



# Clyst Hydon Primary School

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## Forthcoming Activities and other Information

We return to menu week 1

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Chicken Korma with rice or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese.

\*New menu on website\*



## CLUBS

Breakfast Club Mon – Fri  
8 – 8:50am

Mondays

Starting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Tennis Club with Mr Foster  
3:30pm – 4:30pm

\*REMEMBER TO SIGN UP\*

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am  
Donkey Procession starts at Lychgate

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Start of Summer Term

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
School Health Team  
Height and Weight checks  
(Reception and Y6)

Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

*'Love Learning, Love Life!'*

Confidence and Courage Creativity Compassion Connections Curiosity Communication

## CONGRATULATIONS



The winners of our **CONNECTIONS** certificates this week are:

Evelyn and Katie for their knowledge about the world;

Rafe for making great links in his learning as he listens and learns new information.

The winners of our **COMPASSION** certificates this week are:

Hettie and Isla for continual kindness towards children in both Puffins and Owls class.

And the winners of our **CREATIVITY** certificates this week are:

Annabelle, Aurora, Evelyn and Katie for their incredible all-season 'Fairy Kingdom'

**GOLD**

Well done to Hettie and Rafe who have achieved their GOLD awards this week.

Dear Parents and Friends of Clyst Hydon School

Another term draws to a close and what a busy term we have had: an author visit, a trip to Paignton Zoo, lots of really fantastic walks around our village to observe and better understand the natural world we live amongst, and lots of learning and progress in all our lessons. The children have epitomised the school's values of compassion, confidence, creativity, curiosity, communication and connection this term and we have been so happy to be able to award so many stars to our children for demonstrating these values. Many of our children are now glittering with their bronze, silver and gold badges, and a couple are even getting fairly close to being awarded their Platinum badge – a really incredible achievement.

Today we are sending home the new Reading diaries that we would like all the children (and parents) to use to record the reading that children are doing at home. At the front of the reading diary you will find little clouds upon which to write the title of the book that has been read, page numbers read, and maybe a short comment about the book (for example a word from the book that you liked; something about a character you liked; a short headline summarising something from the book etc). We will give more guidance on ideas for comments for the clouds as time goes on but for now, a title and page numbers and a very short comment will suffice – we just want to be able to celebrate all the reading going on at home. Please stick the clouds into the books (dated please) – you should be able to stick 2 clouds per page. Every Monday the class teachers will look at the reading diaries to see what reading has been going on in the past week, and a reading point will be awarded per cloud. These reading points go towards reading stars! Similar to our other awards, we have bronze, silver and then gold sparkly stars for reading, which children will be awarded when they reach 50, 100 and 150 reading points respectively.

This term also brought a new teacher to Clyst Hydon Primary School. Ms Liddell has settled in to Clyst Hydon brilliantly and has been a real asset to the staff team. Very sadly though, as you know, we also have to say goodbye to our fabulous administrator Mrs Stevens who is leaving us today for new challenges and adventures. Mrs Stevens has devoted years of her life to our lovely school and I know that so many families and previous staff have really loved getting to know Mrs Stevens and have appreciated her care and concern for the school, as I also have since I arrived in September. Mrs Stevens is more than an administrator, she is a key member of the staff team in so many ways, which we tried to encapsulate in the kenning poem we wrote for her for our Easter service and which, for those of you who missed it, we recreate here.

**Mrs Steven's Job Description in a poem:**

Breakfast maker  
 Child entertainer  
 Parent communicator  
 Gate locker  
 Lunch orderer  
 Letter writer  
 Absence chaser  
 Email sender  
 Email answerer  
 Governor liaison  
 Head teacher meetee

Kettle boiler  
 Invoice arranger  
 Resources orderer  
 Toilet unblocker  
 Playground sweeper  
 Pest controller  
 Furniture maker  
 Food server  
 Breaktime monitor  
 Cut knee healer  
 Gate opener  
 Gate locker

Safeguarding watcher  
 Health and safety checker  
 Visitor welcomer  
 Register sharer  
 Newsletter creator  
 Village pacifier  
 Children greeter  
 Website sorter  
 Biscuit giver  
 Tears stopper  
 School calmer  
**Amazing administrator**

We wish Mrs Stevens really well in the next part of her life and career, and we are hopeful she will stay connected to our school by coming in to read with the children when she has some free time, and she will of course always be assured of a reserved seat at all our future end of term performances.

**Breakfast Club**

Mrs Clarke, our new administrator and breakfast club leader, will be starting work on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May after the bank holiday Monday, so please do remember that there will not be any breakfast club on the first week back. We are sorry for the inconvenience this might cause.

**After School Clubs**

These will be confirmed when we return after the Easter holidays. The tennis club, run by Hettie's dad, will be starting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.

**Holiday homework**

Reading, practising times tables (on TT Rockstars or similar), practising key maths facts on Hit the Button, and learning the spellings that are sent home each week, are the best things you can do to keep your brain ticking over in the holidays. If anyone keeps a little written diary over the holiday, of things they do or places they go, we would love to see it.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your amazing support and enthusiasm for our school and the learning and events that go on here. To have so many parents at the school gate every day chatting away and showing an interest in the school, and to have so many parents able to come along to school events is so lovely for the children – and for us – and we really do appreciate the fact that in your busy lives you really do try to make the effort to be such an important part of our school. We are hoping to welcome several new children to our school in September which means it is starting to grow bigger, and we will be able to start inviting those children into school for some taster sessions once the SATs tests for Year 6 and Year 2 are out of the way for another year.

We hope that you all have a safe, happy and healthy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April is a Non Pupil Day).

Joanna Rousseau  
 Head of School

*Please see our website for details of current vacancies*

Safeguarding and Child Protection is extremely important to us. Supporting children and young people exposed to Domestic Abuse.

We are an Operation Encompass School. Occasionally we may need to make a referral to CYPS or other external agencies.