

*Be the best you can be!*

## **Weekly Newsletter**

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great final week to our first half term although today's weather has changed our plans! Due to the heavy rain, our Harvest presentations were recorded and shared via Seesaw.

I am also very grateful to all of you who were able to send in a donation for our Food Bank Appeal. This will be delivered to the collection centre next week.

Today is Mrs Holmes' last day in school as she starts her maternity leave. I hope you'll join me in wishing her all the very best and we look forward to finding out about Baby Holmes!



This is going to be the last edition of our weekly newsletter. After Half Term, we will be producing a half-termly newsletter. Out of School Achievements are still welcome to be brought in but we will be sharing these as part of our 'Star of the Week' assemblies every Friday and will not be included in our school newsletter. Key information will still go out to you as before via Parentmail, Seesaw and on our Facebook page.

Please remember that there is an INSET day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November so we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

I hope you enjoy the half term holiday with your family!

Many thanks,  
Mrs Cowell-Clark

### **Contacting us:**

Calls can be made to school Monday to Thursday from 8:30am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.30am - 4pm on  
**01777 708065**

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other query should be directed to  
[office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

Finance queries should be directed to: [finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@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 'EA Sports FC'.

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.



## Booking in Lunches, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club



Parentmail is now 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. Please

also note, due to the increased number of children in Wrap Around Club and Breakfast Club, last minute bookings may not be available on the day.

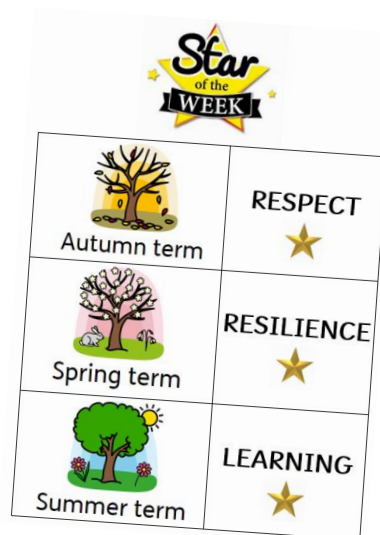
**Breakfast club starts from 7.45am and children will not be allowed into school before this time. Thank you.**

## Star of the Week

Rather than a weekly theme, our star of the week will be chosen from our termly Clarborough Curriculum focus. This term, the focus is 'Respect'.

Our Stars of the Week for this week are:

Year 1 – Fern  
Year 2 - Amelia  
Year 3 – Rozalyn  
Year 4 – Poppy  
Year 5 – Faith  
Year 6 – Sienna



**Well done everyone!**

## Nursery and 30hrs: Ole Kirk Christianson



As our topic on “Marvellous Me” draws to a close, we have been thinking about our mouths and how we use them for drinking, eating and talking. We noticed when we were tasting fruit, that a lot of children are anxious about trying new foods so next term we are going to be tasting lots of different flavours in a fun setting to encourage them. We have been thinking about the work of dentists and how important it is for us to care for our own teeth at home. See if your child can remember the words for teeth, tongue, and lips - we had great fun during our craft activity learning about them!

Have a great holiday break everyone!



## Reception: Chris Packham



This week we have been thinking about how we change as we grow and have talked about the differences between us now and when we were babies. We have continued to learn about Autumn and have had lots of fun experimenting and playing with pumpkins, seeds and leaves. The children made two scarecrows with Miss Holden and we had a vote to choose their names: Rosie and Brian!

Mrs Turton would like to say a huge ‘Well Done’ to all of the children for how well they have settled into their new class and for how hard they have tried with their work. After the holiday we will be learning about the festival of Diwali and will be reading the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff.





## Year 1: Tim Berners-Lee



This week in Year 1, the children have been putting objects in order in Maths and in English, they have been learning to write a simple sentence using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Clarborough Curriculum, Year 1 have been acting out The Gunpowder Plot story and in Art, they have used pumpkin and apple stamps to create pictures.

## Year 2: Katherine Johnson

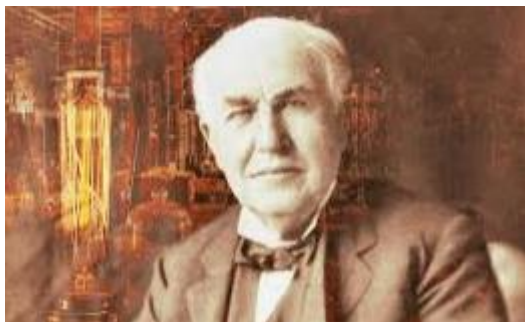


This week in Maths, Year 2 have been counting in 3s, 2s, 5s and 10s and also comparing money using less than and greater than. In English, they have been writing their Haiku poems about 'The Great Fire of London' and in Clarborough Curriculum, the children have been looking at historical sources and deciding whether they are reliable and helpful, or not.

In Art, the children finished off their art work collages on 'The Great Fire of London' and in Science they looked at the importance of hygiene. The children carried out the 'pepper and soap' investigation to see why it is important to use soap.

After Half term, Year 2 will be starting a new Science topic; looking at uses of everyday materials.

## Year 3: Thomas Edison



This week, Year 3 have been focusing on their times tables as well as continuing with their column addition and subtraction.

In English, the children have published stories based on 'The Stone Age Boy' and also worked on performance poetry 'A Dodo's Message'

In Clarborough Curriculum, Year 3 have enjoyed a 'Show me what you know' lesson where they shared everything they have learnt about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and in French, the children have been showing what they know about colours. After Half Term, our Clarborough Curriculum will focus on settlements and land use.

Have a relaxing Half Term everyone!

## Year 4: Jane Goodall



This week in Maths, Year 4 have been learning how to add and subtract two four-digit numbers and in English the class have been writing a narrative journey based on their model text.

In Science the children learned about food webs and the link between producers, consumers, prey and predators in different ecosystems.

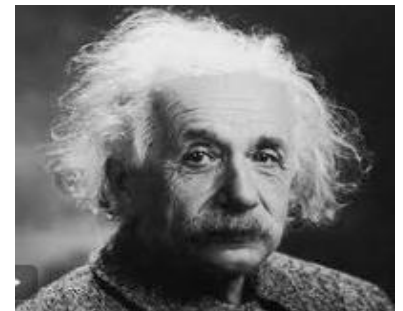
In Computing, they learned how to use different websites to find answers to a given question and also how to copy and paste a URL.

We also had fun preparing for our Harvest Carnival!



## Year 5: Jacques Cousteau and Year 6: Albert Einstein

This week most of Year 5 and 6 have been away to Kingswood on the residential.



The children who did not attend have been in class together.

In Maths, the children used addition and subtraction to create a budget to last a month. They also started a multiplication and division topic, using common multiples.

In English they have been using SPAG for an 'escape room' challenge and also writing a biography about a famous scientist.

In Clarborough Curriculum, Year 5 and 6 looked at Greek Philosophers for History and as part of their Geography lesson, they looked at what might be needed for an earthquake survival kit.

In Science, the children built spaghetti bridges and a house for a woodlouse!

## Dates for your Diary....

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Last day of term**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Half Term**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: INSET Day – School Closed**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Children return back to school**

## Out of School Achievements

If your child has any out of school achievements that they would like mentioned in the newsletter, please send in your photos/certificates by Thursday to ensure it is included in Friday's newsletter.

A big well done to Reggie who received his Man of the Match medal for good passing while playing for his team, Retford United – Great work Reggie!



Congratulations to Henry who received his 5m Rainbow Distance Certificate this week – Fantastic work Henry!

Well done to Katie, Annabelle, Isabella and Jorgie who took part in the LCSD dance show this week - Amazing work girls!





Congratulations to Harriet who competed in the morning session of the Peter Jervis Memorial Meet on 15th October held by Retford Swimming Club and came away with 1 gold, 2 silvers and 1 bronze – Awesome work Harriet!



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 on [office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

Nottinghamshire County Council use CCTV cars to enforce parking outside of schools. They visit schools in Nottinghamshire and will record whilst passing, the details of any cars parked illegally.

If vehicles are parked in contravention the registered keepers will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

These restrictions are in place to provide a safe area outside of the school where the children will gather or cross the road therefore, we ask for your help in keeping this area free of parked vehicles. The school can request enforcement from the car if there are any concerns regarding parking.

