



Clarendon Junior School January 2025 Newsletter

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Message from Emma Brown



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all. The children have settled back into the school routines very quickly and are working hard across all of their lessons. Already this term, I have handed out lots of certificates to children in assembly recognising their hard work, perseverance and resilience.

This term is another busy one with a few different events taking place in and out of school. For this reason, we have decided to postpone the Valentines Disco until after half term. Also, our School Council would like to help organise the event which we welcome! Once we have the date and timings, we will be letting you know.

Our next Parents Evening is fast approaching and your child will be bringing home a letter informing you of the date and time. Please ensure you return your preferred time to your

child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to talk about your child's progress.

I'm excited for this term and, once again, feel truly privileged to be in this position, working with your children.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Brown

Dodgeball Tournament



10 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in a Dodgeball Festival at Wellington Academy on Wednesday 22nd January. Participating in a league with four other teams, they were quick to understand the rules and skills needed to win each game and competed respectfully, showing fantastic teamwork. They came top in their league and won 1st prize. Well done to the team!

Time Out for Parents - Children with Additional Needs virtual course starting soon!



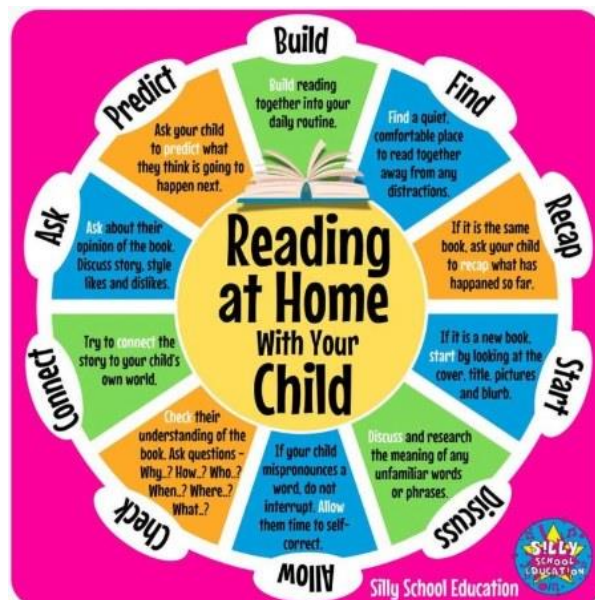
Course overview:

Sessions provide an opportunity for parents and carers to support and encourage each other, helping by sharing feelings and experiences, and come up with solutions to problems on the basis of what works – not what’s meant to work! Discussions are based around real-life scenarios, and each session includes space to plan any changes which parents/carers wish to make in their parenting and from week two, an opportunity to discuss how that’s working.

We will:

- look at life living with a child who has additional needs, helping them reach their potential
- consider how to boost self-esteem through play and learning
- respond with good listening
- how our parenting style affects our children’s responses
- explore how we can talk to children about their condition, other people’s reactions to them and recognising and coping with feelings.
- look at the many reasons behind behaviour, the vital subject of setting boundaries, why children need them and why they can be hard to set.
- Look at the value of routines, praise, and consistency.

Reading at Home



Please see some information about how best to read at home with your child. As you are aware, reading is fundamental to our children's learning. The more support children have with their reading, the more fluent they become. We rely on our reading skills across all areas, to be able to access information.

Repairs Liaison Officer



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As **Repairs Liaison Officers (RLO's)** we meet with families face to face in the community usually at housing clinics to help resolve any outstanding repair issues that are in families homes.

We also play a key part in delivering our social value contributions by finding projects that benefit the defence community and supporting in the delivery of them.

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To learn more!

I am Cally, I am a mum of five, I am ex-military personnel, I joined the army as communication systems operator at the age of 16, I am also a military spouse and have been living in SFA since 2011.

I previously worked with temporary accommodation which had its challenges, but after being posted again I wanted to **get back into the working along side the military and their families**. As a wife I understand how difficult it is being away from friends and family, being on your own with or without children while spouses are away a lot it can get very lonely.

WHY I LOVE THE ROLE
I enjoy working for VIVO as a RLO as I can help and support families making their homes safer and a better environment for them. Taken one less stress off the spouses while life can be hard as it is sometimes within the military life, makes me feel good.

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Cally works for VIVO and is a Repairs Liaison Officer who works supporting families who are experiencing issues or difficulties in obtaining repairs for their Service Family accommodation. Please find some additional information about the service on the flyer.

Extra Curricular Clubs Term 4

Our extra curricular clubs will change for Term 4 and they are going to be the following:

- *SATS Booster Class with Miss Bradley and Mrs Wardle, **invitation only, Year 6 children.** Miss Bradley and Mrs Wardle will be liaising directly with you to invite your child along to the booster classes.*
- *Art Club with Miss Giles, all years, (maximum 20 children)*

As you can see, there are a limited number of clubs on offer for Term 4. This is due to Y6 SATs Booster classes.

I will be sending out a form for you to complete if you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs, but I am afraid there will be a limit on the number of places. This is a reminder that once the clubs have started there is no option to be added during the term. Please make sure your child wants to do the club, as we have had some drop out and therefore the space

is wasted. Please assume that unless you have heard otherwise, your child has a place in the club you have selected.

Uniform Expectations



We do encourage school uniform because we feel it helps our children to develop a sense of belonging to our school, and we believe it also makes life a little easier for parents! Our uniform is as follows:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with our school logo*
- Grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt*
- White / blue polo shirt / blouse*
- Sensible flat [safe] black shoes [not trainers]*
- Blue check gingham dresses in the Summer*

Please order directly from our supplier - Brigade (www.brigade.uk.com)

We have noticed some children are starting to wear jewellery in school. This is a reminder that children should not be wearing any jewellery in school unless they have their ears pierced where they are allowed to wear a small pair of studs. Can we please ask that you check before your child/ren leave in the morning that they are not wearing any - thank you.

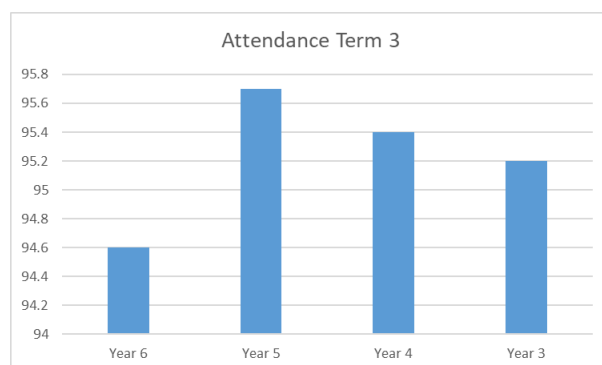
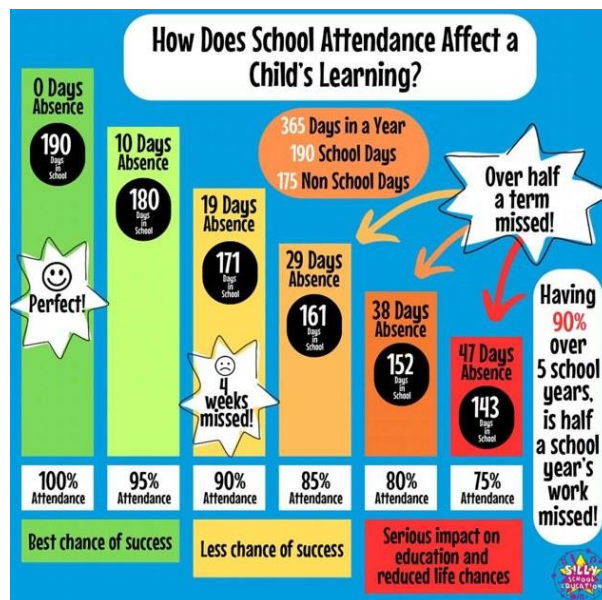
Attendance Update and Absence Reporting

The government have made changes to attendance for school pupils which have come into play from September 2024. A letter was sent out from school prior to the summer holidays summarising these changes. Maintaining a high level of attendance in schools is a high

priority and will be monitored more stringently by local authorities. Absent requests from parent/carers will continue to be looked at individually, however there is a chance that the request will not be authorised. We will continue to work with you around this matter and the changes that have come in from the DfE.

If your child is too unwell to come to school, please email the office on absence@clarendon-jun.wilts.sch.uk to report the absence. Any planned absences, for example holiday, wedding or visiting another school, please follow procedure and complete leave of absent forms. You can also call the office, where you will be directed to the absence reporting line. Please note, if we don't hear from you by 9.30 am then a member of the attendance team will need to make contact with you to ensure everything is ok.

Attendance Term 3



Here is our Junior school attendance for Term 3. The national rate for attendance is currently 94.8% and our attendance as a whole school is 95.2% . Good attendance has direct links to making progress. At Clarendon, we have a weekly award, our attendance bear, which is received by the class with the highest attendance for that week. Promoting good attendance

to all our children is vital and enables success. Thank you to for your ongoing commitment and support around this matter.

As a reminder, please make sure if you are wanting to complete a leave of absence request for your children, please make sure you complete one for the Junior and Infants.

Safeguarding update



We have had an increase of incidents reported about online safety. Please take time to read the following advice for parents and carers about supporting your child around this complex matter. [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD:

Mrs Emma Brown and Mrs Lisa Ashford-Smith

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Westall and Mrs Wendy Riordan

Nominated Governor for Safeguarding, Whistleblowing, Filtering and Monitoring and Online Safety:

Mrs Chantelle Adams

Deputy Teacher for Looked After Children:

Mrs Emma Brown and Mrs Lisa Ashford-Smith

Dates for your diary



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Wednesday 12th February, Parents Evening

W/C 24th February, Parents meetings continued, (times and dates to be confirmed in parental letters)

Monday 17th to 21st February - Half Term

Monday 24th February, start of Term 4

Thursday 27th February - SATS information session, 3:30 - 4:0pm in the School Hall

Easter Disco, date and times TBC

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