



Clarendon Junior School December 2024 Newsletter

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Message from Pam Evans



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive season, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful experiences and achievements that have enriched our school life this term. The energy and enthusiasm of our children never cease to amaze me, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you. Our Year 6 pupils recently stepped back in time for their Victorian Day, immersing themselves in the sights, sounds, and experiences of this fascinating historical period. It was truly remarkable to see how they embraced the challenge, donning period costumes and engaging in activities that brought the Victorian era to life. This hands-on approach to learning history not only deepens their understanding but also ignites their imagination and curiosity.

The recent Science Fair was another fantastic event, showcasing the inquisitive minds and innovative spirit of our young scientists. From intriguing experiments to thought-provoking discussions, the event was a testament to the power of scientific inquiry and discovery. It's

heartening to see our pupils so engaged with STEM subjects, laying the foundation for future breakthroughs and innovations.

As we edge closer to the holidays, the air is filled with the joyous melodies of our Christmas Productions. Our talented children have been working tirelessly, rehearsing their lines, perfecting their songs, and crafting beautiful decorations. These performances are not just about entertainment; they're a celebration of teamwork, creativity, and the festive spirit that brings our school community together. Speaking of community spirit, our Christmas Fayre was a resounding success, thanks to the tremendous efforts of our staff, pupils, and volunteers. The event buzzed with excitement, featuring an array of stalls, activities, and festive treats. It was heartwarming to see so many familiar faces and new friends coming together to support our school and create lasting memories. A huge shout out to everyone but especially Vicky Allen, Leanne Newman, Kat Giles and Lin Beer for their hard work and dedication.

As we wrap up this term and look forward to the holiday season, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you – our dedicated staff, our fabulous children, and our supportive parents and carers. Your collective efforts and unwavering commitment make Clarendon Federation the vibrant, nurturing community that it is. In closing, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. May this festive season bring you joy, peace, and precious moments with loved ones. I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year (Tuesday January 7th), refreshed and ready for new adventures and learning opportunities.

Pam Evans

Executive Head

Message from Emma Brown



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I continue to be extremely proud of Clarendon Junior School and feel very privileged to be in the position of Head of School here. The children have continued to work hard and show how adaptable they are, especially in the last few weeks where we have had many exciting events taking place. As you will read throughout this newsletter, we have been extremely busy in school and the children have had lots of opportunities to take part in a variety of activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Clarendon Junior for organising and planning these events, which is on top of everything else they do. Without the dedication and commitment of them, none of these events would happen. I am very lucky and grateful to work with an amazing group of adults.

I am extremely excited about the term ahead and what else there is store for Clarendon. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and enjoy spending valuable time with your friends and families. We look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Brown

Christmas Events



Our Christmas events have been wonderful! A huge thank you to you all for donating items to either our food drive or our Christmas Fayre; we really appreciate this and could not make a difference to so many families without your generous support. Thank to you all for coming and listening to our wonderful children sing. They put in so much effort practising every day for the past couple of weeks and I think you'll agree it paid off!

Lastly, thank you all for your support coming to our Christmas Fayre. There was a real buzz in the hall and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part, whether it was helping on a stall or walking round with you! We raised an amazing total of £980!

Exploradome!





Last week, we were lucky enough to have Exploradome come and do some science-themed shows all about bubbles. The Exploradome team gave some excellent demonstrations, and some lucky children had lots of different-shaped bubbles placed on their heads and hands. The children absolutely loved the showstopper—the BIG BANG at the end—although it did shock some of us. A very enjoyable time was had by all!

Science Fayre



It has been an extremely Science-y week this week, we had the Exploradome on Monday and then we showcased all of the excellent science we have been doing in our Clarendon Juniors Science Fair. Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 all had a table showcasing their brilliant Science work for this term and their Scientist. The children and teachers walked around and visited each table and some absolutely brilliant scientific explanations and vocabulary were being used. The children were brilliant.

Victorian Day Year 6



Last week, the Year 6 children experienced a day in the life of a Victorian school child. They came to school in full Victorian dress and were "treated" to lessons in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic alongside observational drawing and sewing. They used authentic slates, pencils and abacuses to calculate numbers. They lived up to the Victorian standards for children, who should be seen and not heard!

Uniform Expectations



We do encourage school uniform because we feel it helps our children to develop a sense of belonging to our school, and we believe it also makes life a little easier for parents! Our uniform is as follows:

- *Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with our school logo*
- *Grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt*

- White / blue polo shirt / blouse
- Sensible flat [safe] black shoes [not trainers]
- Blue check gingham dresses in the Summer

Please order directly from our supplier - Brigade (www.brigade.uk.com)

We have noticed some children are starting to wear jewellery in school. This is a reminder that children should not be wearing any jewellery in school unless they have their ears pierced where they are allowed to wear a small pair of studs. Can we please ask that you check before your child/ren leave in the morning that they are not wearing any - thank you.

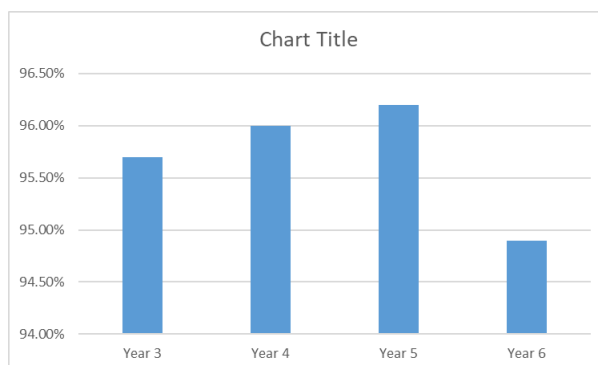
Attendance update and absence reporting



The government have made changes to attendance for school pupils which have come into play from September 2024. A letter was sent out from school prior to the summer holidays summarising these changes. Maintaining a high level of attendance in schools is a high priority and will be monitored more stringently by local authorities. Absent requests from parent/carers will continue to be looked at individually, however there is a chance that the request will not be authorised. We will continue to work with you around this matter and the changes that have come in from the DfE.

If your child is too unwell to come to school, please email the office on absence@clarendon-jun.wilts.sch.uk to report the absence. Any planned absences, for example holiday, wedding or visiting another school, please follow procedure and complete leave of absent forms. You can also call the office, where you will be directed to the absence reporting line. Please note, if we don't hear from you by 9.30 am then a member of the attendance team will need to make contact with you to ensure everything is ok.

Attendance Term 3



Here is our Junior school attendance for Term 3. The national rate for attendance is currently 95.4% and our attendance as a whole school is 95.7% . Good attendance has direct links to making progress. At Clarendon, we have a weekly award, our attendance bear, which is received by the class with the highest attendance for that week. Promoting good attendance to all our children is vital and enables success. Thank you to for your ongoing commitment and support around this matter.

As a reminder, please make sure you if you are wanting to complete a leave of absence request for your children, please make sure you complete one for the Junior and Infants.

Safeguarding update



We have had an increase of incidents reported about online safety. Please take time to read the following advice for parents and carers about supporting your child around this complex matter. [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD:

Mrs Emma Brown and Mrs Lisa Ashford-Smith

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Westall and Mrs Wendy Riordan

Nominated Governor for Safeguarding, Whistleblowing, Filtering and Monitoring and Online Safety:

Mrs Chantelle Adams

Deputy Teacher for Looked After Children:

Mrs Emma Brown and Mrs Lisa Ashford-Smith

Dates for your diary



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Monday 6th January - TD Day

Tuesday 7th January - Start of Term 3

Tuesday 14th January - Start of Clubs

Thursday 6th February - Early Valentines Disco (times TBC)

W/C 10th February - Parents Evening (times TBC)

Monday 17th to 21st February - Half Term

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