



Clarendon Federation School February 2025 Newsletter

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Message from Emma Brown



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening. Your continued support means the world to us and plays a key role in fostering a positive and enriching experience for our children.

As we move forward into the new term, we have lots of exciting events lined up, and we're thrilled to share these opportunities with you and your child. From school trips to special projects, there's so much to look forward to, and we can't wait to see the continued growth and enthusiasm in our children.

Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school community!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Brown

Extra Curricular Clubs Term 5

Our extra curricular clubs will change for Term 5 and they are going to be the following:

- Film Club with Miss Hayday, all years, (maximum 20 children)
- Computing Club with Mrs Longbourne, years 3-6, (maximum 16 children)
- Art Club with Miss Davies, years 5-6, (maximum 20 children)
- Art Club with Miss Gillatt, years 3-4, (maximum 20 children)

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.

Personal and Online Safety

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients. You can WhatsApp your friend, or even your dog, but the new policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted - it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- SCAMS**: Scammers occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to be who you know, including the use of a link to a phishing website. Scammers are using WhatsApp to send you a link to a website that looks like a legitimate one, but it's actually a scam. Scammers are using WhatsApp to send you a link to a website that looks like a legitimate one, but it's actually a scam.
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES**: Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 2, 7, 24 hours or 90 days. If you're not careful, you could lose important information. If you're not careful, you could lose important information.
- ENABLING FAKE NEWS**: WhatsApp has unfortunately been used to spread fake news. In 2018, WhatsApp was used to spread fake news. In 2018, WhatsApp was used to spread fake news.
- POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING**: Group chats and video calls are a great way to connect with friends, but they can also be used for bullying. Group chats and video calls are a great way to connect with friends, but they can also be used for bullying.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**: To check a WhatsApp chat, you only need the phone number of the other person who is messaging you. To check a WhatsApp chat, you only need the phone number of the other person who is messaging you.
- LOCATION SHARING**: The 'Live Location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. The 'Live Location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**: Even though WhatsApp doesn't need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's still worth being careful. Even though WhatsApp doesn't need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's still worth being careful.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING**: If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using WhatsApp. If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using WhatsApp.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS**: Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true.
- LEAVE A GROUP**: If you think it is a good idea that you're being added to a group chat, or you're being added to a group chat, or you're being added to a group chat.
- THINK ABOUT LOCATION**: If your child posts a message that says they're in a certain location, they should be careful. If your child posts a message that says they're in a certain location, they should be careful.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**: If your child posts a message they don't want to share, they should delete it. If your child posts a message they don't want to share, they should delete it.
- CHECK THE FACTS**: If you see a WhatsApp message that looks suspicious, you should check the facts. If you see a WhatsApp message that looks suspicious, you should check the facts.

Meet Our Expert

NOS is a social media expert and digital media specialist who is always ready to help you with any questions you have about online safety. NOS is a social media expert and digital media specialist who is always ready to help you with any questions you have about online safety.

NOS National Online Safety

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As we are aware, helping to educate children being safe online is a national concern. We have organised for our community police officer to come in and provide some workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 children around the importance of keeping safe online. These will take place over the next few weeks within lesson time. In addition to this, please continue to read further information on our website about keeping your child safe online. You will find this under the 'Parents' section where there are a number of documents for you to look at. Attached is one example showing what you need to be aware of about Whatsapp.

Up and coming events in school



World Book Week - w/c 3rd March

World Book Day is happening on the 6th March this year and we are very excited to have a day celebrating books and reading. The children are invited to come into school in their own comfy clothes and to bring in their favourite book. During the day, each class will take part in lots of lovely reading and book themed activities. We are also going to merge some of the classes (across the federation) in the afternoon to have some shared reading from some of our oldest and youngest!

As part of World Book week, West End Schools will be delivering workshops in school on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th March linked to the book George's Marvellous Medicine.

Red Nose Day - 21st March. Non-school uniform day £1, cake sale and other activities in school.

Easter Disco - 3rd April. Details to be confirmed in an additional letter.

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)

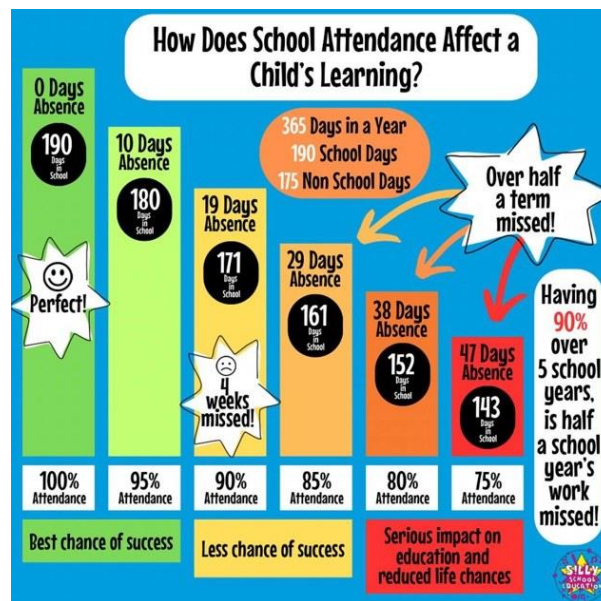
We have noticed some children are starting to wear jewellery in school. This is a reminder that children should not be wearing any jewellery in school unless they have their ears pierced where they are allowed to wear a small pair of studs. Can we please ask that you check before your child/ren leave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



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 for your ongoing commitment and support around this matter.

As a reminder, if your child has an appointment during school hours, they will need to be signed in and out by yourselves.

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

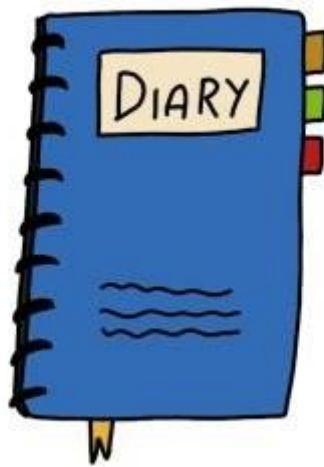
Nominated Governor for Safeguarding, Whistleblowing, Filtering and Monitoring and Online Safety:

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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Thursday 27th February - SATS information session, 3:30 - 4:00pm

Tuesday 4th and 5th March - Story Explorer Drama Workshop in school

Tuesday 4th March - Personal and Online Safety Talk Year 5

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 25th March - Personal and Online Safety Talk Year 6

Easter Disco - 3rd April, (timings and more details to follow)

Friday 4th April - End of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April - Start of Term 5

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