

CLYST HEATH NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

Welcome Back!

The start of the New Year and a new term saw the whole school assembly talk about how we can achieve our 'Dreams and Goals' and we talked about the obstacles that may prevent us from achieving them. We have been talking about how we can overcome those obstacles using our friends, families and teachers to support and encourage us. Please talk to your child about their ideas.

The charity 'Sustrans' have been into school to motivate us to get cycling and will embark on a series of activities to encourage bike-ability and safety awareness whilst riding our bikes.

This week, our school choir will attend the 'Young Voices' concert in Birmingham's Genting Arena. This promises to be a thrilling and memorable event for all with over 5000 children from around the country coming together to make music.

Later in the term we look forward to the annual Year 3 and 4 talent show which promises to be a fantastic event if last years show is anything to go by!

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS UPDATE

Congratulations to all our Rock Stars, Heroes and Legends! We now have 105 children across the school who can answer a times table question in under 3 seconds, 42 of whom are under 2 second and an amazing 32 children who can answer more than 60 questions per minute!

We are about to unlock the Times Tables Rock Stars app. for children to use on personal devices at home. Look out for the 'Schoolcomms' message shortly with instructions.

Children at Clyst Heath are currently the fastest and most accurate school within a 30 mile radius! Well done for all the hard work! Keep On Rocking!!!



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OAK RECEPTION AND NURSERY

This term in Oak class we are going to become fantastic problem solvers— just like Percy!

Percy is going to set us challenges each week and we are going to work together to solve them. We will need to think carefully, 'keep trying' like Kipper and 'explore' like Paddington.

This week Percy asked us if we could make a bed big enough for him and his animal friends to fit into.

Keep an eye on the display in our classroom and our SeeSaw account to see how we are getting on!



HAZEL, BEECH AND ASH NEWS

In Ash, Hazel and Beech we will be helping Foxy the Detective to solve her next mystery...!

We now know what happened to Samuel Chrisdan in the Wild West but how did he get back to England?

We will be investigating transport in the past and comparing it to the transport that we use today. We will also be coming up with ideas about what the transport of the future might look like!

Miss Laura Trist will be working alongside Hazel Class this year and is very much looking forward to meeting you all.

Later in the term we will be holding a parent's information session about phonics and the end of Year 1 Phonics test.



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ELM, ROWAN AND WILLOW NEWS

Another exciting term in Years 3 and 4 begins! Our new teachers Mr Norman and Miss White have enjoyed settling into our school and getting to know our children.

This term we will be learning about the Romans and their impact on the city of Exeter. We hope to be taking the children on a Redcoat tour of the city to explore the mysteries of Exeter's Roman past.

In science we will be studying electricity and the role it plays in our everyday lives. We will be learning about simple circuits and switches and discover which materials make good conductors and insulators. We will also learn about electrical safety at home.

The end of term will see our annual Talent Show takes place which promises to be an enjoyable and memorable event.

ACER, BIRCH AND CHESTNUT NEWS

Acer, Birch and Chestnut Classes have an exciting term ahead!

This term we will be studying Great Britain and Europe examining both the physical and human geography of the continent. We will learn to read maps, use a compass and research a chosen country. We will be writing a non-chronological report on our country, practicing the correct style and formality required.

Our science investigations this term will be based on the forces of gravity, friction, magnetism and air resistance. Look out for falling parachutes, balloon rockets and aerodynamic car designs! Later in the term we will be holding a Science Fair where we plan to display our findings to parents and carers.

THE SECRET GARDEN

We recently successfully applied for a Ward Grant from Exeter City Council to develop the outside space near our school library into a Secret Garden. It is our intention to create a quiet space for children to read during break times.

Our enthusiastic Green Team will help with the design and creation of the garden. We hope to create areas of planting which will include wild flowers and hope to encourage local wild life.

Watch this space!

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NEWS FROM THE FFA

Happy New Year and welcome to our first news update of 2019! We have many fundraising events planned for this year, which will be advertised via regular updates from the school, our noticeboard, our website and Facebook page Clyst Heath FFA.



Last term we commissioned an on-line survey to give parents an opportunity to submit feedback anonymously as to how the FFA is performing. The response was overwhelmingly positive and we always welcome feedback, ideas and constructive criticism. Please do contact us if you would like to get involved.

We are delighted that the bus project is getting a step closer to being completed. With the help of a local DIY expert, we hope to soon have the bus ready as a useable educational space and we look forward to announcing what other equipment and resources money raised will be spent on.

On another positive note, we now have a Parent Class Representative for nearly every class throughout the school. In the run up to the Christmas Fayre, we were delighted to welcome on board Annie Hollingworth and Vicky Davey for Reception Oak Red & Blue Bases, Suzy Loader for Elm and Philippa Wilson for Birch. If you would like to complete the team as Hazel Class Rep, please do let us know. Please do keep an eye out for more information on our events as the term progresses and thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Your FFA Committee

FFA FUNDRAISING UPDATE

In November, we raised £535 profit from the monthly café, cake stall, children's Christmas card designs and quiz night.

Thank you everyone who supported the events, in particular, Ash Class who's turn it was on the cake donation rota and Kate Helgeson and Paul Black who between them hosted a really fun quiz night, won by The Norwegian Blues who generously donated their prize money back.



In December, we were delighted to raise over £1,500 from the community Christmas pop-up play café and Christmas Fayre. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came, teachers and children with their fun stalls, Beech Class and the other amazing bakers who donated the delicious array of cakes, Class Reps for creating fabulous hampers, local businesses who donated amazing raffle prizes and of course, Father Christmas and his elves for running the Grotto.

Since our last news update, some of the money raised has been use to buy a sunshade canopy for the bus plus decorating materials and we plan to spend more on equipment for the school later this term.

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FFA UPCOMING EVENTS

Please do put these dates in your diary now. More details will be published nearer the time:

- **Monday 21st January - Textiles Recycling**

Are you ready for a new year clear out of unwanted clothes? Then please bag up your unwanted textiles and drop them off at school through the car park gates. The textiles will get reused/ recycled and the school will earn cash per kg. A donation bag will be sent home in book bags.

- **Friday 1st February from 8.45am - Monthly Pop-Up Café (Community Room)**

All welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Takeaways are available and second hand uniform is on sale. Cake stall at 3pm (Hazel Class cake donations please)

- **Friday 15th February - Disco**

Nursery - Yr2: 5.00-6.00pm

Yr3 - Yr6: 6.30-7.30pm

The much-anticipated event by the children! Dancing, games, tuck-shop & glow sticks! An email will be sent to parents detailing how to buy tickets.

- **Friday 1st March from 8.45am - Monthly Pop-Up Café (Community Room)**

All welcome. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Takeaways are available and second hand uniform is on sale. Cake stall at 3pm (Elm Class cake donations please)

- **Thursday 7th March 3-4pm - Book Fair & Cafe**

Come along and use your £1 World Book Day token

- **Friday 29th March from 9.00am - Easter Community Pop-Up Play Café**

All welcome. In the school hall with soft-play and Easter themed crafts for 0-4yrs, bacon baps for sale and stalls. (Rowan Class cake donations please)

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IMPORTANT DATES

Half term	18 th -22 nd February
School Reports to parents and carers:	29 March 2019 (Reception reports will be sent during the Summer term)
Year 5 and 6 Science Fair	Thursday 28th March 3.00pm-3.30pm
Years 3 and 4 Talent Show:	Tuesday 2th April at 3.30pm
End of term	Thursday 4 th April