jumper for the day. If you have any spare or outgrown Christmas jumpers at home, we would really appreciate any that can be donated to school so we can have a 'Christmas Jumper Swap Shop!' If your child is having PE on this day, they don't have to come in their PE kits because the PE lessons will be adapted accordingly.





Nursery and 30hrs (Frida Kahlo)

One of the most rewarding things about Nursery is the rate at which the children learn new skills!

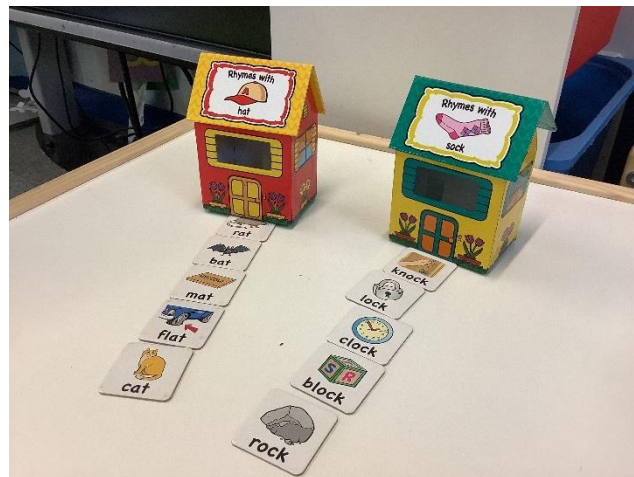


We now make our own playdough each week, following a simple recipe and the children need our help less and less each time.



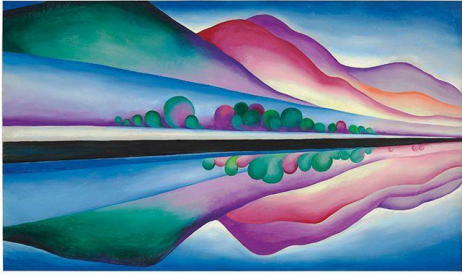
At the start of the week the children were struggling to link the mobile construction pieces together but are now mastering it and creating all kinds of models!

We have introduced the concept of rhyming words (really tricky) and with each new day and activity, more children are tuning into the skill. The children also created some amazing art work relating to our book 'Stickman'.



It's a joy to see them learning so much, so quickly and our superstars Krisiya and Petar are also becoming bilingual, picking up more and more English each day - AMAZING!

Reception (Georgia O'Keeffe)



This week in Reception we have been listening to the 'Stickman' story and talking about how important and special our families are. We have also continued to practice our Nativity show and to learn about the story of Jesus' birth. As it is assessment week we have been carrying out lots of brain measuring and Mrs Turton is very proud of how much our brains have grown!

We have started to get the classroom ready for Christmas and are very excited because Santa is leaving advent presents for one or two children every day!



Next week, we will be reading the story of 'The Christmas Pine' and talking about Christmas traditions.



Star of the week: Ollie for trying so hard with his independent writing!

Year 1 (Joan Miro)



This week the children have worked really hard to complete a range of assessments. They have started to learn about length and height in Maths and have compared a range of objects using the words 'shorter', 'longer' and 'taller'.

As we continue to practise the 'Christmas Story', the children have shown great interest in the birth of Jesus and have asked to find out more about him.

Now in December, Miro class has had a very special delivery and were introduced to 'Bertie the Bear'.



He has enjoyed sitting in the classroom and watching the children as they work extremely hard. The children are excited each morning to see what he has been up to and have been writing special messages for him to send back to Santa. Every morning the children open a special advent calendar that is filled with messages from Santa!

Next week, the children will continue with rehearsals for the Christmas Story. A huge thank you to parents that have provided a costume for their child and have sent this into school. Please could you support your child with learning any lines they have before the production on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th December.

Next week, in Maths, we will begin to measure lengths using non-standard units. In English the children will take part in a 'Big Write' where they will write about themselves looking out from a window. On Wednesday next week, they will take part in RE day and learn about 'gifts and giving'.



Star of the week: Scarlett for being a super speller and for saying her words so beautifully in the Christmas Story!

Year 2 (L.S. Lowry)



We have had a busy week in Year 2 this week! The children have worked super hard on their assessments for Maths, Phonics and SPaG. Even though it has been under different circumstances for many of them, we are so proud of them all.

In English, we also completed an independent write where the children had to imagine they were a window. Initially we discussed where their window could be and then we planned what we would be able to see, hear, smell and what might be happening through their window. The children used their imagination and came up with some fantastic ideas.

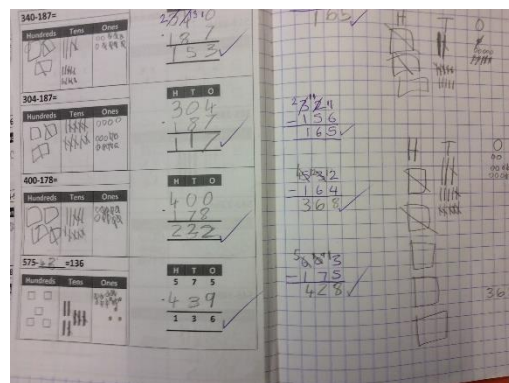
A hand-drawn circular diagram on a piece of paper, divided into 12 colored segments. The segments are labeled with names: 'Start' (red), 'John' (purple), 'Sally' (red), 'John' (purple), 'John' (purple), 'John' (purple), 'John' (purple), 'John' (purple), 'John' (purple), 'John' (purple), 'John' (purple), and 'Finish' (red). The diagram is surrounded by yellow stars and a cloud-like shape labeled 'Finish'.

Thank you for all your support with this and for the costumes that many of you have provided.

Year 3 (William Morris)



We have also moved on to improving and refining our subtraction strategies to solve problems involving two 3-digit numbers, including where they have to exchange tens or hundreds to find the answer. We will move on to multiplication next week.



After working on a class story for two weeks, the children had time to write their own stories this week and it was terrific to see how much they had taken on board. Their stories included similes, idioms, inverted commas, adverbs, and it was great to see and hear how proud they were at producing the stories, which many were telling me is the most they have ever written!

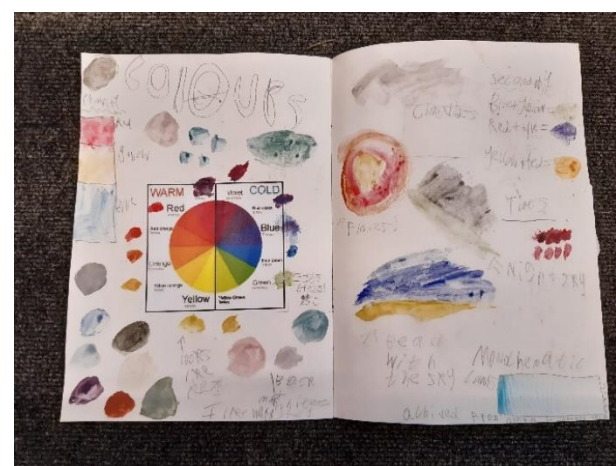
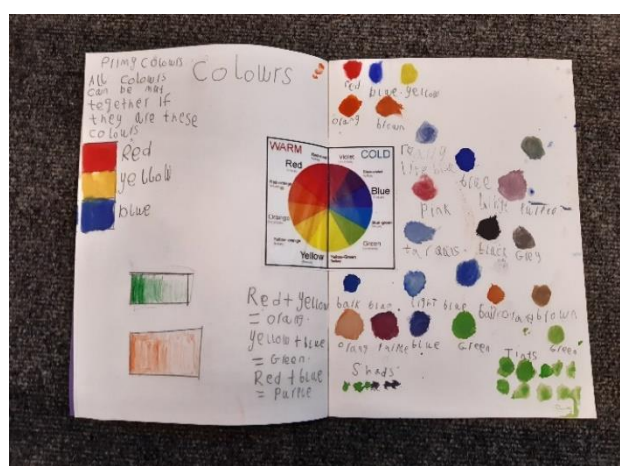
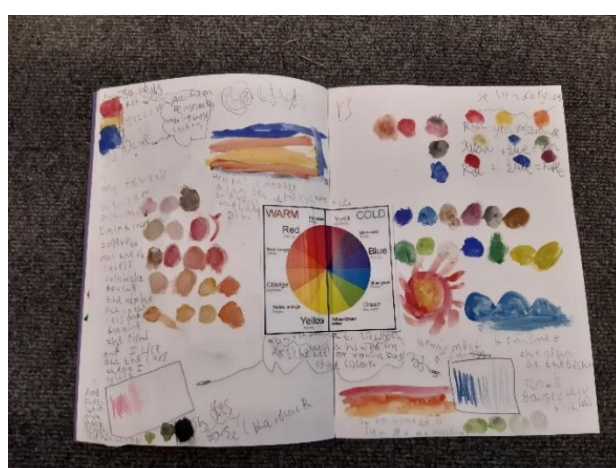


We have completed the Iron Man story so next week we are moving on to writing explanation texts. We watched a short film called Mr Hublot to inspire us (<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x3qxufi>) In it, Mr Hublot learns how to look after a robot dog. We will be writing an explanation text about how a robot dog works. We have also started a new class novel called 'Beaver Towers' by Nigel Hinton which the children are really enjoying.

We have been singing Christmas songs and thinking about producing Christmas decorations to make the classroom Christmas tree look more festive! The children will bring their completed decorations home at the end of term.



During Art this week, the children started to look at colours and how we can create different tones and tints to produce different variations of colours. The children worked very hard on this and produced some lovely work. They also added notes and edits to explain what they found out, and their opinions on the colours they have explored.



Star of the week: Zach for his great sportsmanship and effort in class!

Year 4 (Salvador Dali)



As the 1st of December fell right in the middle of Assessment week we just had to make the most of the opportunity to switch off and have some fun! On Wednesday afternoon, we put up our two class Christmas trees. The children took out the craft trays and made lots of decorations for them - we are feeling very festive!



In English, the children have been writing a recount using the whole school project theme of 'My life as a window'. They have based it on our class high quality text of 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. The children imagined they are the window of the shack overlooking the lakeside celebrations of when the goddess visits. Next week, the children will be working on their retrieval skills, looking at Razvani's childhood.

In Maths, this week the children have been undertaking assessments in arithmetic, problem solving and reasoning. They have worked incredibly hard and I'm so proud of each and every one of them. Next week, they will be looking at interpreting charts.

In Science, Year 4 have loved participating in a demonstration of how food travels through the digestive system; nutrients are taken out and waste is excreted, we all got very messy! (See Seesaw for photos). In Topic, they have been continuing their work of different time zones around the world as well as making links to their maths by drawing time on clock faces. Next week, they will be completing their end of unit overviews all about the knowledge they have gained over the past few weeks. The children really enjoy completing these and putting their own creative spin on them.

In RE, we continued to explore the Hindu life journey. We focused on the importance of the Shiva Nataraja- the Lord of the Dance. The children discovered that dance is seen as a gift from God and as part of the Hindu religion he is worshipped through dance. Next week, they will be participating in the whole school RE focus afternoon. Our theme is 'journeys' so they will be focusing on the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem before the birth and considering the challenges of their life journey.



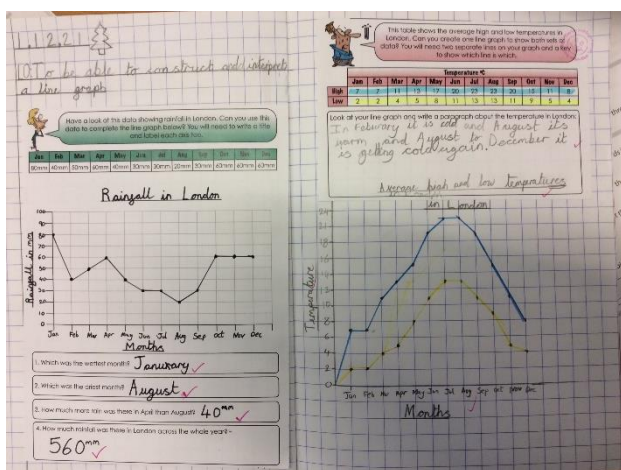
Stars of the week: The whole class for demonstrating a determined and resilient attitude towards your assessments this week. Mrs Brown and I are incredibly proud of each and every one of you!

Year 5 (Banksy)



It has been Assessment Week throughout school and Banksy Class should be proud of the effort, resilience and hard work they have shown throughout this week. Assessments have taken place in Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Arithmetic and Mathematical Reasoning and the information will be used to inform future planning and teaching.

In between assessments, the children have completed a unit of work in Maths based around interpreting and drawing line graphs and have shown their ability to draw some quite complex line graphs and answer questions about them. They have also been enjoying decorating the class room and putting up the class Christmas tree!

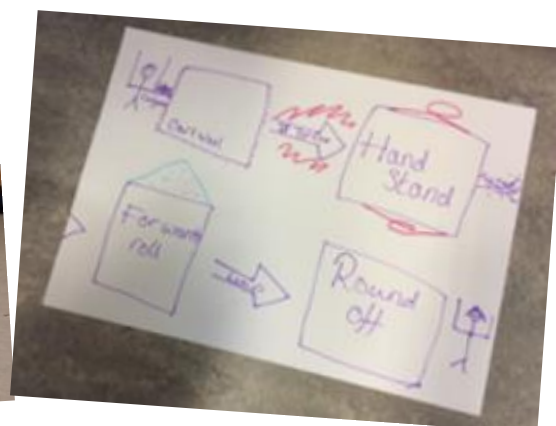


In Music, they have enjoyed rocking out to 'Livin' on a Prayer' and 'We Will Rock You' (see Seesaw)!

In RE, the children learned about the beliefs and challenges faced by 110-year old Sikh Fauja Singh, who ran a marathon aged 100 years old and who has broken many World Records. Please have a look at the work the children have produced on this on Seesaw.

As part of our 'Think Positive' work in PSHE, Year 5 thought carefully about choices and consequences and completed a decision-making tree to help them think about choices, consequences, feelings and people who can help us.

In PE they have begun their group challenges to design and perform a sequence of movements based on those they have learned and practised this term.



Next week, we will be focusing our assessed piece of writing called 'My Life as a Window' and will be finishing off all our units of work ahead of a fun-packed final Christmas week!



Star of the week: Madeline for showing great perseverance and resilience this week!



Year 6 (Lucian Freud)

This week has been a different one for the children as it has been Assessment week. I can wholeheartedly say that I have been incredibly proud of the level of maturity with which the children have approached these tests.

Interspersed with the assessment, we have continued to create some brilliant work.

In English, we put our Hitler biographies on hold to plan and write a piece with the title 'Life as a Window'. In this piece of writing, the children had to imagine that they were a window. They could be in any place and at any time which allowed for some fantastically creative ideas about what events they could have witnessed such as: The Blitz, the bombing of Hiroshima, being a window in a football stadium and aquarium, even someone who is writing as if they were our class window.

A large portion of Maths this week was taken up by the assessments, but to end the week we started looking at Roman numerals and their use in the everyday world. We learnt the rules for using them and then had some fun cracking some coded messages sent by Julius Caesar himself.

In RE this week, we continued our study of religious texts and what they mean to their particular faiths. This week, we focused on the Quran and how central its teachings are to the Muslim faith. We looked at some sayings from the holy book in Arabic and then tried to write some sayings in Arabic ourselves.

In Topic this week, the children had a huge amount of fun. We looked at the mostly forgotten band of soldiers called 'Windtalkers'. These men were Native-American Navajo and were used in WW2 to create and use an unbreakable code during the Pacific campaign. Their contribution to the war effort, until recently, was largely forgotten. In the lesson, the children looked at the codes and then tried their hands at speaking some Navajo to each other as if they were giving a coded order. It was all uploaded to Seesaw so be sure to check it out!

Rounding off our week was our trip to the Holocaust Memorial Centre and Museum. Having studied this topic all this term, I know that the children were very interested in visiting the centre and learning more about this difficult subject. We followed the journey of a young boy and his family as they came up against Nazi oppression. The children were very mature and respectful on the trip and had a great time.

And as Christmas approaches I will say; *'May you never be too old to search the sky on Christmas Eve'*



Star of the week: Joe for his contribution and effort in our music lessons!

Dates for your Diary....

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Wednesday 5th January - Children return back to school.

Out of School Achievements

A big well done to Maia who received her Learn to Swim Stage 3 Award and Certificate this week – Great work Maia!



A big well done to Oliver who gained his Learn to Swim Level 2 Certificate this week – Well done Oliver!

A big well done to Ben who gained his Learn to Swim Level 2 Certificate and 5metres Rainbow Distance Certificate – Great work Ben!





Well done to Lola-Rose who gained her Puffin Certificate in swimming this week – Great work Lola-Rose!



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. Breakfast is served daily until 8:20 am. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club, Wraparound and lunches please email Mrs Hardie or Mrs Woods on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk