



# CLAYBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 1814 - 2014

### 200 Years of Learning

#### Dear Parents,

I thought I'd wait until nearer the end of term before publishing December's newsletter, so we can fill it with festive cheer and all of the exciting "Christmassy" things that have been going on in school these last few weeks!

May I take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their tireless work this term, with a particular mention about their work to make this special time of year memorable for the children. It's a busy time of year and the staff team has been amazing!

Our Christmas Craft mornings were a huge success; it was lovely to see so many of you in classes, helping out and engaging with all of the children. They all had a great time, too, going round classes and making lots of different Christmas decorations and other craft items.

Thank you to all who supported our PTA Christmas Fair. Lots of prizes were won, lots of cake and mince pies eaten, plus there may have been the odd mulled wine consumed, too. It was great to see so many of you there, helping to raise funds for our school.

I hope that parents and carers of children in Willow Class enjoyed this years' Nativity, 'Stargazers', as much as I did. If an Infant Nativity doesn't get you in the mood for Christmas, then I don't know what will! A special mention to our fabulous narrators and our soloist angel; literally, the voice of an angel.

This week, we have all been to the Panto and we are looking forward to celebrating this special time of year with you at church, as we perform our carol concert for you; all are welcome.

If I don't see you on the gate before the end of term, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you a happy and restful Christmas and New Year. We'll see you all, bright-eyed and bushy tailed, back at school on Tuesday 7th January.

Merry Christmas!

Kind regards, Mr. Matt. Howard

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### Newsletter

Newsletters are published each month, including on our website. For more up-to-date news about all the fantastic things that are going on in school, keep an eye on our Facebook page and Twitter feed.



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### Mrs Wetton

Mrs Wetton, who has worked in our office for over two years, has secured a promotion and will be leaving us at the end of the week. She will be starting her new venture at Ullesthorpe Primary in January and we wish her all the very best; she will be missed greatly.



### The Late Mary Atkin

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the late Mary Atkins' passing. As some of you may be aware, Mary worked at Ullesthorpe Primary School for over 20 years, and then worked at our school on a voluntary basis for two years. Her real passion was helping children learn to read, and her family have kindly donated to the school £250, for us to spend on new reading books.

I am sure you will join with us in passing on our sincerest condolences to the family and thanking them for their kind donation.



Mary Elizabeth Atkin  
27th March 1952 – 26th July 2019

### Excellent Work

Extra-special, quality work recognised and celebrated, by:

**Willow Class: Chloe, Oakley & Katherine C—super Nativity work!**

**Maple Class: Luc—use of scientific vocab. Ben—super instructions.**

**Oak Class: Will—super Maths & English work. Polly—excellent narrative writing.**



### Parking



Parking around schools is often a challenge, and here at Claybrooke it is not made easier by the location of the school site on a bend. Since introducing the 'drop-off zone', this has made things easier and safer.

Just a reminder to all to park safely when dropping off/collecting children, in order to keep all of our children as safe as possible. In particular, please avoid parking opposite the school on the bend. Thank You.

### Monthly E Safety Tip Online Gaming

Ask your children "How does this game/app work?" "Can I play?" Show a genuine interest and you will find out whether you think the game is appropriate and/or safe for your child.



Photo Gallery



## Diary Dates (\* = Parents/Carers Invited)

Wed 18/12/19	- Children's Christmas Dinner
Wed 18/12/19	- Carol Concert @ Church 6pm *
Tue 14/01/20	- Yr 2 SATS Information Afternoon 2:15 p.m. *
Tue 14/01/20	- Yr 6 SATS Information Afternoon 3:30 p.m. *
Fri 17/01/20	- Reception & Yr6 National Measurement Programme
Mon 20/01/20	- Young Voices * (ticket event)
Wed 12/02/20	- Parents' Evening (late) *
Thu 13/02/20	- Parents' Evening (early) *
Thu 27/02/20	- Maple & Oak: Boy In The Dress Theatre Trip
Tue 10/03/20	- Willow Class Assembly *
Mon 16/03/20	- Class Photos
Wed 01/04/20	- Maple Class Production (Time TBC) *
Tue 19/05/20	- Yr 6 Warning Zone Trip
Thu 21/05/20	- Maple Class Assembly *
Thu 11/06/20	- Willow Class Assembly *
Wed 24/06/20	- Sports Day & Family Picnic *
Wed 01/07/20	- Oak Class Production (1:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.) *
Fri 03/07/20	- Reports Out To Parents
Tue 07/07/20	- Class Swap Day
Thu 09/07/20	- Leavers' Assembly (2:30 p.m.) *

### Term Dates

#### Term Dates Academic Year 2019-20

**Autumn Term:** Thu 29th August to Fri 11th October 2019 Mon 21st October to Fri 20th December 2019

**Spring Term:** Tue 7th January to Fri 14th February 2020 Mon 24th February to Fri 3rd April 2020

**Summer Term:** Mon 20th April to Fri 22nd May 2020 Mon 1st June to Fri 10th July 2020

Closed for May Day on Fri 8th May 2020

#### Term Dates Academic Year 2020-21

**Autumn Term:** Wed 26th August to Fri 16th October 2020 Mon 26th October to Fri 18th December 2020

Closed for August Bank Holiday on Mon 31st August 2020

**Spring Term:** Tue 5th January to Fri 12th February 2021 Mon 22nd February to Fri 26th March 2021

**Summer Term:** Mon 12th April to Fri 28th May 2021 Mon 7th June to Fri 9th July 2021

Closed for May Day on Mon 3rd May 2021