

Dear Parents

I cannot believe that we are (nearly) at the end of the school year which means that I have been Head at Clearwell for a whole academic year. What a year it has been! We have all seen lots of changes which are having a significant positive impact on learning. Early indications of external results, which we know is only one factor, are looking extremely positive and are all an improvement on last year and indeed for some the last 3 years. Pupils numbers have increased over and we have more pupils joining in September. There are still places in most years so please encourage others to join us by sharing the wonderful opportunities that the children have at our little rural school. Feel free to share my weekly blogs and Facebook posts and tell everyone about our educational adventures. Next year, adventures that we have planned already are:

- ❖ The British Museum - £7.50
- ❖ Hopewell Colliery
- ❖ Dean Heritage Centre

The British Museum is being subsidised by Friends. The latter two should be free because we won a bid from the Heritage Lottery Fund to conduct a project called "100 years in Clearwell". This starts fully in January and we want to hear all about people's memories and experiences of Clearwell as a village or the primary school over the last 100 years. Children will be interviewing as many family members as possible, writing poetry in forest dialect and celebrating local authors. They will be History Detectives.

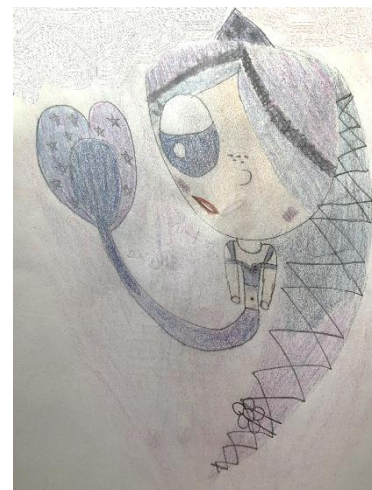
Friday 6th July

Our 4 year curriculum plan is on the school website. You can see it is really promoting and celebrating the beautiful area in which we live, as well as covering the whole curriculum. The children will not only get to experience and live our vision but they will be making decisions about what to learn.

As you may have seen on my blog, five children had their mythical creatures selected to be the face of a curriculum driver.



Createachaun
Brooke - Y6



Adventuremaid
Abigail - Y4



Collabormera
Martyn - Y4



Christi-Angel
Emily - Y6



Independent: Poppy Y5

Proposed mother & toddler/preschool Group

We would really like to have a mother and toddler group running from our new EYFS area from September. If you are interested, or know someone who is, in running this on a weekly basis then please contact Mrs Frith or myself. We have wonderful facilities and really want to share it with our community. There would be no charge to use the area. We can discuss the best day and time to suit the needs of school and the group.

Good bye Year 6

It is a sad time of the year too for us as we say good bye to our year 6 pupils. They have been an absolute delight to work with and have tried their hardest, especially in the SATs and we are extremely proud of them. They are positive role models to everyone and never cease to amaze me with the maturity that can be shown.

They are all going to different secondary schools which just goes to show what confident young people leave our school. They will absolutely fly and I am looking forward to hearing about their progress as they head off on an exciting journey.



Year 6 on Residential - this sums them up as individuals perfectly.

Sports Day

Pupils will need to wear their PE kits into school. Please ensure that they are wearing the red PE top that school purchased for them with black shorts and trainers/daps. (They can wear it all day.) We want to look as smart as possible. Friends will be selling refreshments to replenish their funds. We will also sell raffle tickets for the Garden Party raffle. You should have received your invitation for this already.



Tuesday 10th July - Sports Day (9:30 - 11:30 a.m.)

Thursday 12th July - Year 5 at Five Acres High School

Thursday 12th July - last club for the year

Friday 13th July - Clearwell Garden Party (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)

Wednesday 18th July - Last swimming lesson

Friday 20th July - Friends Organised School Disco

Wednesday 25th July - Leaver's Service at St. Peter's church. 12:15 p.m. Pupils will finish school at 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday 4th September - Return to school

Thursday 6th September - Whole school trip to the British Museum.