



The Clinton Church of England School Newsletter | 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We finish another fantastic fortnight at The Clinton C of E School, in which fun, focused learning and laughter have been ever present.

Already this term there have been many enrichment opportunities with netball club starting, gardening club, Beaford Arts Project working with years 3, 4 and 5 and a dance festival for years 1 and 2.

In coming weeks, year 3 and 4 children will be visiting Clawton to get to know children they will be attending residential with. There is also an Eden trip for Swallows and a Zoo trip for Kingfishers. I am also aware that Mr Waldron is trying to organise our first netball match against St. Helens - it is so good to be using our minibus again and sharing experiences with the Alumnis community now Covid restrictions have eased.

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of illnesses around which has meant our attendance hasn't been as good as it could be. Unfortunately Covid and sickness bugs cannot be helped and it is important to stay at home for 48 hours after being sick. We aim for 96% attendance or above for individual children and the whole school, this is a national statistic and expectation. As the better weather comes we hope that attendance figures will continue to improve as attending school regularly is important for your child's future.

Over the next few weeks staff will be in touch to organise parents evenings to share your child's progress and next steps for the Summer term. Please also remember that your pupil's class teacher and Mrs McAdams, the



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Key dates:

31/3/22 – Exmoor Zoo Trip (KS1)

5/4/22 – Easter Service 2pm

6/4/22 – Eden Project Trip (KS2)

8/4/22 – last day of term.

25-27/4/22 – year 3/4 residential

6-8/6/22 – year 5/6 residential

Character Virtues

Aspiration & Leadership

School Improvement Lead, are available either side of the day and on Seesaw if you ever have any queries.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,



Mrs Sharpe

Academic Excellence

Little Otters: We are explorers and active learners... Little otters dug up time capsules in the garden. We washed it off and read the words “to be dug up in 2062”. The Little Otters were very intrigued and spoke about it being a treasure and how we must follow the instructions.

Kingfishers: This week we have been finishing off our wonderful learning about Uganda. Last week we completed our research projects and information reports bringing together all of our learning. We also created our inspiring speaker TED Talks which you will find on Seesaw. We will be moving on to learning about Easter and find out ‘Why does Easter matter to Christians?’

Swallows: Swallows have started a new unit on a non-chronological report on the Civil Rights Movement. We have learnt about colons, semi-colons and relative clauses this week based on some of the inspiring changemakers of the past. The children are really interested in how black and white people were treated differently. We have finished our maths unit on mass and volume and we will be moving on to shape and geometry.

Character Education

Little Otters: We are relationship builders... We have had a new starter within preschool. The children have shown great friendship and have supported the new child showing them our daily structure and making sure they felt happy.

Kingfishers: In Kingfishers this week we have started thinking about our new virtue ‘Aspiration and Leadership’. We have explored three inspiring changemakers this week who are going to be the names of our new House Teams Greta Thunberg, David Attenborough and Rosa Parks. We have thought about what the word ‘Aspiration’ means and what our aspirations are for ourselves.

Swallows: The children have been resilient in their learning this week. They have worked hard on their grammar in English whilst reflecting on the inspiration of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King.

The new virtue for this week is aspiration and leadership and the children have been thinking about how they can be aspirational leaders and who they aspire to be like.

Community

Little Otters: We care for our world... We have frog spawn in pre-school that we are studying, we now have tadpoles; the children have been finding out what they eat and how we can clean the water. We found they eat fish food and lettuce leaves and to clean the tank we need to pull grass with a root out of the ground and leave it in the tank.

Kingfishers: This week we have been out in the town of Great Torrington, strutting our stuff on the dance floor. Streetz, a community dance company, ran a dance festival for primary schools, led by Amy and a team of Year 7 GTS students. They were inspiring leaders and the children from Clinton and Dolton KS1 had an amazing time. We are currently planning a trip out to Exmoor zoo, which will be fantastic. So important to take our learning out of school and support local businesses at the same time.

Swallows: Beaford Art Centre joined us again for a day of rich storytelling. The children heard stories told by heart, sang songs, created new characters for a story and thought about colours when hearing sounds. They showed great respect while listening and responded well. We have also been thinking about the North American communities in our geography. Last week we continued to edit our videos on comparisons and this week we have researched one country to present our TED talks on.

Digital and Innovation

Little Otters: We are creative and critical thinkers... Little otters have been exploring a variety of natural materials creating different pictures. They have also been looking at jungle animals and created pathways for the animals to move round the room using wooden blocks.

Kingfishers: Last week Kingfishers recorded their TED talks on the schools' iPads and we posted them on Seesaw, which continues to be a great source of sharing their learning with you. We hope you enjoyed seeing them as Inspiring Speakers. This week the children have been using the laptops to learn how to switch on, login and navigate the infinite world of the web to support their learning in maths. They have also been using the creative areas to role play life in Uganda and innovate everyday objects into creative and imaginary learning. Today the children were using their imagination to tell stories about a mystery object.

Swallows: The children have been innovative in their DT these past few weeks creating their moving toy with Mrs Clarke. They have learnt many new skills to complete the task showing perseverance and teamwork. I look forward to seeing the finished products. They have also used their Chromebooks to research countries in North America which has provided a rich range of information for them to use.

TORRINGTON RFC YOUTH

IS RECRUITING MORE PLAYERS!!

**Do you have a son, daughter, niece, nephew or grandchild
that would like to give rugby a TRY?!**

**Torrington RFC has the below age groups and would love
more players in each group.**

Age groups:

U7, U8 (year 2/3) - boys and girls mixed tag rugby

U9, U10 (year 4/5) boys and girls mixed contact rugby

U12, U13 (year 7/8) boys contact rugby

U13 (year 7/8) girls contact rugby

**Torrington RFC youth has fully DBS
checked, first aid trained coaches
that undertake regular coaching
updates provided by the RFU.**

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