



Clyst Hydon Primary School

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'Love Learning, Love Life!'

Confidence and Courage Creativity Compassion Connections Curiosity Communication

Forthcoming Activities and other Information

CLUBS

Breakfast Club Mon – Fri
8 – 8:50am

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

Wednesday 18th May
School Health Team
Height and Weight checks
(Reception and Y6)

CONGRATULATIONS



The winners of our **COMPASSION** certificates this week are:
Polly and Evelyn.

Polly has won her certificate for always showing thoughtful and kind behaviour. She is someone to rely on! Evelyn won her certificate for extremely kind and mature behaviour and asking Oscar if he wanted to join in the conversation at lunchtime.

And the winners of our **COMMUNICATION** certificates this week are: Oscar and Rose. Oscar for his amazing vocabulary and Rose for her ability to listen for and know what a chocolate chip is, is amazing!



PLATINUM

Well done to Noah! He is the first person in school to win a Platinum badge for 275 stars!

Dear Parents and Friends of Clyst Hydon School

Welcome back to the summer term. The sun has been shining, there are a plethora (more on that later!) of flowers and birds and insects appearing in and around school and the children have arrived back at school after the Easter break full of energy, and as delightful and ready to learn as ever.

New administrator: We have happily welcomed our new administrator, and breakfast club leader this week. Mrs Sarah Clarke has had a really varied and interesting career including having been a primary school teacher for many years; working for the British Council near to Trafalgar Square; working as a Librarian and selling Perfume in John Lewis! More recently she has worked for the University of Exeter and has also previously been a school administrator. She therefore comes to our school with a wide range of experience, which we are hugely grateful for and really welcome. She likes and understands small village schools and with her love of nature and in particular birds she has fitted in to the staff team very well and has already made quite an impact. I hope you have had, or will have, the chance to meet Mrs Clarke over the next week or so – please feel free to pop in and introduce yourself at the start or end of the day if you haven't already had the chance to do so. Mrs Clarke will be working every day but has Tuesday and Friday afternoons off.

Library update: We're not there yet...but we are getting closer to having our new improved library up and running. Mrs Rensburg has ordered the new bookshelves and they will be delivered on Monday which will be a big step forward as we can then start to put books back on shelves! If anyone has talents in the 'building IKEA furniture department' we would love some help making the shelves once they arrive on Monday. Mrs Rensburg and a small

group of parents really kindly gave up part of their bank holiday to come into school to carry on with the sorting out of items for the library and they also managed to organise books into themes. We are hugely grateful for their help and support and welcome any further support that anyone can offer over the next few weeks to get the library ready by half term. Please see Mrs Rensburg or Miss Rousseau if you think you might be able to offer some time over the next few weeks, to build shelves, organise books on shelves, or help with some of the other areas of the library. We also need any spare chicken wire (new / good condition please) and old newspaper for our 'tree' that is going to be created in the library. If you have either of these items, please drop them off with one of the school staff. Thank you so much – we will get there!

Vocabulary – as you know, one of our school values is Communication and we have been developing our use of high level and specific vocabulary in school, across all areas of the curriculum. To help our children to expand their vocabulary and to be able to communicate really effectively both orally and in writing, we now share the key vocabulary for each block of learning at the start of a sequence and we make sure that those key words are learnt and used throughout the sequence. We use retrieval activities to keep going over the key vocabulary and we also come back to it at the end of a sequence to ensure that the children's learning is deep and lasting.

I also share a new and aspirational word with the whole school in my Monday assembly. Last week we had the word EXHILARATED/ EXHILARATING and we shared our ideas for things that we found exhilarating, or made us exhilarated. I then asked the children to see if they could use that word in school over the next week, or at home – did any of you hear your child saying they were exhilarated?

This week, the word I have shared (or the phrase really) is 'A PLETHORA OF'. We talked about the meaning of this: 'a huge variety of' 'a large amount of' and then looked at situations where you could use this vocabulary. Once again, please do let us know if you hear your child using this phrase instead of 'lots of', or have a go at using it yourselves this week. I will let you know what our Word of the Week is, each time I write the newsletter, so that you can support this work to expand and deepen our children's vocabulary.



Ukraine

We are really pleased to learn that members of our school community have been kind enough to welcome Ukrainian families into their homes. If anyone has a family staying with them and would like a school age child to attend our school whilst they are here, we would be delighted to welcome them. Not only do we wish to show the hand of friendship and support to any Ukrainian family staying locally, but we have no doubt that this will also be enriching for our children, as they get to know children from Ukraine. I have already seen how kind some of you have been in offering help and support to the families staying locally and we look forward to doing our part to help any Ukrainian child joining our school, and their family.

SATs

SATs tests for Year 6 take place next week across the country and will then be sent away to be marked. Year 2 SATs tests also need to be completed by the end of May to support a teacher assessment judgement. We make sure these SATs tests are taken in circumstances that are as stress-free as possible for the children.

Joanna Rousseau
Head of School

Thank you from Mrs Stevens

Mrs Stevens sent this message for you all:

Dear Everyone,

Thank you doesn't really cover it, does it?

I think I am amongst one of the very lucky few that have enjoyed my admin career at Clyst Hydon with colleagues whom I respect, with parents who have been supportive and with children who have frustrated, amused and impressed me, possibly in equal measure!

I will be kept busy in my garden, and every time I am either outside or in my greenhouse, I will look upon my beautiful planter and smile, knowing that my memory lives on with an equally beautiful planter at the school!

Thank you so very much to the parents, past and present; staff, past and present and children who contributed and bade me good wishes for my future endeavours, and to everyone who organised the brilliant send off as part of our Easter service. It was lovely to see a few faces from the past amongst the congregation representing families who have long since left the school – this made the event even more special for me.

Now for the part that I hope won't embarrass anyone too much:

Firstly, to School Association, the friends and parents of this school, I have to say a huge thank you. The Otter Nurseries token, planters, the flowers, chocolate, wine and gin (some of you know me so well), what can I say? I appreciate every one of my gifts and will derive great pleasure from all of them for various reasons, and the poppy seeds – they will be scattered and will grow and multiply year on year in the years-to-come, reminding me how wonderful the times have been and how much I mean to each and every one of you.

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

