

ST CLEMENT'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

Welcome Back !

A big welcome back to all of our children and parents. The children and teachers look raring to go, all refreshed after the week off. I hope that families enjoyed the short break and the little bit of sunshine before the evenings start to get darker. Apologies for the length of this newsletter, but there is a lot of information to give out and share.

Poppies for sale

Our poppies have arrived and we are getting ready for them to go on sale tomorrow. A number of Year 6 children are being trained to sell the poppies before school in the playground and in classes at lunchtime. KS2 children can use the pins provided to attach the poppy to their clothing. FS/KS1 children will have the poppy taped to their clothing. We usually request that donations of 20p at least are made for poppies. If the children would like to donate some more of their piggy bank pennies, then I know the British Legion would be very grateful.

Netball

Congratulations to our netballers who won their match against Springfield School 5- 0 on Monday. The girls played well, but tell me that they can do even better if they had new netball posts to practise their shooting! I'm expecting Year 5 and 6 girls to have similar requests in letters to Father Christmas this year!

'Sunrise' Morning Club

Our new morning club began on Monday with 14 children using the provision. The children loved the board games, colouring and construction resources available. Mrs Blease and Mrs Guillard are already building good relationships with the children in the mornings. There are a few places remaining for each of the days, so if parents are interested, they can contact me in the first instance.

Cross Country

Over 30 children in Year 5 and Year 6 have put themselves in the Challenge Zone to try and complete the Primary School Autumn Cross Country Race tomorrow afternoon. A record number of entries has been received this year for the four races (790 children have entered). Good luck to all of those children competing, whether they are trying to win their respective race, or simply aiming to enjoy taking part in a mass participation event for the first time.

Signing Choir

Good luck to our Signing Choir who are performing in this week's Jersey Eisteddfod on Saturday afternoon. We are very proud of our children and the staff who have given up lots of their time for rehearsals in order to perform to the best of their ability on stage at the Opera House.

Collaboration Day

The children enjoyed a fantastic end to the Half Term by taking part in our first 'Collaboration Day'. As well as taking part in some fantastic activities, the children created some lovely art work which is currently on display. The next collaboration event will be 'Deco Day' on Friday 1st

December, where traditionally, children have worked together to make a variety of Christmas decorations for the school.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending these brief meetings, which are primarily used to communicate how your child has settled into the new school year. As always, if parents would like a more substantial meeting then this can be arranged with the class teacher.

Swimming

Swimming lessons have now begun for our Year 4 pupils. It was great to hear today that the group are already following in the footsteps of our Year 5 children, by demonstrating good listening skills. Keep it up Year 4!

'Dropping Off' Before School

During Half Term, Mr Mildren worked hard to paint a 'dropping off' rectangle in the car park. Thank you to those parents who have already used this in the mornings. Could I politely remind parents to drive right up to the white rectangle when dropping off. Please **do not** allow your children to get out of the car before this marked area as this can sometimes be dangerous and cause traffic blockages into Rue de la Chapelle. Please help us to keep your children safe by waiting patiently for a few extra seconds until the magic white rectangle is free!

Just a reminder that if you would like to speak to me, Mrs Hickling or Mrs Dixon you can park in front of the school. Class teachers can sometimes come down to meet parents in the mornings where necessary. However, if they are in a meeting, an appointment can be arranged through Mrs Dixon in the school office.

School Council / Children In Need

Our School Council are meeting this Friday to decide on a theme for this year's Children In Need day which is on Friday 17th November. Mrs Lumsden will send out further information about the theme of the day and the merchandise that will be on sale next week.

Football Island Trials

I have nominated three Year 5 children and three Year 6 children to represent our school at the Island Football trials. We wish them all the best – fingers crossed that they are selected as part of the final squad.

Collection of Children

At the end of school can all parents please ensure that children are picked up promptly and that they do not allow their children to run around on the school field or trim trail unsupervised. Teachers are only on duty for a short period of time after school and sometimes need to set up equipment for after school activities. Yesterday, we had an unfortunate incident involving two children that could have been easily avoided if parents had maintained close supervision as they left the premises. Many thanks for your cooperation.

PTA Bingo:

PTA Bingo has been organised for Friday 24th November. There will be a maximum of 120 tickets again this year, so get your tickets as soon as they go on sale. This will be after school, next Wednesday 8th November. Tickets will cost £ 2 per person. Hot dogs and jacket potatoes will be available to buy on the night from 5.30pm with the first game beginning at 6pm. Cakes made by

Kestrels and Owls will also be on sale on the night. Bingo booklets themselves will be available to buy as you enter the hall - 50p per booklet or £ 3 per strip of booklets.

PTA Christmas Parties

The FS/KS1 Xmas Party will take place on Tuesday 12th December. We are hoping that Father Christmas will be able to visit in the morning and that party games, party food and a Christmas movie will be enjoyed during the course of the day.

The KS2 party will take place on Wednesday 13th December. Children in our older classes will be given a budget to spend for their party day. They will plan together how best to spend the money so that everyone can enjoy the day. Last year, this proved to be both successful and very interesting!

If there are any parents that can help, particularly in the mornings with food preparation / room preparation / serving of food, please can you let class teachers know so that a list can be put together.

PTA Christmas Hampers

This year, we have decided to produce one hamper for each year group, as well as an adult hamper. These hampers will go on display on Deco Day on Friday 1st December. Raffle tickets will then go on sale for the hampers on Monday 4th December for £ 1 per strip. After there was some confusion last year, children will only be able to enter the raffle for their own year group!

Year 6 Health & Relationships Education

Miss Hateley is running a meeting for Year 6 parents tomorrow at 4pm in her classroom. This meeting will provide information about the forthcoming units of work on Sex Education.

Dates for your Diary:

- Wednesday 8th November – Tickets for Bingo Night go on sale after school.
- Friday 24th November - PTA Bingo Night
- Friday 1st December - Deco Day (Christmas Hampers go on display)
- Monday 4th December Foundation Stage Christmas Singalong 2pm
- Monday 4th December Tickets go on sale for the Christmas Hampers after school
- Thursday 7th December Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Afternoon Performance @ 2pm
- Friday 8th December Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Morning Performance @ 9.15am
- Tuesday 12th December Foundation Stage / Key Stage 1 Xmas Party
- Wednesday 13th December Key Stage 2 Xmas Party
- Friday 15th December End of the Autumn Term

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Headteacher