

Clifton All Saints Academy Newsletter

1/3/2024

'Be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16 v 13-14

It was lovely to welcome you all back this week to school after a much needed half term break. I hope you all enjoyed some family time together.

Before half term Birch Class enjoyed a visit from PC Shaw. The children learnt about the role of a Police Officer, which numbers to call in an emergency, what services are available to help us, how the police help us and what we need to do in an emergency. They also enjoyed trying on the hats and jackets and having a sit in a real life police car. I would like to thank Mr Shaw for giving up his time for a second year to support our curriculum. I would also like to thank Miss Pepper and Miss Seemarks for organising such a wonderful learning experience for the children.

This week you will have received topic webs via ClassDojo. The topic webs will show you what your children are learning across the curriculum this half term. They also include optional homework tasks that you can complete at home together with your child. For more information on curriculum plans please take a look at our website where you will find the Long Term Plans for each class:

<https://www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk/our-curriculum/>

Please could I also encourage you to take the time to complete our Pre-School Consultation feedback form before it closes on the 11th March. We would like to capture as many views as possible during this time to help inform our decision making process.

<https://forms.gle/1iRof9pdp88xheDB8>



Diary Dates

March 2024

3rd	National Day of Reflection
6th	Year 3 & 4 girls football festival (10 selected pupils only)
7th	World Book Day
8th - 17th	British Science week
8th	Live lesson with Developing Experts
11th - 22nd	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Event 2024
14th	Year 3 local walk
15th	Red Nose Day PTA Adult only quiz night
18th - 20th	Year 6 Grafham Water residential
22nd	KS1 Rugby Skills Festival (12 selected pupils only)
25th	PTA Sponsored Bunny Hop Bounce
26th	Parents Evening Whole school road safety assembly
27th	Juniper, Maple, Olive & Pal morning church service Ash, Birch & Cedar afternoon church service
28th	Last day of spring term

April 2024

1st - 15th	Easter Holidays
15th	Training day (staff only in school)
16th	Children back in school
18th	KS2 Open classrooms

May 2024

7th	Year 3 faith tour
13th - 17th	National SATs Week
15th	Class photographs
20th - 24th	Walk to school week
22nd	Year 6 Transfer Festival



We are really excited about the introduction of a new school house system at Clifton All Saints Academy but we need your help!

To enable us to set up the new system, we would like to invite all of our pupils, parents and carers to be involved by completing the google form via the link below with your child.

<https://forms.gle/2BxX5Pk62yUJSugQA>

We look forward to your responses.

It can be tricky knowing when your child should be attending school and when you should be keeping them at home. In school we follow guidance from the Public Health Agency and the NHS have now produced a very user friendly website to help all parents.

If you are looking for guidance on if your child should be in school or not, take a look at the new NHS website '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)'

This covers the basic illnesses in children. Office staff are also still available to answer any queries.

National Day of Reflection

National Day of Reflection: Sunday 3rd March 11am.

This coming Sunday 3 March 2024, at All Saints Church we will be remembering in our morning service the fourth annual Day of Reflection, in a special moment to remember everyone who died during the pandemic, whatever the cause.

If you lost a loved one during this time for any reason, come and place their name on a leaf on the Memory tree or tie a yellow ribbon to the Reflection tree in the church porch.

Join us in a minute silence, during the prayers.

Every Blessing

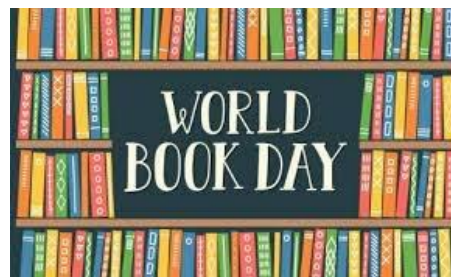
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Clifton All Saints Academy will be taking part in this years Big Walk and Wheel which runs from Monday 11 March to Friday 22 March. We would like to encourage all pupils, teachers and parents to walk, wheel, ride their bikes or scooters to school for this years challenge.

This is Sustrans 15th year of the Big Walk and Wheel event which tries to make everyone have an active journey to school, improve air quality where they live and help them to discover how these changes benefit their world.

The challenge is free to take part.



Thursday 7 March 2024

This World Book Day, the theme is 'reading for pleasure' and this is an ideal that we try to instill in the children at Clifton All Saints Academy.

We are fully aware that there is a cost of living crisis at the moment so we will not be insisting that children dress up. However, should your child wish to decorate a t-shirt with a book theme, they are welcome to or wear a costume to school they are welcome to.

In school, we will be celebrating the day by asking the children to take part in some of the following activities:-

- work with other year groups to listen to/read stories
- Take part in a book related scavenger hunt.
- Join in with a quiz appropriate to their age group
- Blind read - books will be wrapped up in brown paper with only the blurb to read. Children choose a book based purely on the blurb
- Design a book character for their own story
- Dramatise the class text
- Spend time simply looking at books with their friends.

The School Council will be running a design bookmark competition, based on their favourite book or book character. Children can work on their entries over half term and bring them in on or before World Book Day.

We always love World Book Day at Clifton All Saints Academy and can't wait for this year.

Every child should have come home with a World Book Day token on Friday 16 March 2024.



Friday 15 March is Red Nose Day and this year we would like to ask, in exchange for a £1.00 donation for the children to come to school wearing mufti with at least one item being red. All donations should be made via the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13459>

This makes sure that all monies raised go direct to Red Nose Day.

During the day the pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a Red Nose Day activity. We will keep you updated on the final amount raised.

Parents Evening Update

Letters have now been sent home to all parents regarding the forthcoming parents evening on Tuesday 26th March 2024 from 2pm - 8pm.

We would appreciate your feedback to Mrs Francis in the office and if you should have any problems, please do contact her so she can work with you to rectify them ASAP.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again and updating you on how your child is progressing.

After School Clubs - February - March

Don't forget, there is still time to book on the following After school Clubs for this half term:

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Multi Sports - Tuesday 27 February - Tuesday 26 March, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Book: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/1417-867572/>

Year R, 1 & 2 Multi Sports - Wednesday 28 February - Wednesday 27 February, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Book: <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/1417-867576/>

Year 1, 2 & 3 Football Club - Thursday 29 February - Thursday 28 February, 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Book via ParentPay

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football Club - Friday 1 March - Friday 22 March, 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Book via ParentPay

French Lunchtime Club

Would you like your child to learn French?

If so, you can now sign up for them to attend after February half term. Take a look at the flyer below for full details. Spaces are limited so please be quick. Existing pupils will be automatically enrolled and an invoice will be sent to secure their space.

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French Lunchtime Club

No sitting at desks
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French lunchtime Club this Spring Term

Wednesdays
EYFS & Beginners
12:00-12:30pm

Wednesdays
Intermediate
12:30-1:00pm

£30 for a half term block of classes.

Places are limited so please click [HERE](#) to book online or get in touch for more information.

www.bilinguasing.com louise@bilinguasing.com

Drama Club

We are really pleased to inform you that Drama Club with Dini will continue in the summer term. Please see information from Dini below along with a link to her website for booking:

Drama Club

Dini can't wait to teach you all at Clifton All Saints. Professional TV and stage actress Davina, known as Dini, has been teaching for 20 years and teaches in many theatre schools including Emil Dale in Hitchin. Dini's classes centre around the 4 C's which are Confidence, Concentration, Communication and Coordination. These core elements help children thrive both in and out of school as well as have a lot of fun! Check out my website for more info on me <https://www.dinisshowstoppers.com/>

Tuesdays 3.30 to 4.30

April 16th to July 16th £65 Year 1-6

Brand new booking system through the website!!! Be fast, only 20 places available, first come first serve! <https://www.dinisshowstoppers.com/>



Professional and Parent Insight Session

Home Start

Information about session

- Supporting Local Children
- Since our charity's formation, we have helped thousands of young children and families struggling to cope with...
- Disabilities and additional needs including children with autism and ADHD.
- Domestic violence and abuse
- Hunger, poor nutrition, neglect
- Bereavement
- Poverty, financial issues and unsafe environments
- Mental ill health
- ...and more

Time and date of sessions

Thursday 7th March 2024

4-5pm

On Microsoft Teams.

Link will be sent out the day before session to join.



Any additional information


Learn more about the EPEC courses and how to refer to Home Start.

Find out about the wide range of support offered.

Register for your place via the link below:
<https://forms.office.com/e/AmiCW66m>

Please contact us by email if you have any further queries:
earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



Benefits


Parent Insight Session


Are you receiving all the benefits you are eligible for?

Do you find benefits confusing?

Did you know about the free benefits calculator?

Come along to our information session on entitledto's free benefit calculator






Monday 22nd April 2024

1.30 - 2.30pm

Online via Microsoft Teams



Guest Speaker
 Lisa Sinclair from Department of Work & Pensions (DWP)



Free to attend

Register for your place via the link below or scan QR code:
<https://forms.office.com/e/cSld2e4Mrj>

Please contact us by email if you have any further queries:
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Professional Insight Session

Benefits

Are you supporting families who need support around benefits?

Do you assist people in financial need?

Are you finding benefits and eligibility confusing?

Do you know about the free benefits calculator?

Are you aware of the affordability calculator?


Time and date of sessions

Tuesday 23rd April 2024

1.30-2.30pm



Online session via Microsoft Teams

Guest speakers from the Department of Work & Pensions


Register for your place via the link below or scan the QR code.
<https://forms.office.com/e/00wv0bpaAE>

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YEARS**

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And Finally...



I hope you have a lovely weekend with your families.

Miss Byrne