



Clarendon Junior School October 2024 Newsletter

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Message from Pam Evans



*Dear Parents and Carers, I hope this message finds you well as we approach the end of a wonderful first term. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and engagement with our school community. This term has been nothing short of amazing, thanks to our **incredible team** who consistently put the children at the heart of everything they do. Their dedication and passion have truly made a difference in the lives of our pupils, and I am proud to work alongside such talented individuals. Looking ahead, we have some exciting events lined up for Term 2, so please keep an eye on our school communications and newsletters for updates. We are eager to*

share these opportunities with you and your children. I would also like to extend my appreciation for the warm welcome I have received from all of you. It has truly made my transition here a lovely experience. Additionally, I want to thank those who took the time to respond to the recent survey. Your feedback is invaluable, and I am pleased to inform you that we have listened to your suggestions regarding getting parents back into school. We are planning more activities to facilitate this, and I look forward to seeing you all more in the upcoming term. Thank you once again for your support. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Warm regards,

Pam Evans

Message from Emma Brown



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. Over the past few weeks, I have been into lessons getting to know your children and seeing how best they learn. The incredible ethos and culture is absolutely embedded throughout the school and I see it every day.

I have reviewed the extra curricular clubs and have changed them for the rest of this academic year. We have many skilled and willing members of staff here who are able to offer enriching and exciting opportunities for your children to attend.

Over the past few weeks I have met a number of you, whether it is first thing at drop off or at individual meetings. I look forward to meeting more of you during our first parents evening of this academic year. Your continued support is invaluable, and together we will ensure your children become the best they can be.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you back on the 4th November.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Brown

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*

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Extra Curricular Clubs



As mentioned at the start of this newsletter, extra curricular clubs are running differently in Term 2. This time is an additional time for your child to learn new skills, make new friends and have fun! Our committed members of staff are offering two clubs during the year each, providing a wide range of activities. I will be reviewing this offer for next academic year and looking into providing more activities on different days of the week to ensure your child has the opportunity to experience something different. Thank you for your understanding about this whilst we look to develop our extra curricular offer.

Pupil Leadership



Over the past few weeks, we have appointed our Year 6 House Captains. Congratulations to you all and I very much look forward to working with you all over the next year!

Miss Giles has also been working hard behind the scenes in organising our School Councillors and chairing their first meeting. This is a fantastic way for our pupils to be heard so that they feel an integral part of helping to develop our school. Watch this space for some exciting events coming up after half term!

Year 5 & 6 Football Tournament



Mr Dickie and Miss Wilson took some Year 5 and 6 children to Wellington Academy this week to take part in a football tournament. The children were amazing and ended up winning the tournament! What a way to start the year! I managed to go and see them and they made me extremely proud in the way they conducted themselves on and off the pitch. A few local schools took part and they played a number of games, so some very tired but happy children went home at the end of the day! Thank you to Mr Dickie for organising.

Y6 Geography News



As part of their Geography topic this term, Year 6 used their map skills to follow a route around the local area. Using landmarks and map orientation, both classes were successful in finding their way back to school in time for lunch!

Update from Woodlands



The children are having a fabulous time on their new outside climbing frame. Not only do they have fun but it is having a positive impact on their confidence, problem solving skills, cooperative play and gross motor skills. We will be continuing to develop this area throughout the year. Road safety has been a focus in PSHE with children using the playground road markings to further develop their ability to be safe near roads. Our writing has been focused on Goldilocks and the three bear, with children sequencing the story and writing their own version of this traditional tale.

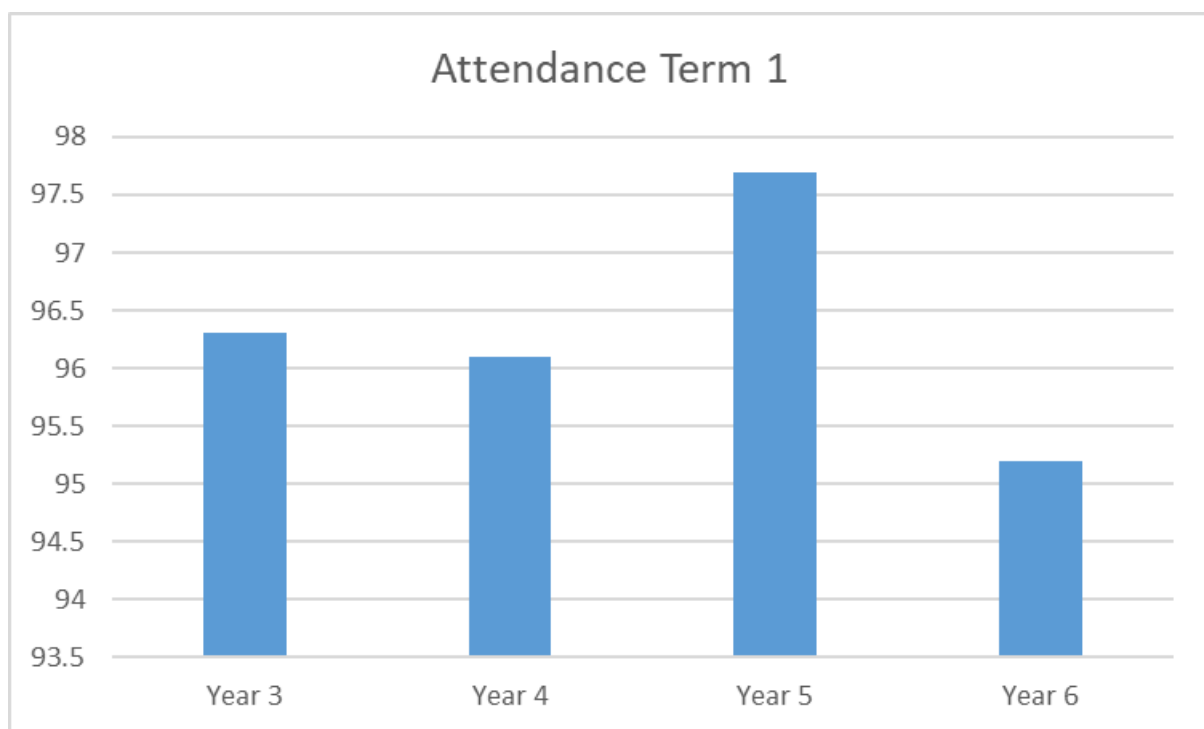
Attendance update and absence reporting



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 1



Here is our Junior school attendance for Term 1. The national rate for attendance is currently 94%, so you can see we are above this across all year groups. 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.

Dates for your diary



We have some exciting new events coming up so keep an eye on the regular newsletters for these. We will be deciding on dates for Sports Day and various other events which we will share in our following newsletters.

- Monday 4th November 2024 - start of Term 2.
- W/c 4th November 2024 - Junior Parents meetings continue.
- Anti Bullying week 11th to 15th November 2024.
- Odd socks day 12th November 2024.
- Children in Need 15th November 2024.
- W/c 16th December 2024 Christmas events - 19th December 2024 Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas Performance. Times TBC

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