

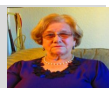
Welcome back to the new term at Clearwell C of E Primary School

Important dates for your diary



- ◆ 25th January - The school Choir is taking part in the 'Young Voices' Event at Symphony Hall Birmingham, together with Parkend School. Timings etc to follow.
- ◆ 7th February - Willow Class visit to the Roman remains and museum at Caerleon
- ◆ 10th February - Last day of Term 3
- ◆ 20th February - School opens Term 4
- ◆ 7th April - Last day of Term 4
- ◆ 24th April - School opens Term 5
- ◆ 1st May - Bank Holiday
- ◆ 25th May - Last Day Term 5
- ◆ 26th May - INSET day
- ◆ 5th June - School opens Term 6
- ◆ 10th—14th July - Year 6 Induction week Dean Academy,
- ◆ 10th July -New Entrants Evening Monmouth Comp
- ◆ 11th— 14th July -Year 6 Welcome Days Monmouth Comp
- ◆ 21st July - Last day Term 6

From your Headteacher



I am delighted to see that everyone is back in school after the holidays and would like to thank you for keeping your faith in the school in what have been difficult times.

It is a real privilege for me to be given the opportunity to lead the school over the next few weeks ,and we started the term yesterday with a very positive INSET day when all the teaching and none teaching staff, plus our Schools' Adviser and some Governors spent the morning looking at our vision and values for the school and reminding ourselves that the reason we are all here is for the children, who are the heart of everything we do.

In our Assemblies this week we have also been thinking about values and in particular- **Respect**. I have been stressing that respect is a two way value, in that it has to be earned and also should be given to others and that the whole school community— *pupils, parents, staff and governors* should be making sure that we are demonstrating those values every day. If we don't model them to the children, we cannot expect them to understand their importance.



Stars of the week



Top Table will be happening as from next week and I will be encouraging one of the Governors to join me in lunching with the children who have earned this reward.

I will also be introducing a weekly Headteacher's Award for the child in each class who has made a real and sustained effort to improve an aspect of their work and/or behaviour.

Wellie Walk



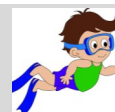
Wellie Walks – Thanks to the parents who are able to support our Tuesday afternoon Wellie Walks. If you would like to help, let Miss Brint know.



ICT

We are on a mission to improve ICT provision in the school. If you know of anyone who would be able to help or even if you would be able to help yourself, then let us know!

Swimming



Swimming lessons will continue this term at Freedom Leisure in Lydney. Willow Class will be swimming on Monday afternoons. Oak Class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons in Terms 5 & 6



TOPIC THIS TERM

KS1 - The Circus

Oak Class have begun an exciting topic based around The Circus and you will find their 'topic web' on the school website. If you have any books - story or factual— about the circus that you would be willing to let us borrow I am sure that Miss Brint would be delighted. Equally,.... if you know of anyone with a unicycle that they could demonstrate....!!

TOPIC THIS TERM

KS2 - The Romans



Mrs Ansell and Mrs Bradley have wasted no time in starting their interesting topic on the Romans which will incorporate a visit to the Roman ruins at Caerleon and the museum there. If you have any books or artefacts (coins, statues etc.) from visits you have made - here or abroad - that might be of interest to the children please have a word with the teachers as I am sure they will be very grateful.



Dress for the Weather

Now that the cold weather has returned. Please may we remind you to make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate warm / water proof coats, hats, gloves etc.

Parent Pay

Please ensure all payments for Breakfast Club, Trips, Swimming & Music are made promptly. School lunch payments must be made in advance.

Young Voices



Clearwell and Parkend schools will travel together to Birmingham on January 25th to take part in the 'Young Voices' Festival. Miss Brint has started rehearsals with her 16 volunteers and on the day itself there will be a final rehearsal in Symphony Hall before the evening performance. There will be over a thousand children singing and it is a truly special and very moving occasion to see.



Paperless

A reminder that all future Newsletters will be sent to you via email. For those who don't have access to the internet, there will be a few hardcopies in Reception.

Sports Club



Although the formal collaboration with Parkend has ended there will still be opportunities in the future for children from Clearwell to attend some sporting activities. If they are offered by an outside provider there will be insurance in place that covers our children as well as the Parkend children. This term it is hockey, and in the summer term it will probably be athletics. At the moment we have around 12 spaces for Hockey on Tuesdays after school. This club is open to KS2 children (Y3-Y6). Please let Mrs Frith in the school office know if you are interested in your child/children attending. We will need to work together, as you have in the past, to make arrangements in order to get the Clearwell children to Parkend.