



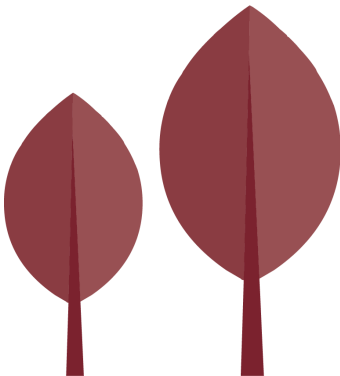
CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tuesday 21st Feb 2023

Newsletter



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School council have been

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed half term. It was lovely to see the sun shining this morning. I am sure we will all appreciate spring flowers and lighter mornings this half term.



WELL BEING GARDEN AND QUIET AREA

The School Council have been working hard with Mrs McIvor to create an updated quiet area and a new Wellbeing garden. This area is being funded by School Council events such as the disco, as well as a grant we received from Suffolk County Council. Our site team have been very busy this half term holiday building the new fence and arch and getting the garden well under way. We would appreciate parents and carers ensuring that younger siblings waiting in the playground before and after school could make sure that they are not running around in this area or damaging the plants,

Please see the next page for lots more details of how the School Council have spent the year so far.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL REMINDERS

We would like to remind you that children are not permitted to play on the equipment or top playground before or after school please.

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

Last March the Government released the White paper in which they stated that all primary schools needed to deliver the minimum of 32.5 hours per week as of September 2023. Currently our Year 5 and 6 classes complete this, but Reception to Year 4 fall short of this time due to the staggered home times ranging from 3pm to 3.10.

Due to the new regulations all of our classes will have the same end of day times as of September 2023 and reception to Year 6 will all end at 3.15. We will be spending time as a school working out the logistics of how this will work and we

will let you know in the summer term prior to the September start where classes will be dismissed from. It is unlikely that they will all be able to be safely dismissed into the playground together so we will be looking into the best way of arranging this.

CLUBS

These will continue to be offered at lunchtimes for the rest of this term and then we will be running after school clubs in the summer term. A list of clubs is up in the classrooms for children to choose on the day.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 2nd March. Our school theme will be 'Curl up with a good book' and children are invited to come in to school in cosy clothes, with their favourite book. If your child is desperate to dress up as a character then they still can do so, but



we are aware that at the moment spending money on costumes may be very difficult for many of our families and therefore we wanted to create a theme where there was an option to wear home clothes. Cosy clothes could be any home clothes including a onesie. If your child wants to wear a costume then please do. This should hopefully give lots of options for children to join in in a way that they feel comfortable.

PARKING AND COLLECTING CHILDREN

Please only arrange for children to be collected from the front office when absolutely necessary. It is very difficult for office staff to safely dismiss via the front office and teachers and TAs are dismissing in the playground at that time. Please only collect from the office if this has previously been agreed. At all other times children need to be collected from the playground. This is to keep children safe at all times.

I MUST AGAIN REMIND PARENTS AND CARERS THAT THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE UP TO THE SCHOOL OR PARK IN THE CAR PARK UNLESS PREVIOUSLY AGREED BY MYSELF. THIS INCLUDES USING THE BUS LANE.

WHATSAPP

We regularly remind the children of online safety and safety with mobile phones. Whatsapp age limit is now 16 not 13. We recommend that pupils are not part of group chats as they are not emotionally ready for these and they have caused issues between children. We will continue to remind children of the need for safety around phones and online, Please can we remind you to check children's phones regularly.

VISITS

Year 1 and 2 went to visit the Clare country park before half term as part of their Knights and castles topic. They had a lovely time and learnt all about the castles original residents.



Years 5 and 6 enjoyed visiting Stour Valley Community School to watch a dress rehearsal of their amazing production of Greece.

Years 3 and 4 are currently very busy preparing for their upcoming performance 'Rock bottom' linked to their topic, Through the ages.

Reading continues to be an area that we encourage at school, with certificates, book bingo and word millionaire vouchers. We hope children enjoy spending their World Book day vouchers and we know our local book shop Harris and Harris already has a stock of books available in exchange of the voucher.

We are also looking for volunteers to come in to school to hear children read. If you know anyone who would be interested in volunteering please let us know.

Lorna Stranger

Headteacher

Spring 2023 School Council Newsletter

The school council have worked very hard over the Autumn Term gathering opinions and ideas, making decisions, raising money and helping to improve their school.

We sent out a pupil questionnaire to find out pupils opinions and thoughts on the school, their learning, their environment and suggestions and ideas of ways to make our school even better.

We had many positive responses and good ideas of things that the pupils would like. Many pupils made comments and suggestions about having a quiet relaxing place to go at playtimes, with places to sit and people to talk to. Pupils also suggested more flowers and plants, a bird table, nature area and a place to read outside.

The school council agreed that we could greatly improve our outdoor space and so we have started to work on improving the outside quiet area. Some of the ideas we have planned includes expanding the fencing around the quiet area to include some of the grassed area, adding some paving, changing the sun shade, adding friendship benches, new plants, flowers, wind chimes, rain chains, a reading area to create a new quiet sensory garden space to be enjoyed by everyone.

We have been fortunate to be accepted for a grant from Suffolk County Council to help towards the costs of the new exciting project, which we know, will help improve the wellbeing and mental health of the children through the enjoyment of a lovely relaxing quiet space to go. This is a very exciting project, which we hope to get all of the children involved in over the Spring and Summer term. The school councillors have been amazing listening to their peers and feeding back at meetings and being proactive to make things happen.



Our Experience of Being a School Councillor By Olly and Violet Year 6

Our experience of being a school councillor has been great; We enjoyed sharing our ideas and working with our friends. We also enjoyed the fact that we are helping the school improve and be a better place. It felt like a dream so far this year; we have planned a sensory garden, replacing the quiet area, (the quiet area is a place where people can be calm), we have also bought a buddy bench and two boxes- one box is for suggestions and the other for worries, both created by school councillors. We are appreciative that our classmates voted for us because we feel like our hard work has paid off.

School council by GRACIE AND ED year 5!

Being a school councillor was amazing we had never been one before. It has been amazing it was a dream. For us being a school councillor was a twisty journey. All the meetings have been exciting and some ideas have been ambitious! We have had a great experience. To start with coming in to the school council and having no ideas, to coming in and having nonstop ideas coming from the other children in the school.

Achievements include:

Organising and running a Christmas Movie Night that raised £405

Running a Christmas raffle that raised £475

Organising and running a School of Magic Day Competition raising £30

Making and decorating a Suggestion Box for all pupils to be able to post their ideas in

Making and decorating a Worry box for all pupils to be able to post their worries in

Children volunteering to help in the hall at Lunchtimes

Children volunteering as corridor monitors – helping to keep the school warmer and cleaner

Future Whole School Projects include:

An Easter egg hunt

Decorating pebbles to fill a muddy area outside the door

A Summer Country fair

Re- introducing the Kindness Award.

Thank You School Councillors you are always a pleasure to work and you should be very proud of what you have helped to achieve.

Looking forward to the next chapter.

Mrs McIvor

Spring and Summer term 2023 Key Dates

This is a preliminary list of key dates. It is subject to alteration occasionally, but we will try to give you as much advance warning as possible, should this happen.

Tuesday 21 st Feb	Yr5 & 6 Visiting SVCS for book reviews
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book day – Cosy reading day (Dressing up in cosy clothes or PJs and bringing in a book to relax with)
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	3:30pm - Oak Parents and Children SATs information evening – Mr Davies
Friday 3 rd March 2023	Fund raiser fashion show (TBC)
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Year 6 Duxford trip
Monday 13 th March to Friday 17 th March 2023	Science Week
Tuesday 21 st March 2023	Parent's evening 3.30-5.30
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Parent's evening 4.30-7.30
Thursday 23 rd March 2023	Year 6 to visit SVCS for an art project (packed lunch required)
Tuesday 28 th March 2023	Year 3 and 4 Performance 1.30
Wednesday 29 th March 2023	Year 3 and 4 Performance 5.30-6.30
Friday 31 st March 2023	Last day of Spring term
Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April 2023	Easter break
Monday 17 th April 2023	Start of term
Monday 1 st May 2023	Bank holiday
Monday 8 th May 2023	Additional bank holiday to mark King Charles II Coronation
Tuesday 9 th May 2023	Year 6 SATS English Grammar
Wednesday 10 th May 2023	Year 6 SATS Reading paper
Thursday 11 th May 2023	Year 6 SATs Maths papers 1 and 2
Friday 12 th May 2023	Year 6 SATs Maths paper 3 (Been put in by DFE as an additional day due to bank holiday)
Week beginning Monday 15 th May 2023 for 2 weeks	Year 2 SATs will be administered over 2 weeks. The children will do them spread out across this period
Thursday 18 th May 2023	Year 6 to visit SVCS for art project (packed lunch required)
Friday 19 th May	Year 6 Trip to Crucial Crew
Monday 29 th May 2023 to Friday 2 nd June 2023	Half term (with a PD day on Monday 5 th)
Monday 5 th June 2023	PD day (non-pupil day)
Week beginning 5 th June to 18 th June 2023	2 week window to administer the Year 4 Multiplication check
Thursday 8 th June 2023	3:30 Oak Parents and children Mersea Residential - Information meeting – Mr Davies
Monday 12 th June to Friday 16 th June 2023	Assessment window to administer the Year 1 phonic screening checks (and Year 2 resits)
Tuesday 20 th June	Class photos by Kittle

Monday 26 th June to Friday 30 th June 2023	Sports week
Friday 30 th June	Sports day Acorn, Beech and Cedar (EYFS and KS1) am 10-11.45 Sports day family picnic Elm, Hazel, Larch and Oak (KS2) pm
Monday 3 rd July to Wednesday 5 th July	Year 6 residential
Monday 10 th July to 12 th July	Provisional transition date for Year 6 pupils to visit SVCS We will advise on dates of other secondary schools if applicable
Wednesday 12 th July 2023	Pupils Reception to Year 5 to visit new classes
Friday 14 th July 2023	Reports go out to parents and carers (Please let us know if you require more than one separate copy)
Monday 17 th July 2023	Prize giving assembly (TBC)
Tuesday 18 th or Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly (TBC)
Wednesday 19 th July	Last day of term
<u>Please note that the 19th of July is not a PD day and pupils are due in school</u> <u>Last day is Wednesday 19th July and not Tuesday 18th as previously stated</u>	

Swimming will start for Years 5 and 6 in the summer term – details to be confirmed and we will inform parents ASAP

Still to be confirmed

Music concert

Year 5 music festival

Trips form the Spring and Summer term TBC

Easter service



MUSICAL DIRECTOR REQUIRED

Based within commuting distance of Haverhill, Suffolk

Rehearsals: One evening per week; Concerts 2 – 3 per year

Originally formed in 1860 by a local clothing manufacturer & enjoying its continued support, the Haverhill Singers comes into 2023 with a 35 strong membership and a sell-out Christmas '22 concert performance attended by the local Mayor and town councillors.

Haverhill Singers has a broad age range of members from those in their early twenties to several long standing and loyal members in their eighties. As a result, we have a broad repertoire ranging from Brahms to Burt Bacharach. What unites us is the love of singing and a friendly, caring and supportive environment for all concerned.

We urgently seek a new Musical Director to continue our successful growth & development.

Ideally, applicants should have previous experience in conducting/leading a choir and a professional, positive and optimistic view of how to maximise our potential.

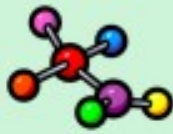
If you believe you have the right mix of knowledge, skills, adaptability and tolerance to the needs of a diverse choir membership – we want to hear from you NOW!

Contact: Celia Mathews (Chairwoman)

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Find out more about us at www.haverhillsingers.org



Meet the T-Rex



Smoothie Bikes

Wild Beasts VR



Colchester Royal Grammar School

Sci-Fest 2023

Saturday 18th March
10am-4pm

6 Lexden Road CO3 3ND

Free entry



Forensics



Mini Beasts

Planetarium



Families welcome, fun interactive activities

Premium activities will incur a small charge