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Weekly Newsletter

W/e 12th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so wonderful to welcome the children all back into school this week! They have settled well and are getting into really good routines of handwashing and keeping socially distanced from other year group bubbles when moving around the school. We would like to thank you for your support over this first week.

As you are probably aware, it is Red Nose Day next Friday, 19th March. We would like to be able to support this worthwhile charity by organising a non-uniform day on Friday, 19th March. There will be collection buckets at both gates for any donation that you can make towards the charity.

We need to remember that although children have returned to school, the lockdown remains. As a staff team we have worked very hard to ensure that the rules are followed within the school grounds. I would like to thank you for wearing masks and keeping socially distanced from others during pick-ups and drop offs. As we are told during the daily briefings from the Government, if we are all able to stick to the rules, the dates planned for the easing of lockdown will remain.

Thank you,
Mrs Cowell-Clark

This information is taken from the daily update received from the Department for Education:

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Schools should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have. Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Contacting us

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Calls can be made to school from 8:30am – 4.30pm on **01777 708065**.

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other administrative query should be directed to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Finance queries should be directed to: finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

And IT support queries should be sent to: itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Government Guidance

We have included the below link to the Government website which states the current Government guidance we all need to still be following under the national lockdown. Please take a few minutes to have a read of this guidance.

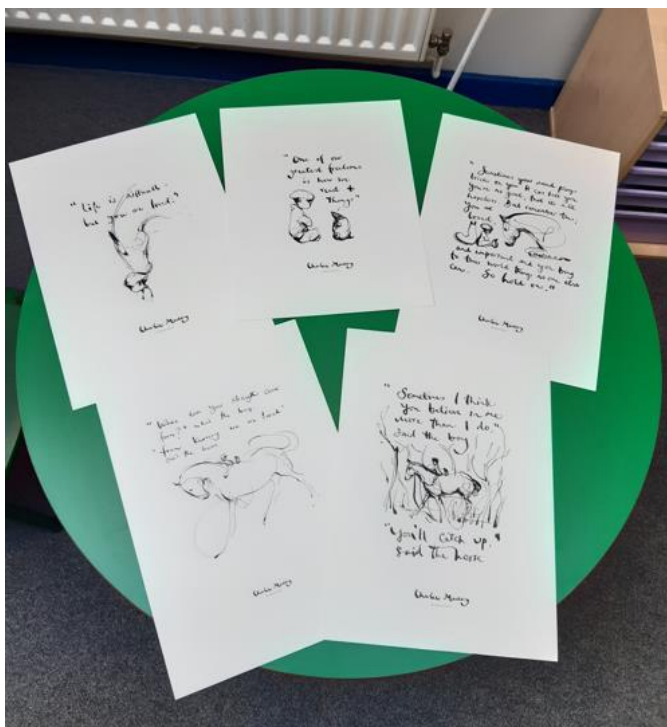
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National Online Safety

Every week, National Online Safety (NOS) produce informative posters highlighting a specific online item. This week they have mentioned 'WhatsApp'.

A separate Parentmail will be sent out to you with the full information poster on this. Please take a few minutes to read through this information.





Thank you!

We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to Mr Hitchcock who has kindly gifted us some Charlie Mackesy prints.

They are beautiful and we can't wait to proudly display them in school!

The British Bird Project

Our whole school project, the British Bird Project, has been an amazing success this week! The children have really enjoyed watching the bird cam and identifying the many different types of birds that are feeding from our bird feeder.

Around the school, the children have enjoyed producing bird fact files, making binoculars, sketching different birds and making bird feeders.



The whole school project has definitely helped bring us together without being together during our first week back and we are looking forward to seeing more exciting footage on our bird cam!

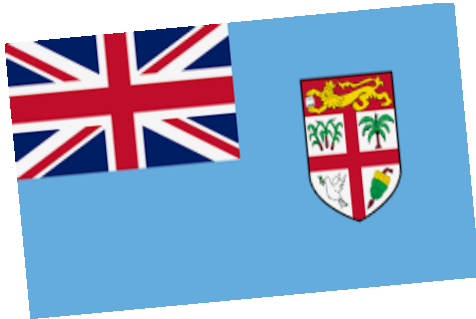


Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)

Well what an absolute joy it has been to welcome the children back this week. The Nursery has been buzzing again and although we are all tired, with each passing day, the sense of returning back to normal gets stronger. This week we have been focusing on hand washing(!) and keeping clean so there have been lots of messy activities to encourage scrubbing at the sinks afterwards.

Next week, we will broaden the theme to keeping other things clean and are planning to have our own role play launderette. We are going to use the hilarious book 'Pants' as a starting point - look out for some wacky ideas!

Reception Bubble Group (Suva)



It has been so lovely to have all the children back together this week, and it has been obvious how pleased they are to be back and able to play and talk together again. We have been concentrating on getting used to our routines and rules again and remembering how to play together and share. We have also been thinking about how important it is to keep clean and have been practising washing our hands thoroughly.

Next week, we will continue to think about the importance of keeping our clothes, school and homes clean, as well as measuring the children's brains to help us to plan what learning we need to focus on over the next few weeks.

Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)



Wow, what a fantastic week we have had in Seoul Class! It has been so lovely to see you all and be back together as a class.

We have completed a lovely picture together. All the children did really well in colouring a section of the picture and then we pieced it back together to symbolise us being back as a whole class and working together once again.

We have talked a lot about respect this week; what it means to be respectful and what this might look like in our classroom, in the playground and around school.



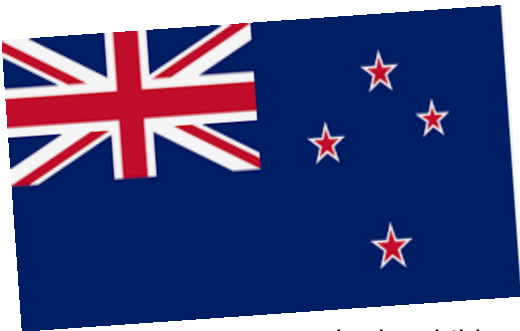
As a school this week, we have been looking and learning about birds we might find in our gardens and local areas. We have learnt some bird names so please talk to your children and see what names they can remember. The children have all enjoyed making different bird feeders as well. We hope they are now hung in your gardens for you to watch and see what birds you can spot. One afternoon we also watched a video on how to draw a bird, the children followed each step to draw their own bird and then added the detail to them.

Next week, we will be looking at the story 'Under the Love Umbrella'. Using this book, the children will create their own umbrella through their Art lesson, focusing on the use of mark making and how different lines can be used for effect.

In Maths, we will introduce capacity and volume. The children will be looking at how we measure the volume of water using capacity and how different sized objects can hold different amounts.

Next week, the children will have their spelling test and their new spellings handed out. These are glued in their diaries for them to practice at home – please check their diary for this week's spellings.

Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)



It has been a fun-filled week and such a pleasure to welcome all the children back to school. It has been lovely to see them playing and chatting with their friends and getting to know each other again. We have enjoyed lots of mini circle-time games, creating our own Lockdown Rainbow, beginning our bird watching project and giving lots of compliments to each other.

Next week, the children will continue to monitor the live feed from our bird feeder to see what types of birds come to visit. We have already spotted a blue tit, a robin and a sparrow! We will create our own binoculars. If you have any spare toilet roll tubes, it would be great to bring these in for the beginning of next week.

Before Lockdown, Wellington Class took part in a research project to see what impact Covid-19 and Lockdown has had on their learning. We did this through assessments and questionnaires. Next week, we will complete further assessments as part of this project. These will be completed in bite-size chunks alongside well-being activities and our class book 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival. They will look at scenes from the story and decide what feeling is created, as well as talking about their own thoughts and feelings. The children will continue to look at the word 'respect' and what this means, creating new classroom and playtime rules.

Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)



Firstly, I'd like to say a huge well done Zagreb class! They have all come back ready and focused to start their learning. They have all had such a great week carrying out the British Bird project. Thank you so much to all of the parents for responding to their child's Seesaw too, they have loved being able to have that connection to home whilst being back in

the classroom.

Next week in their English, the children will be reading 'The Chocolate Tree' and will be producing character and setting descriptions. In Clarborough Curriculum, they will be exploring Mayan writing and their numerical system.

In Maths and GPS, they will be undertaking assessments to identify gaps in their knowledge. However, this will look very different to our usual assessments as they will be given in very small chunks throughout the week, and the children will not be told they are assessments.

Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)



This week, Year 4 have had a fantastic time making their own binoculars and hunting for birds on the school grounds. It was great to see their understanding of how food chains work and there has been some amazing silhouette bird art created.

Next week, Year 4 will continue their learning by looking at the beautiful text 'The Invisible'. There will be lots of art tasks (in particular, making umbrella art) to complete as well as continuing with Science and some Maths tasks to identify gaps in their learning. Mrs Garton will be recording herself for each lesson and also making contact via Teams, like last week. She will also be available Tuesday to Thursday to contact and mark any work on Seesaw.

Next week, we will also be continuing with our work from 'Felix after the Rain'. The children will create some art work using colours that match the mood of Felix, throughout the story. They will also be creating a coloured collage associated with a special person they know which will go alongside a well-structured explanation of that special person.

Don't forget to access the Spelling Shed as the new spellings are live for next week, when Year 4 will be tested on a Thursday.

Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)



It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome the children back to class happy and eager to learn!

Next week, they will complete some baseline assessments in English and Maths, which will be used to identify gaps in learning and enable us to adapt our planning appropriately.

Now that the camera is fully operational in our outdoor bird box, we will be participating in a variety of activities as part of the British Bird Project and will hopefully be able to identify and name some common garden birds.

Our weekly virtual session with Doncaster Rovers has Nutrition and Hydration as a focus and the children will learn all about the benefits of good nutrition and keeping hydrated.

We will continue to play a variety of games and activities to support social skills and remember how to: collaborate, communicate, negotiate and compromise.



Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)

It has been great to have all the Year 6 children back in the classroom together and ready to get stuck into their learning.

In Maths next week, we will be looking at shape and space. We will focus on symmetry and translation.

In English, the children will be linking adverbs and adverbial clauses and will compose a piece of writing on how to join a pirate crew.

In Science, we will be looking at animals that defy classification and in Topic we will start an introduction to the Iron Age.

PSHE will cover Global Citizenship and water and our virtual session with Doncaster Rovers will focus on nutrition and hydration.



Breakfast club, wraparound care, 30hours and lunches need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club, Wraparound and lunches please email Mrs Hardie on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Please note for all of those attending school, if your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they should remain at home. Please follow the link below to find more information about this:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>