

news

Weekly news at your school



This Week at Clare House

Welcome back to the start of the new school year; I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new children and families to Clare House. We have had several children joining us in classes through the school and were also delighted to have the new EYFS children start school yesterday, all looking very smart in their school uniform.

We have followed guidance from the DfE throughout the pandemic and we are delighted that their advice is to operate as near to 'normal' as we feel able to; it is wonderful to see the children filing in through the main gate together each morning. The term has started well and the children are getting used to playing with other classes and eating together in the hall.

As I mentioned previously, we have been considering the lessons learnt and adaptations we have had to make because of the pandemic and, as always, we want to continue to refine and improve, taking the best of what we have learnt to make Clare House even better for our children, families and staff.

As numbers of Covid-19 cases in the community are currently increasing we are holding off confirming dates for class assemblies or the Christmas performances, it feels the wrong time to be bringing lots of adults together in the same indoor space. For this reason, we will be keeping the parent teacher meetings via TEAMS this term and will review again for the Spring term. Please note that in consideration of teacher workload, there will only be one appointment per child going forward.

We are also making some changes to the timings of

the residential trips. Year 6 are already booked to go to Norfolk in the Summer term and we are moving the first residential trip to Year 5 instead of Year 4. This will ensure that the current Year 5 children have not missed out, but we think that being a little older will be better for the children (and some of the parents). We are planning this year for Year 5 to go away in either the Spring or Summer terms and the following year, we are considering moving this to the Autumn term. Details will be confirmed in due course.

I hope you like the new website, which went live last week, as always please refer to the website for all school information including the termly class newsletter and the year group weekly updates.

We are all excited by the year ahead and look forward to working together to ensure it is a really successful one.

Have a good week.

Mrs Holland

Communication

If you want to get a message to the class teacher please make a note in the blue contact book and ask your child to make sure that their teacher sees the note. In reception classes the book bags will be checked daily so please leave the contact book open so we know there is a message. Please contact the school office with any urgent messages.

School Drop Off and Collection

Please can we make a polite request that parent/carers do not sit on any of our neighbours walls in Overbury Avenue when waiting for the school

gates to open. Thank you.

School Lunches

If your child requires a school lunch please ensure that you have registered them on the new catering system Innovate. Lunches have to be booked by midnight on the Saturday for the following week. Thank you.

Bromley Food Bank



IN FINANCIAL CRISIS?
HELP IS AT HAND

If you are currently experiencing a financial crisis and would like to receive an emergency food parcel from Bromley Borough Foodbank then please obtain a **E-voucher** by calling one of the numbers below and ask for a **Trussell Trust Foodbank voucher**:

Bromley Foodbank: 0800 9 20 23 24
(10am – 3pm, Mon - Fri)

Bromley Citizens advice: 0808 278 7898
(9am – 5pm). Ask for Citizens Advice

Citizens Advice: 0808 208 2138
(9am – 5pm). This number is free but it may take longer to get through. You can request a call back with a translator by saying your language, dialect and your telephone number.

Additional support can also be obtained during this call with experts who offer free advice and guidance on maximising income, benefit claims, housing and much more.

Our centres are open again to welcome you. Please check out our website for our centre locations, opening times or any further information.

Latest info:
www.bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk



Medication

Please can you ensure that, if needed, your child has their epipen and asthma pumps in school at all times and that we have received the relevant paperwork with authorisation to use them. If your child has been prescribed medication that needs administering in school please ensure that you complete the medical form which is available on the website under the Information for Parents tab or via this link

<https://www.clarehouseprimaryschool.co.uk/information-for-parents/> and pass the form and medication to a staff member at the gate.

Thank you.

Uniform Reminders

Shoulder length or longer hair must be fully tied back at all times with black, grey or green bands (girls and boys). No ornate hair adornments are permitted. Please keep large bows and gel for the weekend.

If ears are pierced only small stud earrings or sleepers should be worn and must be removed for P.E. or covered with tape.

No nail varnish.

No jewellery is to be worn unless a requirement of a child's faith.

Please see all details about the school's uniform requirements on the website.

Thank you for your co-operation.

School Journey to Aylmerton Field Study Centre, Norfolk – Friday 24th June to Monday 27th June 2022

- 1st instalment – Friday 8th Oct 2021 – £38.40 (£19.20 free school meals)
- 2nd instalment – Friday 5th Nov 2021 – £38.40 (£19.20 free school meals)

- 3rd instalment - Friday 10th Dec 2021 - £38.40 (£19.20 free school meals)
- 4th instalment - Friday 7th Jan 2022 - £38.40 (£19.20 free school meals)
- 5th instalment - Friday 4th Feb 2022 - £38.40 (£19.20 free school meals)

Please can you make these payments via SQUID.
Thank you.

Dates for your Diaries

- Friday 15th October - Break for half term
- Monday 1st November - Children return to school
- Friday 5th November - Individual Class Photos
- Monday 15th November - Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations for Rec - Y6
- Friday 17th December - Break for end of term

School Term and Holiday Dates 2021-2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

STAFF TRAINING DAY: Wednesday 1st September

School starts: Thursday 2nd September
School breaks up: Friday 15th October
Half Term: 18th October - 29th October
Children return to School: Monday 1st November
School breaks up: Friday 17th December

SPRING TERM 2022

STAFF TRAINING DAY: Tuesday 4th January

School starts: Wednesday 5th January
School breaks up: Friday 11th February
Half Term: 14th - 18th February
Children return to school: Monday 21st February
School breaks up: Friday 1st April
(Good Friday 15th April, Easter Monday 18th April)

SUMMER TERM 2022

School starts: Tuesday 19th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May
School breaks up: Friday 27th May
Half Term: 30th May - 3rd June
STAFF TRAINING DAY: Monday 6th June
Children return to school: Tuesday 7th June
School breaks up: Friday 22nd July

Children Achievements

Congratulations to Emil (6RB) who is part of the Desert Penguins Chess Club and went on to win the 2021 UK Chess Challenge Club Championship. Over one hundred chess clubs and more than five hundred children from all parts of the UK took party. An amazing achievement.

PTA

Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable Summer holiday and welcome the new parents and children joining the school.

Thank you for your incredible support over the past year, as our events and activities were very different to previous years, including our virtual events, Christmas and Easter trails, Mega Marathon, raffles and Community Projects. Look out soon for our AGM to find out how much money we raised for the 2020/2021 school year.

We are already busy planning new exciting fundraising ideas and hopefully with the easing of restrictions we can have some fun together and continue to raise money for the school.

Second Hand Uniform

We have a wide range of second hand uniform available for sale. Please email chptasecondhanduniform@gmail.com to place an order.

PTA 100 Club

Congratulations to Claire Browne for being drawn as July's 100 club winner. Why not become a member of the Clare House 100 Club? For just £12 a year you will receive a membership number which will be entered into the monthly draw. Email pta@clarehouse.bromley.sch.uk to buy your number.

Facebook and PTA Events Website

Join us on Facebook and visit our PTA-Events website to learn about our upcoming events, a great way to engage with our parent community. We look forward to more of you joining us.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/128746977207918>

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/clarehouseprimary>

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Thank you
Clare House PTA