



Clyst Hydon Primary School

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Friday 20th May 2022

Forthcoming Activities and other Information:

CLUBS

Breakfast Club Mon – Thurs
8 – 8:50am

Tuesday Tennis Club with
Mr Foster
3:30pm – 4:30pm

OTHER:

Thursday 26th May :
Jubilee celebrations in
school at 2pm. Jubilee
decades dress for children
and staff and for those
parents who would like to.

Friday 27th May:
Extra holiday – school
closed.

Dear Parents and carers and friends of Clyst Hydon Primary School

This week's school value which we talked about in our Monday assembly was having 'Confidence and Courage' in our learning. Congratulations to Rafe in Owls class and Darynka in Puffins class.

Jubilee

If you have passed the school during the afternoon recently you might have been forgiven for thinking you had gone back to the 1980s, 1970s or even the 1950s! In preparation for our Jubilee Celebrations next Thursday afternoon, we have been learning some of the songs and dances that would have been popular during different decades of the Queen's long reign. We are looking forward to sharing these with you if you are able to join us next Thursday? We are hoping that some of you will feel so nostalgic that you might even join in!

We are inviting anyone who is free on Thursday afternoon (26th May) to join us for a Jubilee Celebration starting at 2pm in the school playground (weather permitting so do please cross your fingers for dry weather). The children will be performing a series of songs and dances and sharing with you some of the key facts from the 70 years of the Queen's reign. We will have some soft drinks and light refreshments set up for you to enjoy. We have been lucky enough to have Carole Wall (ably assisted by her daughter Emily) sorting through huge amounts of old photos from Clyst Hydon Primary School over the years, for us, and some of these will also be on display for you to look at and enjoy. Please invite any friends or family who are able to come along too, and start off the Jubilee Celebrations with us. If you would like to contribute a cake or some biscuits for the afternoon celebrations, we would be so grateful – please bring these along in the morning if you can.

Children are asked to come into school wearing something from one of the decades of the Queen's reign on Thursday 26th. That could be leg warmers, flares, tie-dye etc - you don't need to buy anything special for the occasion. Alternatively, if they do not want to do this, they can come in something red, white and blue. Please feel free to enter into the spirit of the occasion and come similarly dressed in the afternoon.

Library

The new bookshelves arrived (thank you Mrs Rensburg for ordering them!) and we were so grateful to Michael, Benny, Phil, Steve and Jodie who came into school to help build the shelves for us and arrange them into their new positions. They worked all day and into the evening and we just couldn't do this extremely ambitious project without this help so THANK YOU all – you've been brilliant.

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The staff have also given up weekends, evenings and holidays to paint, sort, arrange and build and I am so incredibly grateful and blessed to have such dedicated and hardworking staff at this school who give up so much of their own time for the children and the school. This has turned into an epic community project. Steve M (assisted by Phil again) has also been doing an amazing job putting together the children's library tree house and it is shaping up beautifully. There is still a bit of a way to go, and obviously Steve is having to find the time to do this huge job, amongst all his other work, so any support that anyone else can still offer will be very gratefully received by him, and us. On that note, Steve would love to make the tree house look as authentic as possible whilst also being safe obviously. He would like branches to put around the reading platform sides to keep the children safe but make it look like they are in a tree! Here is what he is looking for:

Branch sizes required - minimum 90cm / 3 feet long by minimum 6cm / 2.5 inches diameter. The thicker the better.

I will need about 40 branches at 6cm diameter.

30 branches at 75cm diameter.

If anyone has branches such as this in their gardens or nearby fields then please could we have them! Before half term please. Thank you.

Sports Day

I am currently liaising with the cricket club and should have a date for you all by next week.

Parent Questionnaire

In preparation for parents' evenings after half term, and also whilst I am planning for the next parent forum, I would be really grateful if you could fill in and complete the attached parent questionnaire and then return it to school marked for the attention of Joanna Rousseau. I would be really grateful to have these before half term so that I can read and act on them over the half term holiday. I know that we talk to most of you, most days, at the school gates but there isn't always time for a really meaningful chat and I would really like to know your thoughts on school so that I can plan into next year with your thoughts, ideas and wishes in mind. Thank you.

Half-Term

Don't forget that next Friday is an extra day off school due to the fact that there is an extra bank holiday this year for the Queen's Jubilee. We therefore break up on Thursday 26th May.

Joanna Rousseau
Head of School

CONGRATULATIONS



The winners of our **Confidence and Courage** certificates this week are:
Rafe and Darynka.

Congratulations to Rafe in Owls class who showed incredible perseverance in writing his Cracking Contraption explanation in really neat handwriting. Darynka is showing courage in joining activities with quiet enthusiasm.



Congratulations to ROSE for getting a Platinum Badge today - 275 stars!! Amazing! **PLATINUM**

We have been asked to inform you that the Early Years and Childcare Service Summer Parents Childcare Survey is live and they need more responses from parents in our area.

They need more responses to help them to ensure that there is enough high-quality, affordable childcare available in Devon. Please consider helping by taking part in their Summer Parents Childcare Survey. Even if you have participated in previous surveys, it is important to get your views now, so they can look at changes to childcare demands over time. Whether you currently use childcare or not, your voice counts.

The survey is open until Monday 23rd May. Take part at: devon.cc/parents-childcare-survey

We would like to inform you that Babcock LDP are running Topic-based autism workshops for parents. You can see this in the document called "Snippets" attached - on page 2.

There are also Parent meetings for Ofsted/Care Quality Commission (CQC) SEND revisit on page 5 of "Snippets".

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.

Please see our website for details of current vacancies