



Clyst Hydon Primary School

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Friday 10TH June 2022

Forthcoming Activities and other Information:

CLUBS

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

OTHER:

SWIMMING:

For the next 2 weeks swimming will be on **TUESDAY** and then will go back to **WEDNESDAY** on 29th June.

REPORTS:

School reports to go home by 1st July 2022.

Parents evenings to discuss the reports to be held w/c 4th July 2022.

PARENT FORUM:

The next Parent Forum will be held on Tuesday 12th July 2022 at 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

Dear Parents and carers and friends of Clyst Hydon Primary School

Value of the Week –this week's school value that we were focusing on was *CONNECTIONS*.

This week the area of Connections that we were particularly looking at was our Connections to the natural world. In our assembly on Monday, we discussed seed dispersal, due to the fact that there is so much evidence of seed dispersal in our local area at the moment. We started off looking at some sycamore seeds, that are dispersed by wind, and then spent some time looking at all the main types of seed dispersal: wind dispersal, animal dispersal, explosion and water dispersal. The children always amaze me with their fantastic prior knowledge when we discuss nature, and they are also so interested to learn about and discuss new areas of learning. Our children are very good at embracing our school value of *Confidence and Courage* and are really prepared to have a go at answering questions about nature that they don't know the answer to, they are always willing to have a go at suggesting, predicting and wondering.

Jubilee

What an absolute joy it was to have so many families, friends and members of the local Clyst Hydon community coming along to our Jubilee celebrations on the last day of half term. How great it was to see everyone joining in with the singing and dancing and it was just such a happy occasion. Well done to all the children for performing the songs and dances so enthusiastically, well done to the amazing readers who shared so many interesting facts about the decades of the Queen's reign, congratulations to the KS2 recorder players ably led by Ms Liddell, for their excellent rendition of God Save our Gracious Queen, and thank you to 'her Majesty' who performed her Queenly duties so well! Thank you to everyone who came along for the afternoon and joined in with everything with such gusto, thank you to everyone who brought refreshments, and thank you to everyone who made such an amazing effort with the costumes for both themselves and their children. We felt really privileged to be part of such a supportive community and it made all the hard work getting ready for the performance so worthwhile. We aim to keep up this tradition we have started, of regular performances throughout the year, as it is so good for the children to have the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and gain the confidence that comes from doing that regularly and seeing that it can be a really positive experience. It also fits in with our school value of *Creativity* and we are really keen to find as many opportunities as possible to help our children to explore their creative sides.

Library and Reading

We're nearly there! The treehouse is looking....like a treehouse! How fabulous! Thank you so much to Steve Mariner who has worked tirelessly on this treehouse project for our children, giving up a lot of his own free time for this - we are so grateful, and impressed. Mrs Rensburg has also been really busy, in her 'spare' time, creating little figures to go on top of each of our new themed areas – you must have a look at them. My particular favourites are Henry V111 and his 6 wives – how lucky we are to have such a creative teacher in our school. Thank you, Mrs Rensburg. Remember this library has come about from the children's ideas and wishes, and to be able to have had so much help from all of you, creating a reality out of the children's ideas has been such a gift, so thank you to everyone who has contributed their time, their skills, their enthusiasm so far. We are going to start using our library again on Monday and cannot wait to introduce our children to their new library and everything that has gone into it. We still need a bit of help with the final touches – particularly some soft furnishings. If you know of anyone who might be willing and able to make a cushion (simple!) then we would love to have some contributions. We are thinking either a plain cushion with maybe a book character sewn on the front (a simple felt figure for example) or otherwise a nature themed cushion cover. Any contributions gratefully received. We also need some kind of thick rug to go on top of the treehouse, so if anyone has a rug they are no longer using, and they would be happy to donate it to school then we would be really grateful for this. The children are going to write letters to their favourite authors this week to invite them to officially open our library in a little ceremony– we will see if we get any responses....

Reading – Can we ask all parents to encourage their children to fill in their reading clouds each week and then bring their reading journals into school on a Monday morning, ready to receive their reading stars. We really like to hear and see what our children are reading at home, and this reading journal is our record of this. Some children have been brilliant at filling in their reading journals and bringing these in each Monday, but other children seem to not quite have got into the habit of doing this yet. Any parental encouragement gratefully received! Thank you.

Reports, Parents Evening, Parent Forum

Reports are currently being written and will be with you on 1st July

Parents evenings to discuss these reports will be held in the week beginning 4th July.

My next Parent Forum will be held on Tuesday 12th July at 2.45 p.m.-3.30 p.m. The focus will be on: Our Curriculum. Please try and come along. If you are not able to attend, I will be happy to repeat the session the same day at 5.30 p.m. I will be introducing you to our plans for the new academic year, including the development of our curriculum going forward, and addressing any common threads from the parent questionnaires that recently went out. Thank you to everyone who returned them to school, and for the overwhelmingly positive comments on them.

Swimming

Tiverton Pool informed us, after we had had our first lesson on Wednesday, that the pool is closed next Wednesday and the learner pool is also closed the following Wednesday. We are not very impressed about this at all, as they only confirmed our Wednesday lessons 2 weeks ago, when they obviously already knew about these closures, and they have only just told us. We explained to them that we were not prepared for our children, who have only just started their lessons, to miss the next 2 weeks, so they eventually found us an alternative session. Therefore, for the next 2 weeks we will be going swimming on **TUESDAY** and then we will go back to Wednesday on 29th June.

We will be going swimming on **TUESDAY** next week and the week after from 11.30-12.00 p.m. so we will have to have a slightly later lunch that day. PLEASE can you therefore send a **packed lunch** with your child on TUESDAY for the next 2 weeks, including something for them to eat at breaktime to sustain them for their swimming lesson. If your child usually has a free school meal then we can order a school packed lunch if you would like, but we need to know this by **MONDAY MORNING PLEASE**. We are really sorry for the inconvenience of this, we know how excited the children have been about their swimming, and we were determined to make sure they could still go swimming, and unfortunately this was the best solution they were able to come up with us for us.

The children were nonetheless fantastic at their swimming lesson this week, and they were all showing the school values of CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE brilliantly.

PSHE

As part of their PSHE curriculum the Owls Class are starting a unit of work on 'Growing Up'. I am attaching an outline of the planning that is used for this curriculum area so that parents can look through it and check they are happy with what we are covering. It is useful to know what is being discussed in lessons as questions might then come up at home so hopefully you will then be prepared. Parents do have the right to withdraw their child from these lessons, but it is part of the National Curriculum and I can assure you that we teach these lessons in an entirely age-appropriate way, and although we welcome questions from the children in these lessons, we occasionally don't answer a question that might not be suitable for the whole group, but we might then answer it after the lesson individually or talk it through with the parents who might prefer to answer this themselves. But any questions do please pop in and see me.

THURSDAY 16th June 2022

Next week Owls class will be going to a local Primary Schools Sports Day led by Uffculme Secondary School. The event is from 10.30am to 1.30pm. We will leave school at 9.45am to return to school at 2.00pm. I will be taking the KS2 children.

If any parent is free on Thursday and would be willing to come with us to this Sports Event that would be very helpful. Please can you let the Office know as soon as possible. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to mix with other Primary School children from other local schools and we are really excited to be taking part. Thank you.

Joanna Rousseau
Head of School

CONGRATULATIONS



The winners of our **Connections** certificates this week are:
Una and Noah.

Una in Puffins Class wins her certificate for her fantastic interest in sycamore seeds and for developing her understanding further with her Grandma and bringing in some sycamore seeds that she had found. Also, for Hettie and Una (again) for finding evidence of caterpillars in our school grassy area at playtime.

Noah has won his certificate for engaging really sensibly in discussions about the natural world and having some really excellent predictions and ideas.



Isla and Ayon have managed to earn their Platinum badges today for 275 stars. Fantastic!! **PLATINUM**

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.