

Clare Community Primary School

Updates



CLARE COMMUNITY
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Messages

School meals

Unfortunately, due to a rise in food costs, our meal providers Ver-tas have had to raise the price of school dinners. As of Tuesday 2nd May the cost of a school meal will be £2.53. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to have free school dinners as part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

We will be offering a special Coronation menu for Friday 5th May. There will be no other school meal options on this day. Please see the attached Menu.

Boiler—Cold Lunches

Although we have now had the new part installed in our boiler we have been informed that it needs another couple of parts also so we will only be serving cold lunches until further notice. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Just a reminder that we are still using My School Fund if you would like to register at:
www.myschoolfund.org

Looking Ahead

Catkins

If you are late collecting from Catkins and have only paid for the early session, we will be charging for a later session. Please can we also remind parents to book children on before the day via parent pay.

Upcoming assessments

Year 6 SATs Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th April. Please ensure that pupils are on time on these days. We will be offering a light breakfast snack from 8.30am to ensure they are in and settled in plenty of time.

Year 1 phonics screening will take place the week commencing Monday June 12th.

Year 2 SATs assessments will take place in May.



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Friday 5th May

The King's Coronation

Ham, Cheese or Tuna
Sandwich

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Sausage Roll

-
Carrot Batons

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Popcorn

-
Vanilla Cupcake

-
Shortbread Biscuit

Meet the Governors

Georgina Lovejoy (Chair of Governors)

I have lived in Clare for 24 years, and worked for the East of England Ambulance Service full time in a patient facing, frontline role for 11 years, which is a job I care passionately about. I spend some of my spare time running the local Clare Community First Responders Group on behalf of the ambulance service. I have been involved in Clare Community Primary School for 16 years in a combination of roles including Chair of the PTFA, member of the Governing Body before the school became a MAT, and lastly as Chair of the Governing Body for the last few years.

I live with my husband Matt, who runs a business from home and our two daughters - 21 and 16 years - both of whom attended Clare Primary and Stour Valley before heading off to University and West Suffolk College. We share our lives with 3 dogs (and other various animals) and enjoy nothing nicer than a long walk through the Clare countryside exploring our home town.

Declaration of Business Interests: Everything Orange (marketing company)

Stella Byrne

I moved to Clare in 2021. Being newly retired, I have enjoyed the opportunity to become involved in local societies and community events. I volunteer in the Country Park Visitor Centre, lead historical tours of Clare and volunteer weekly with CLASP supporting local elderly residents; preparing a hot meal and leading craft / socialisation activities. I enjoy long distance walking, swimming, sewing and craft activities.

My 40 year career was spent in education, working in primary schools in Hertfordshire and Kent. My final role was as Headteacher of a village primary school graded good with some outstanding elements. I have particular interests in enriching the curriculum, provision for SEND and innovative uses for Pupil Premium funding. I spent several years as a Local Authority Numeracy Consultant; offering training and curriculum development to schools and teachers across Kent. I also lectured on maths to PGCE and Primary Education students at Canterbury Christ Church University.

Declaration of Business Interests: None

Jenni Carter

I moved to Clare 3 years ago with my husband and our now 4 year old son who currently attends Clare bears pre-school. As a family we enjoy visiting the park often and getting involved in the community events. For the past 10 years I have worked in various analyst, research and performance monitoring roles within Essex County Council. Over this time I worked in many areas including adult social care, children's social care, public health and most recently the climate action commission. I am looking forward to my role as Governor and contributing to the Clare school community.

Declaration of Business Interests: None

Jon Craig

I am currently Head of Humanities at Stour Valley and have been since the school opened in 2011, building up the Humanities faculty to be high achieving and extremely popular for GCSE options. Prior to this I have worked in schools in West London, and High Wycombe. My wife works as a teaching assistant at a school just outside Bury where my two children also attend. I am a passionate geographer and love the subject I teach, always looking to improve. I also conduct the role of Educational Visits Coordinator, overseeing the visits that the school runs as well as leading the Year 7 residential to Thriftwood. Outside of school, I am an active member of Bradfield and Rougham Baptist Church, leading a yo

ella Byrneuth group for 8-13 year olds on a Friday night, the Sunday morning teenage group and giving children's talks with my monster puppet. I am a keen runner, enjoy exploring the wildlife of Suffolk and also coach an under-8 boys football team for Sporting 87.

Declaration of Business Interests: Teacher at SVCS

Rev Paul Graham

I moved to Clare in 2015 to take up the role of Minister at the Baptist Church here in the town. Since then, I have been heavily involved in the life of the community at large, including the schools. I joined the governing body in 2017 and have relished being part of the oversight of what is a very good school with dedicated staff. Away from church and community life, I am a keen (very) amateur gardener, a fan of most things science fiction related, an avid reader and an occasional jigsaw puzzle nut.

Declaration of Business Interests: None

Joey Kettle

I am a Clare resident and live with my wife Amy and Son Rory, who is 1 year old. I work for Dellar Sports Coaching as a Primary PE/Sports Coach, including at Clare Community Primary School where I teach PE and run clubs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday mornings.

With my career being in education and having worked in many schools around Suffolk and Cambridge-shire, I feel, as a governor, I can offer experiences of other schools' successes and offer different ideas based on what I've seen. I am passionate about making the school the best place it can be for all involved.

Shelley Thurgood

I am a parent of two children who attend Clare Community Primary School, and will complete my BA Hons Integrative Counselling degree at the University of Suffolk by the end of April 2023 - my goal being a masters in Study Childhood Development and Attachment Theory. Childhood development is a very keen interest of mine, as my ultimate goal is to become a child therapist and work with creative arts. I am currently working for an organisation which supports and offers counselling and group work for families who are experiencing difficulties, and am a practicing counsellor, with safeguard training via Suffolk Council, for adults and children. I also have previous experience as a training manager, where my role was to assist and support young adults in completing their NVQ, in Maths, English and Hospitality. I am energetic and like to be busy; my interests have mainly been focused on my studying and reading, but I enjoy being creative and also organising charity events.

Declaration of Business Interests: None

Matthew Wickes

I've been a Parent Governor for over 2 years now and have found it an eye opening and yet thoroughly rewarding experience. I feel very grateful that I've been able to contribute to the schools journey, and am immensely proud of the way the staff and pupils have dealt with the incredibly challenging last 12 months.

In my day job I'm a Senior Leader with the NHS, but have spent the last 9 months on loan to the Department of Health and Social Care as part of COVID Response, working on helping to navigate us all through this horrendous period back to some sort of normality.

Declaration of Business Interests: None

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Spring and Summer term 2023 Key Dates

Friday 28 th April 2023	Swimming Lessons begin Yrs 5 & 6
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)
Monday 15 th May	Yr 6 Crucial Crew Trip
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)
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
Monday 12 th June to Friday 16 th June 2023	Assessment window to administer the Year 1 phonic screening checks (and Year 2 resits)
Monday 14 th June	Kittle Class photos
Monday 19 th June	Clarinet Music Assembly Yr 5 with Mr Rowe
Tuesday 20 th June	Pianist Music Assembly 10:30am with Mrs Warrack
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 5 to Trinity Park, Ipswich for WCET Festival workshop + performance. Coach departs at 8am and departs Ipswich 2:45-3pm
Tuesday 20 th June	Kittle Class Photos
Tuesday 22 nd June	ALL DAY - percussion workshop with Fabian Baird (4x KS2 workshops, the afternoon performance to EYFS/KS1 featuring selected children from KS2)
Friday 23 rd June	TBC either morning or afternoon - EYFS/KS1 performance by Doorstep Festival 2023
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)
Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Prize giving assembly
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 19 th July	Last day of term