



Forthcoming Activities and other Information:

Monday 7th November:

Owls: Art workshop in school

Owls: WW2 artefacts workshop in school

Tuesday 8th November

Owls: WW2 trip to Tiverton Museum

Wednesday 9th November:

Ms Rousseau out all day at Shute Primary School, another Federation school with Mr Mellor

Thursday 10th November:

Ms Rensberg out at an English subject leaders meeting. Mr Joe Harris (lovely supply teacher in class all day).

Tuesday 15th November:

Mrs Clarke has training in the morning.

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With siblings at 3pm

Wednesday 16th November:

Mrs Clarke has training in the morning back after lunch.

ASSEMBLY DATES:

Friday 18th November 3pm

Friday 2nd Dec CHRISTINGLE 2.45PM CHURCH

Friday 16th December 3pm

Other dates:

November 30th St Andrews day event 2.30pm at the CHURCH.

December 7th Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 14th December CHRISTMAS LUNCH for parents and children 12pm NATIVITY at 2pm

Thursday 15th December Rob Holmes author in school

Clyst Hydon Primary School

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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a world of weather this week in school – we've had beautiful sunshine one minute and then torrential rain the next, and we can never tell until the last moment whether it's going to be a wet play or not. So far, we've been quite fortunate that the rain has generally stopped just in time for break times, and we always like to take the children outside if we possibly can. Please do make sure therefore that all children are coming into school with a coat and appropriate clothing now, as we head towards the winter.

It's been really lovely to spend some time meeting parents this week for our parents' evenings (or mornings!). Even though we are a small and friendly school where we as staff are able to talk to most parents every day, it is still really useful to have some more focused time to talk to parents 1-1, to discuss how your child is getting on so far this year in school and suggest ways to help your children at home. Thank you for attending those appointments and I know there are still a few parents who have arranged to meet with teachers at other more convenient times. If there are still parents who haven't been able to arrange an appointment yet, please do email or phone Sarah Clarke in the office with some times you are available and we will fit you in as soon as possible.

After School Club – So far this term our new after school club has not been very well attended and so we have met to discuss how we might change it going forwards. Mrs Wall has decided to run a **cookery club** on Monday nights at After School Club, starting on Monday 14th November for 5 weeks until Christmas. The cost will remain at £3.50 for the After School Club (3.30 – 4.30 p.m.) and this will include the ingredients for the simple recipes the children will be cooking each week. If you would like your child to attend this After School Club on Mondays, then we do need to know this in advance so that we can buy the appropriate amount of ingredients, so please could you *inform the school office by the Friday* before the Monday after school club (See below). If you think your child would like to do all 5 weeks of cookery club then you can book for all 5 weeks in one go.

The other after school club day will be changing to **Wednesday** from the week beginning 14th November as we have been told that this day is needed more than the current Tuesday we have been offering up until now. After school club on a Wednesday will be a **sports and homework club**. The children will be doing some outside sports for the first half hour and then will go inside to either do some of their spelling/ times tables homework if they are in KS2 or have some story time if they are in Reception or KS1. Please could you again book this with Mrs Clarke by the Friday before the following week (See below). Thank you.

Breakfast Club – this resource is being well used which is great news. If you would like to use the breakfast club please remember to book in by the Friday before the week you need it (See below). Please also remember that if you are using breakfast club, children should not just be left at the school gate and told to make their own way into school. They must be escorted to the library by an adult and signed in so that we know where they are at all times, especially as the mornings start to get darker.

Confidence and Courage Creativity Compassion Connections Curiosity Communication

This week's school value was Compassion. We discussed our school rules and what 'Be Safe' 'Be Respectful' and 'Be Ready' mean for us in school every day. We talked about words that we have occasionally heard used in the playground that are less respectful and not very compassionate and we have banned the use of the words 'shut up' in school, as we all agreed that they are unkind and make other people feel sad. Children who have shown compassion this week have been Frances in Puffins class who have shown kindness to other children and has been very aware of her own feelings. Aurora in Owls class has shown compassion towards younger children at lunch times.

Our 'Word of the Week' was a tricky one this week, as it was 'refrain'. We talked about how refrain is a more formal way of saying 'stop' and we can ask others to 'please refrain' from doing things. Next week I am introducing the word 'quagmire' as our 'Word of the Week' as it's a great word to say, beautifully descriptive, and after all the rain we have been having recently, it feels very apt!

This week we have 2 "Writers of the week" linking with the value of Communication. Una in Puffins class and Polly in Owls class. Mr Parsons noticed that Una's handwriting is much improved. Polly has used "fronted adverbials" in excellent writing in a Blitz setting.

Picking up children from school – Like you, we all lead very busy and full lives and we are very aware that sometimes unexpected things fall into our laps during the day that can mean a change of plan. If you know that there are other trusted adults who you might sometimes need to call upon to pick up your child in case of emergencies, please can you let us have a list of those people so that we can let your child go home with them should the need ever arise. Please also make your child aware that occasionally these other adults might pick them up so that they are happy to go home with them. Thank you.

Photos – The school photographer will be visiting our school on Tuesday 15th November in order to take photos of individual children which you will then be able to order if you would like to. She will arrive at school at 2.15 p.m. to take individual photos of the children in both classes and then at 3pm she is happy to take photos of children from our school with younger brothers or sisters if you would like to bring them along to be photographed. If this is something that you would like to do, then please arrive at school on that afternoon at 3p.m. when you will then be signed in by a member of staff and shown where to go. If your child has a sibling in the school, we will be able to arrange for them to be photographed together as well as individually during the afternoon without you attending, it is just if you would like younger children, not yet at our school, to be photographed that you will need to arrive at 3p.m.

Governors and Clerk to the Governors

All schools have a board of governors that have overall control and responsibility for a school. We work closely and effectively with our board of governors and both myself and Steve Mellor the Executive Head, are on the board of governors, as well as some of our parents, and other members of the community. We currently have a vacancy for a school governor and we were wondering whether any of our parents would like to get involved with the school in this way? If you feel that you might be interested in becoming a school governor, then please feel free to come and speak to me, or email me and I can give you further information or point you in the direction of one of our parent governors who can talk to you about the role. We'd love to have another parent governor on board, you don't need to have any particular experience, and the role isn't too onerous, initially involving 2 meetings a term.

We are also looking for a new Clerk to the Governors. This is actually a paid role, currently paying between £10.60-£11.70 an hour and the job is paid at 2.5 hours a week, although the hours worked will vary across the year. Attendance at governors' meetings is one of the main roles of the clerk and then the administrative tasks associated with the governing body. Effective ICT and inter-personal skills are essential, but full training for the role will be given. If anyone is interested in this role, or might know someone who would be, please again come and talk to me, or email me at jrousseau@clyst-hydon-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Have a lovely weekend,

Joanna Rousseau

Head of School

From the Office:

School lunches: On the school website there is a School lunches form. Please can all parents choosing school lunches with their children send in this form EACH MONDAY with the correct money (either cash or a cheque to DCC) *in an envelope with the date and child's name on it*. I would like to keep on top of payments each week and then bank money much more often. Many thanks to all of those parents who have already adopted this system.

School website: I apologise that this is in need of updating and I am hoping to do this on 14th November with Ms Rousseau.

After school club and Breakfast club: Please can you give in the **booking forms** to the office each Friday with payment of cash or cheques made out to DCC for the following week in a sealed envelope.

SEND:

Mr Parsons, SENDCo, would like to signpost carers/parents to:

Page 1-Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Christmas '22 Programme. **Early booking is advised.**

Page 2-current autism workshops/programmes.

Snippets is now one document, that covers the whole of Devon, which makes it a bit easier.

Mr Parsons
SENDCo Devon Moors Federation



Poppy appeal donations:

Owls class will be managing the donations for the annual Poppy appeal for the Royal British Legion. Paper poppies will be available for a donation before and after school. There are other items which are available such as rulers and wrist bands and it is suggested that a minimum donation of £1 should be given for these items.

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.