



December 2016

CLYST HEATH NEWS

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

As we arrive at the end of a busy term we have much to celebrate. The children have worked hard in the run up to Christmas and we have all enjoyed some excellent Christmas plays, assemblies and sing-alongs. Our youngest children performed 'A Wiggly Nativity' and performed brilliantly, looking very festive in their Christmas costumes. Well done!

Thanks also to all parents and carers who came to listen to our Year 2 and 3 children sing outside school and to those who supported our Year 4,5 and 6 Christmas Sing-along Assembly. Collections at these events have so far raised around £200 for Save the Children. We look forward to Year 2 and 3's main performance at the end of the spring term and to the year 4,5 and 6 finale at the end of the summer term.

We have said fond goodbyes to Mrs Roberts and Mr North as they move on to new challenges and hope they will both keep in touch and visit us from time to time. We wish them every success in these new chapters in their lives and thank them for all their hard work and dedication. We will miss them.

We are very pleased to have welcomed Mrs Liz Brooks who is joining us in Beech Class in the new term. We know she will be warmly welcomed by everyone in our school community. She will also be joined by Mr Andy McLarnon who will spend each Monday with Beech Class.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school at the beginning of the Spring Term on **Wednesday 4th January 2017**.

On behalf of all the teachers and staff at Clyst Heath may we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you -

A Very Happy and relaxing Christmas holiday and our very best wishes for 2017.

A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Special thanks to all those who attended our annual Christmas Fair this year which raised around £500 for the PTFA. It was an excellent evening organised once more by Mrs Quartly, Mrs Conibear and their band of helpers. Acer Class also produced some fantastic and challenging stalls which made the evening go with a swing and Father Christmas made a special appearance.

Well done to all !



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SCHOOL UNIFORM

A polite reminder to all parents, carers and children that our school uniform policy is as follows:

Uniform

Boys:	Sweatshirt with logo Trousers/shorts Plain polo shirt Plain Socks	Deep purple Mid-grey White Grey/black/white
Girls	Cardigan/Sweatshirt with logo Skirt/pinafore/trousers Plain polo shirt Plain Socks/tights Summer dress (optional)	Deep purple Mid-grey White Grey/black/white Purple/white check or stripe

PE Kit

Boys and Girls	Coloured House T shirt with logo	
	Plain shorts	Black
	Plimsolls or trainers	Black or white

Please note that a complete change of PE kit is required from school uniform and needs to be in school every day of the week.

Footwear

Sensible black shoes—**NO COLOURED TRAINERS PLEASE**
Black summer sandals (not open toe or backless)
Heels no higher than 4cm

Jewellery

No jewellery permitted in school with the exception of one pair of ear studs for children with pierced ears.

Thank you for your co-operation



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KEEPING IN TOUCH

We have a range of ways that parents, carers and children can keep in touch with what is happening in our school.

- Monthly Whole School Newsletter—a round up of this months news
- School Website—a huge range of information and news about all aspects of school life
- Schoolcomms—general emails and texts to parents and carers about upcoming events and news
- Gateway app for phones and tablets—urgent information
- ‘Evernote’- a record of the learning for our younger children
- School Blog—found on school website showing recent events
- Flipped classroom videos on ‘eschools’ for pre-learning and homework support
- In person! We are very proud of our ‘open door’ policy and, at the start and finish of the school day teachers are always on hand to discuss, support or advise.

We are pleased to add to this list the introduction of class email addresses. We aim to use these additional addresses as an extra means of communication between school and home and so that messages from parents and carers can reach your child’s teacher directly.

While we are always glad to address any concerns you may have, we also be delighted to hear about the aspects of learning which really enthuse your child! If they come home ‘buzzing’ about their day—please let us know!

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4th January School starts

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February Half term

Monday 20th February School starts

Friday 31st March End of term

Summer Term 2017

Wednesday 19th April School starts

Monday 1st May Bank holiday

Thursday 25th May Last day of school (half term starts on Friday)

Friday 26th May - Friday 2nd June Half term

Monday 5th June School starts

Tuesday 25th July End of term