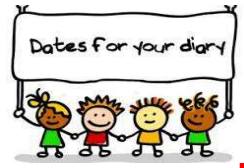




CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER THURSDAY 24TH JULY 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. What a year!! As always it has been full of ups and downs, triumphs and challenges. But we are still standing. After everything. Everyone is exhausted – it has been a long term. But we have finished in style. Our leavers' assembly was one of the best I have ever seen – and I have seen a lot of them. To see the dedication and commitment of the children was satisfaction of a job well done. I just wanted to say a few thank yous – Thank you to my wonderful staff who work diligently day in and day out to make Claremont the wonderful learning environment that it is. Thank you to our governors and PTFA who volunteer their valuable time to improve our school. Thank you to the children for coming and bringing such joy into our lives. They really are the best children in Nottingham in my opinion and I burst with pride at the thought of them. Finally thank you to you all for allowing me to care for and educate our children. It is, and always will be, an honour and a privilege to serve our school.

Have a safe and happy holiday and I'll see most of you in September!

Best wishes,
Rob Campbell
Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance target is 96%

This year's attendance was: 93.4%



Dates for your diary:

25th July – Teacher Training Day

3rd September – Children return to school

20th – 31st October – Half Term Holiday

3rd November – Children return to school

19th December – Last day of the Autumn Term

Year 6

I am so proud to see all of Year 6 pupils ready to take the next steps on their life's journey. Primary school is a special time and we are a special place but you have outgrown us now. It is time for you to take all that you have learned and apply it in secondary school. Wherever you go in life, whatever you do, you will always be Claremont pupils. Claremont forever. This school has a special place in our city and it has been a real privilege to share this part of your life with you. You are confident, you are brave, you are strong. You are ready for anything.

I am always torn between happiness and sadness at this time of year. I am truly sad to see you go. You have all made an impression on my life. But I am also happy that you are ready. I am happy that you have completed this phase of your journey and can go onwards with your heads held high.

**Be what you want to be.
Dream big.
Work hard and never give up.
Believe in your self.**

I am proud to have been your headteacher.
Thank you all for enriching our school.

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What have we been learning this week?

Nursery have enjoyed playing and learning with each other in our outside areas.



Reception held a magnificent performance in the Small Hall for parents, friends and family..

Year 1 had a fabulous trip to Wollaton park and engaged in a marvellous mini-beast hunt.

Year 2 contributed some amazing art to the Claremont Art Exhibition.



Year 3 wrote some amazing leaflets about life in Italy.

Year 4 performed a clarinet concert for Year 6 to show just how much progress they have made this year.

Year 5 have finished their swimming lessons and are gearing up to be the next Year 6s

Year 6 smashed their end of year performance and are now straining to be secondary students!!

Acorns have been enjoying exploring their new environment for next year.



Recommended Reads Summer Challenge

I would like to invite you all to send in some recommended reads for next year's newsletters. They can be books or graphic novels but they have to come with a short reason of why you like them. This is open to children and adults from our community. Please write your answers on the back of a postcard or stuck down envelope and bring them into school addressed to me. Alternatively, you can send me a message on Class Dojo!

Goodbye and Good Luck:

This is the time of year when we traditionally say goodbye to some members of staff who are moving on. Firstly, I would like to say goodbye and a massive thank you to Miss Puopolo who has been working with us all year as part of her undergraduate University studies. It has been a real pleasure to work with you Melissa. It is refreshing to see such dedication and commitment in you. You have all the ingredients to go on and have a hugely successful future. Goodbye and good luck. We also say goodbye to Miss Dobson and Miss Fallon-Thorpe who have been supporting some of our children with additional needs. You have both made an enormous difference to the lives of these children and everyone in our school. I hope that we get the chance to see you again in the future and wish you good luck. Finally, I would like to say goodbye and thank you to Miss Barrett one of our midday team. Kelleah, you are a ray of sunshine. All the best for the future.

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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Screenlock fees or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. The trouble is, you'll give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a heavy crash if it's ever needed to see your phone, and then why not hand over your very own secret key to being with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to keep you safe from hazards like too much screen time or costly app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling confused, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to guess these feelings; instead, tell to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Your phone's lock up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get distracted in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their heads down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, care or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the device. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phone down for credits gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but unfortunately, scammers don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's better to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (such as violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may bother you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not looking at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a bit less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while waiting on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though. They might not want to hear your voice or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos. This means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you drive or post a pic. On the subject of photos, it's also important to set permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Helen Goodwin is a member of our expert panel, providing advice and support on digital device safety, cyberbullying and online safety. You can find her on Twitter @helen_goodwin, on LinkedIn helen.goodwin, on Facebook helen.goodwin, on Instagram helen.goodwin, on YouTube helen.goodwin, on LinkedIn helen.goodwin, on Facebook helen.goodwin, on Instagram helen.goodwin, on YouTube helen.goodwin, on LinkedIn helen.goodwin.



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