



Clarendon Junior School November 2024 Newsletter

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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. This term has been extremely busy, not only preparing for our Christmas events, but also preparing and completing our Autumn assessments. This term leading up to Christmas is always exciting and plenty of activities for the children to be involved in, as well as continuing to try their best in their academic work.

I will be sending out the next round for our extra curricular clubs on Tuesdays after school in Term 3 over the next couple of weeks. This will remain the same time and same collection point.

We had really positive feedback from our recent parent and carer teacher meetings, which took place before and after half term. Conversations about how your child is making progress and getting on in school in a more general way are invaluable. It allows the opportunity to ensure everything is in place for your child in order for them to make expected progress. Thank you for your ongoing support.

We look forward to seeing at our various up and coming events.

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

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.

Odd Socks Day and Children in Need



As part of Anti-Bullying Week 2024, which ran from Monday 11th to Friday 15th November with the theme 'Choose Respect', our school embraced the joy of Odd Socks Day on Tuesday 12th November.

Children and staff alike stepped into school wearing mismatched socks, showcasing their unique personalities and celebrating what makes each of us special. Odd Socks Day is more than a fun fashion statement—it's a reminder to appreciate and respect one another's

differences, a message that resonates deeply with our school's vision of fostering 'A love for learning, life and one another.'

Through activities and discussions, we explored how kindness, respect and inclusion enrich our school community. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped us spread this important message!

Extra Curricular Clubs



Our extra curricular clubs will change for Term 3 and they are going to be the following:

- *Film Club with Miss Hayday (maximum 20 children)*
- *Music Club with Mrs Peill (maximum 20 children)*
- *Homework Club with (maximum 20 children)*
- *Choir with Miss Strong*
- *Football Club with Mr Dickie (maximum 20 children)*

I will be sending out a form for you to complete if you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs, but I am afraid there will be a limit on the number of places. This is a reminder that once the clubs have started there is no option to be added during the term. Please make

sure your child wants to do the club, as we have had some drop out and therefore the space is wasted.

Update from Woodlands



We have had another exciting few weeks in Red Kite class. Our theme this term has been 'Digging up the past', so in science we have been looking at rocks and fossils. We made our own fossils using salt dough as well as looking at many different types of rocks and fossils. This week we have continued the theme by exploring and making our own Greek artefacts. The children are particularly enjoying their music sessions and have created some beautiful melodies using glockenspiels.

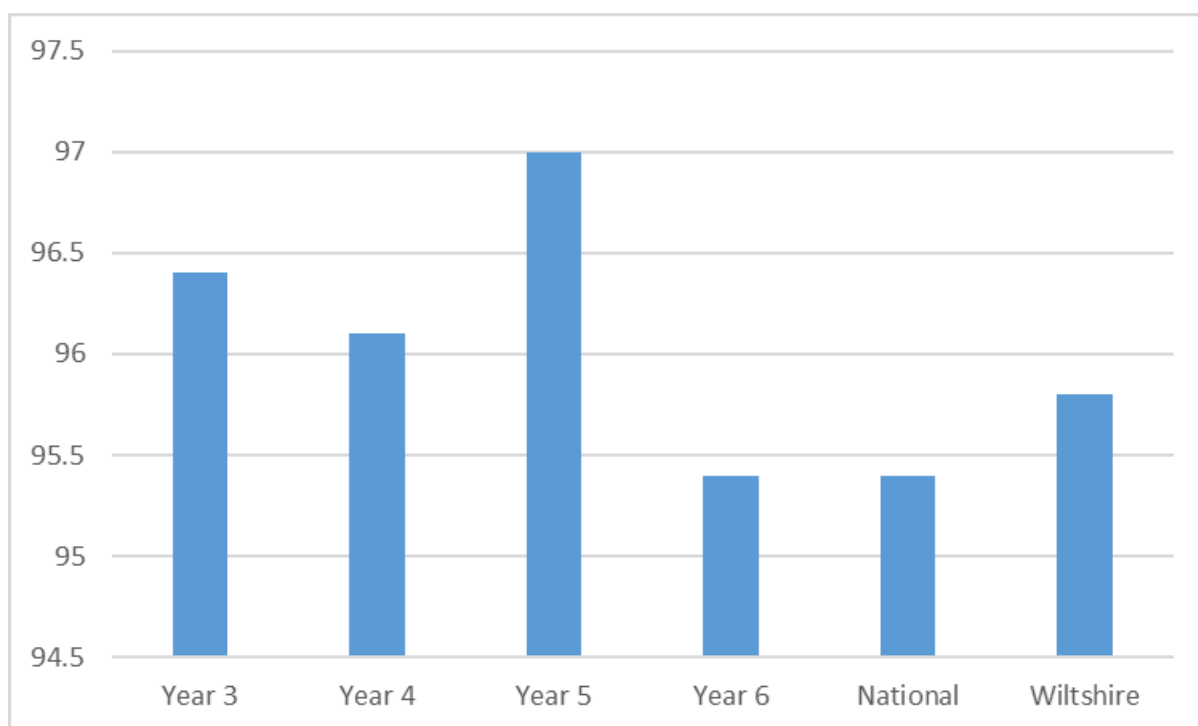
Attendance update and absence reporting



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 2



Here is our Junior school attendance for Term 2. The national rate for attendance is currently 95.4% and our attendance as a whole school is 96.2% . 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.

Clarendon Federation Emergency Plan



What with the bad weather approaching us, we want to take remind parents the procedure if we have to make a decision about closing the school. As an SLT team, we will make the decision to close the school based on government guidance and local knowledge. You will receive a message via our website to confirm that the school is closed. We will then send an update later on that day to inform of the following day's plan.

Safeguarding update



DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD:

Mrs Emma Brown and Mrs Lisa Ashford-Smith

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Westall and Mrs Wendy Riordan

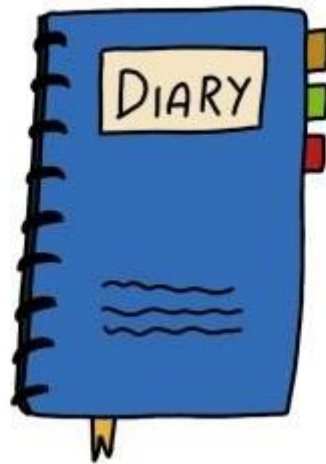
Nominated Governor for Safeguarding, Whistleblowing, Filtering and Monitoring and Online Safety:

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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Friday 6th December - Mufti Day (Christmas Fayre donations)

EYFS/KS1 performance - 16th, 17th and 18th December

Year 3 performance - 18th December

Year 4 performance - 19th December

Year 5 performance - 19th December during the Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch

Christmas Fayre - 19th December at 1:30pm, Clarendon Junior School

Friday 20th December - Last day of term, school will finish at 1pm

Monday 6th January - TD Day

Tuesday 7th January - Start of Term 3

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