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## **Weekly Newsletter**

W/e 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week seems to have flown by! I am sure, like us, you have been busy preparing for school fully re-opening and we can't wait to welcome the children back to school!

As you will have seen in the handbook, many of the plans we had in place in September remain the same. I hope that it has answered any questions that you might have had about the return to school. Perhaps, like me, you have been checking if their school uniforms still fit, whether you can find PE shirts or just wondering how they will manage a whole day without wanting 20 snacks! On a serious note though, please remember to get in touch with any questions you may have.

Please let me remind you of our drop off and pick up times:

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| Nursery | Arrive at school via the main gate at 8:55 am                        |
| FS2     | Arrive at school via the main gate at 9.05am                         |
| Y1      | Arrive at school via the main gate at 8:45 am                        |
| Y2      | Arrive at school via the village hall gate at 9:15 am                |
| Y3      | Arrive at school via the main gate at 9:15 am                        |
| Y4      | Arrive at school via the village hall gate at 9.05am                 |
| Y5      | Arrive at school via the village hall gate at 8:45 am                |
| Y6      | Arrive at school via the village hall gate at 8:55 am                |
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| Nursery | Collected via the main gate at 12:00 pm (or 3:30 pm for 30-hrs care) |
| FS2     | Collected via the main gate at 3:20 pm                               |
| Y1      | Collected via the main gate at 3:00 pm                               |
| Y2      | Collected via the village hall gate at 3:30 pm                       |
| Y3      | Collected via the main gate at 3:30 pm                               |
| Y4      | Collected via the village hall gate at 3:20 pm                       |
| Y5      | Collected via the village hall gate at 3:00 pm                       |
| Y6      | Collected via the village hall gate at 3:10 pm                       |

Please ensure that you follow these times. This ensures that all our children get in to school safely and on time and it does not affect other drop off and pick up slots.

I would like to encourage you to wear a mask at drop off and pick up times and please remember to leave once your child is at the waiting point to support social distancing.

## **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.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you next week,  
Mrs Cowell-Clark

### **Contacting us**

Please remember the email address for support with well-being or behaviour concerns is: [parentalsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

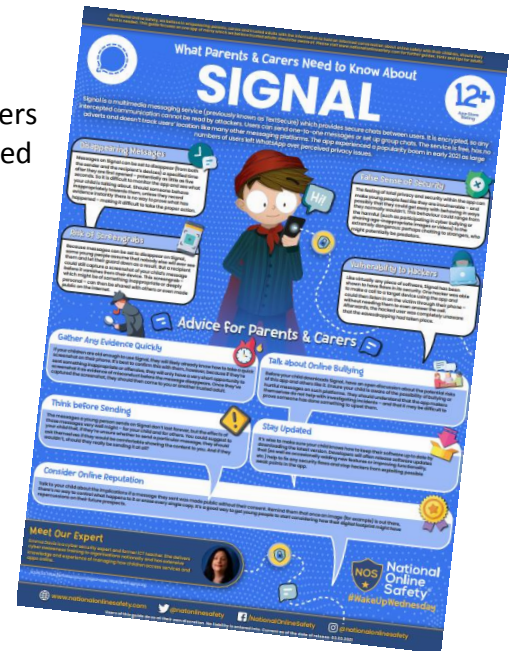
Finance queries should be directed to: [finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

And IT support queries should be sent to: [itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk](mailto:itsupport@clarborough.notts.sch.uk)

## National Online Safety

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

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.

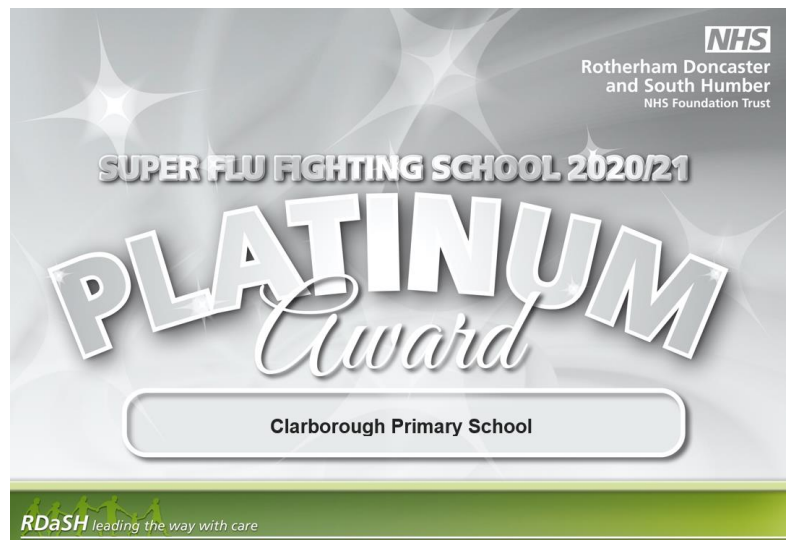


## Flu Award – certificate

We have been presented a Platinum Award certificate from Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Trust in recognition of our outstanding achievement by participating in the flu vaccination programme 2020/2021.

We would like to thank you all for your support and willingness to help the Immunisation Team during these very challenging times. It was extremely important all those eligible were protected from seasonal Flu to prevent further pressures on the NHS.

Go #TeamClarborough!



## The British Bird Project



Next week is British Science week and before Christmas Mrs Holmes applied to receive a grant to fund a whole school project. The project had to be viable for remote learning and classroom teaching so we bought a bird camera, nesting box and feeder.

Our whole school project is called the British Bird Project. The main aim is to produce a bird fact file and complete other fun projects and activities such as making binoculars, sketching different birds, making bird feeders. Mrs Holmes and Mrs Brown will also be making a bird hide so the different classes can have a look around this.

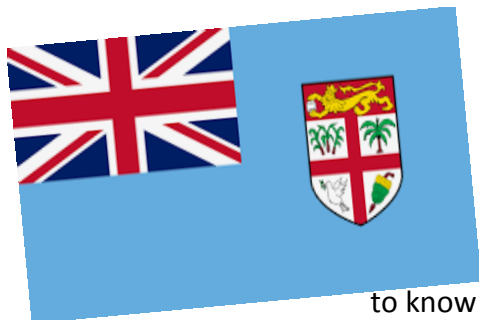
As it will be our first week back in school, we thought a whole school project will bring us together without being together; siblings will be able to discuss their experiences and families can spot and watch the birds when they get home too.



### **Nursery and 30hrs Bubble Group (Dakar)**

Well we are so excited to be welcoming everyone in our class back on Monday and our focus is going to be 'Keeping Clean'. We will be thinking about good hygiene habits – which has never been more important than now. You can help at home by establishing the 'Tap On, Tap Off' routine when washing hands. Although it's been a real slog at times I can see the children have made wonderful progress!

### **Reception Bubble Group (Suva)**



We are so excited about the return to school next week and can't wait to see all of the children together again!

Our Topic focus will be about keeping ourselves clean and healthy, and we will also be reminding the children of our classroom routines and rules. Most importantly of all we will be spending lots of time getting to know each other again, rebuilding friendships and having lots of fun!

Once again we would like to thank you so much for all of your support during this latest lockdown and especially for all of the amazing work that you have been doing with your children. If you have any issues or concerns about your child returning to school please don't hesitate to contact us and we will try our best to help. See you next week!

### **Year 1 Bubble Group (Seoul)**



We cannot wait to have you back in school next week Year 1 - we will have lots of fun being back together in the classroom! We are going to be spending some time catching up with each other and learning to be part of a class back in the classroom again, reminding each other of our rules and routines etc.

As well as all of this we will be continuing to learn our sounds and tricky words in phonics as well as your weekly spellings 'a-e' and 'e-e' split digraphs. We will hand out the new spellings and put these in their planners to learn at home. We will be finding out some more about the seasons we experience in the UK and hopefully finding out some more about our famous person in topic.

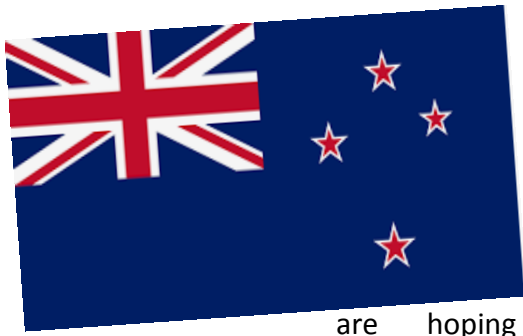
In Computing we are starting our new topic on E-safety. This will continue until the end of term.

In Art, we will be looking at the artist Kandinsky and recreate his style of art by using lots of different colours to create a variety of circles.

In Maths, we are continuing our topic on mass. The children will be using balancing scales to compare the mass of different objects and make records of this. This will be a hands-on activity that will consolidate the learning that took place at home.

We hope you all have a great weekend and we shall see you on Monday!

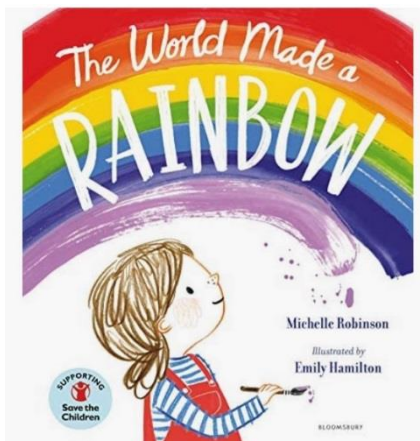
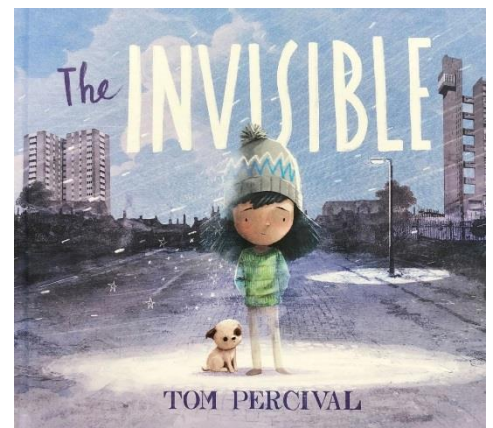
## Year 2 Bubble Group (Wellington)



As we prepare for school to reopen fully, I would just like to thank parents and carers again for your dedication and support with Seesaw and completing the home learning activities that have been set each day.

I am very excited to welcome Wellington Class back into school and the first week will be about rebuilding relationships, team building and establishing routines within the classroom and school day. We are hoping to spend lots of time outside playing games.

We will be using the text 'The Invisible' by Tom Percival to discuss the feeling of belonging and feeling 'invisible' as well as creating a gratitude jar. We will talk about the importance of community and what it would be like to walk in somebody else's shoes.



We will also read 'The World Made a Rainbow' by Michelle Robinson and create our own giant rainbow to share our experience of lockdown.

The children will be introduced to our bird box set up by Mrs Holmes and will complete activities linked to our whole school bird project.

## Year 3 Bubble Group (Zagreb)



I'm very excited to be welcoming Zagreb class back into school (9:15am - 3:30pm at the main entrance). We will be focusing on getting back into our routine, including regular hand washing, lining up and respecting people around us. We will also be focusing on kindness, patience and what makes a good friend.

We are very lucky this term to have Mrs Brown (from Year 6) joining us every morning in class.

Next week is British Science week, our whole school focus is on British birds. The children will be participating in a range of exciting activities over the week and will be producing their own fact file booklets.

In Maths, we will be recapping some of the methods taught so far this term so we can ensure knowledge is embedded before we move on.

In Clarborough Curriculum, we will be continuing our learning on the Mayan civilisation and will be encouraging the use of our outdoor space by providing lots of practical activities outside. It will be really important that your child dresses for the weather, including bringing a coat daily, as this will allow them to freely access the outside space safely and keep them warm when we are outside doing our practical activities.

### **Year 4 Bubble Group (Riga)**



Next week, Year 4 will be taking part in the British Science week which will focus on the topic 'birds'. They will have a chance to make their own binoculars, spend time outside on the school grounds birdwatching, as well as complete bird research and art, which will be compiled in their very own bird fact booklet. It will also be a great opportunity for the Year 4s to look more in-depth at how food chains work, especially understanding what happens when we eliminate part of a food chain.

What your child will need: please make sure you bring in 2 toilet roll tubes to make their very own binoculars!

Next week, we will be focusing our work around the book 'Felix after the Rain'. This is a beautiful book full of colours and pictures helping us to understand Felix's emotions, and why he's feeling this way. Looking at this book will help the children to have an understanding of their own feelings and those around us. It is important that the children are able to identify their own emotions and to offer compassion and support in those situations.

We have lots of activities planned in connection with this book including: making their own nets to create a suitcase for Felix to put his feelings in, creating a personalised box filled with all the things that make them unique, listening to music and responding in a way which summarises how Felix is feeling, and having group discussions about how people feel and the triggers for these emotions.

This book does touch on bereavement, and how we can feel lost and sad when someone has gone. Please be assured that this book also looks at positive emotions and other aspects.

In Topic, we will be continuing our Settlers topic and identifying different settlements from invaders in the past. We will be using maps to identify these areas and compare different settlements from the Romans, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.

In Maths, we will be revisiting skills that we have learnt during the lock down. This week we will be revisiting the subject of 'area', and how to find the area of different shapes.

There will still be opportunities to take part in the Spelling Shed quizzes from home, before we complete our spelling tests on Thursday afternoon. Please do continue to check Seesaw as the children's work will be posted on here daily, as well as marking and feedback from teachers.

## Year 5 Bubble Group (Caracas)



We are so excited to be welcoming you all back to school next week after what feels like such a long time.

Our learning for next week will focus heavily on behaviour, rules, routines and social skills with RESPECT being the key theme linked to our Golden Rule.

At some point over the next two weeks, we will do some baseline assessments to help us identify the gaps in learning in English and Maths. We will also be making the most of the nicer weather (hopefully) and getting outdoors where possible.

Next week is British Science Week and Mrs Holmes has introduced a whole school project called the British Bird Project, which we will also be taking part in.

Enjoy your weekend and see you Monday!

## Year 6 Bubble Group (Havana)



I'm so looking forward to seeing all of you in school on Monday in person.

Over the first few days we will be making sure that everyone is clear on the Golden Rules and expected behaviours now we are back in our bubble. This will focus specifically on respect.

English is going to focus on descriptive writing and up-levering language.

Maths is focusing on statistics and interpreting data. There will also be some assessment over the first two weeks to see what we need to focus on in English and Maths.

Topic is going to focus on religion in the Bronze and Iron Age.

We will also be doing some music composition. We will continue to look at species classification in Science and have another session with Doncaster Rovers.



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](mailto: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/>