

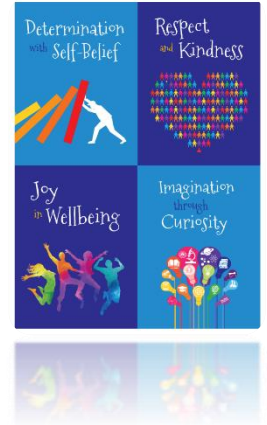


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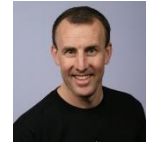
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Newsletter 27th September 2024



Update and New Chapter from the Chair of Governors



I'm pleased to share that we had an excellent full governing body meeting on Wednesday.

This gathering was a testament to our collective dedication and enthusiasm for the school's future. We concentrated heavily on refining our governing body objectives and shaping our forward-looking plan. This focus ensures that we remain aligned with our vision and are well-prepared to support the school's ongoing growth and success.

After serving as Chair of Governors since January 2022, it's time to begin a new chapter with Jason Livingston taking on the role. Jason brings a wealth of experience and fresh perspectives that I am confident will greatly benefit our community. I am excited about the insights and leadership he will provide as we continue to pursue our goals and support our pupils' success.

I am grateful for the collaboration and support of the governing body, senior leadership team, teachers, staff and the entire school community. Your continued engagement and support for Jason will be invaluable as we move forward together.

My Best Regards,

Chris

Dear Chris

I would like to extend my personal thanks to you and your family for your commitment to Claremont. You have been a great support to the governors and me. It has been truly appreciated.

I look forward to working alongside Jason moving forward and know that you will also support him in his transition into the role.

Warmest wishes, Candi

Good afternoon

What a wet but wonderful week!

Bikeability has still gone ahead - groups 3 and 4 have definitely shown **Determination with Self-Belief** this week!

It was my pleasure to host the Parent-led Smartphone Delay session yesterday. It is such a current discussion across the country and so I was delighted that some of you braved the weather to attend. There were opportunities to talk issues through and listen to some interesting facts, experiences and thoughts. Many thanks to Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Jeffries who led the session. If you didn't have an opportunity to join us there is another session led by Mrs Pringle next week.

As the weather has been so wet, **please ensure your child has a coat** with them as we do still go outside.

Have a great weekend! Mrs Roberts and the brilliant Claremont Team!



We are very lucky to have Dawn from Nourish Community Foodbank coming to talk to the children during **our Assembly on Wednesday 2nd October**. We would really like to use this as our **monthly donation for the charity**. Therefore, if the children are able to bring a donation that morning, we will be able to pass that on immediately to the charity. Could they please bring their donations straight to the Hall before going to their classrooms for registration.

I aim to resume our normal donations from November and will send information in advance of those dates as normal.

Thank you in advance for any food donations you are able to spare, we know it is always gratefully received.

Mrs Brookbank

Attendance

Pupil Pass – appointments during the school day

Sometimes your child may need to attend an appointment during the school day. These may be things such as:

- Hospital/GP appointment
- Emergency dental appointment (routine check-ups should be booked out of school hours or during the holidays)
- Music Exams
- School Visits

In these circumstances, it is important that we receive a completed **Pupil Pass Request Form** with at least 24 hours' notice and where possible evidence of the appointment.

The forms are available from outside the school office or electronically at [Claremont Primary School - Forms](#) and can either be handed in at the office or a copy emailed to admin@claremont.kent.sch.uk. An authorised pass will then be returned to your child to bring home.

In the case of a last minute emergency appointment please call or email the office. A Pupil Pass form is not required in this instance.

Steph Kirk
Attendance Officer

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On Friday 18th October 2024, we are supporting the the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity Show Racism the Red Card for the second year.

This charity was established in January 1996 thanks in part to a donation by then Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop. Shaka was at a petrol station near St James' Park when he was confronted with a group of young people shouting racist abuse at him. After one of the group realised that they had been shouting at Shaka Hislop, the Newcastle United football player, they came over to ask for an autograph.

We would like to invite everyone to wear something red (with home clothes) for the day for a voluntary donation of £1 which is on the School Gateway. We will be doing some activities in school linked to this on the day.

For more information or to donate via their website, please visit: [Home - Show Racism the Red Card](#)

Our Vision is to provide: a hub of educational excellence and innovation, supporting and valuing everyone

SUPERSONIC Spelling Stars

We have been successfully using Supersonic Phonics Friends to support children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 with Phonics to learn how to read and write for the last two years. We have seen our Phonics Screener results rise steadily due to our consistent approach to teaching and our children make fantastic progress.

In order to support all children across the school effectively, we have extended our Supersonic provision to include the 'Spelling Stars' program for children in Years 3-6. The children will access a familiar resource as they grow through the school and we are certain that a consistent approach to the teaching of spelling will ensure good progression in spelling for *all* our children.

Supersonic Spelling Stars uses the same words as the National Curriculum so you may not see much difference in which words are coming home, however, the word patterns will be grouped slightly differently and learnt over a one- or two-week block. Here is what Spelling Stars say:

"...Supersonic Spelling Stars has developed high quality lessons and resources that are aligned with the National Curriculum Statutory Spelling Appendices to support both spelling and reading. Every objective stated in the National Curriculum has been broken down and, ideally, can be taught over two weeks to enable an authentic learning experience, achieve mastery, extend vocabulary and make that crucial link between reading and spelling."

We want our children to be secure in their spelling knowledge and understanding of the English language and then use these correctly in their independent writing – not just learning spellings to pass their spelling test!

"The purpose of our approach is to ensure that children can use and apply these words in context, extend their vocabulary and improve the overall composition of their writing, using more adventurous vocabulary, and subsequently combining this with learning how to spell words technically and correctly."

If your child is in Years 3-6, they will have their first set of Spelling Stars words to learn on Monday 30th September. Look out for the word list on your class TEAMS page!

Thank you for your on-going support,

Miss Oliver and Mrs Knight
English Team

