



# The Anchor News

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Don't forget back to school on Monday 23rd February

Hello everyone,

It has been a busy half term at St. Clement's, with all the children and staff working hard. Next week is half-term break and is an opportunity for the children to rest and prepare themselves for another busy half-term up to the Easter break. Remember to keep safe and, if you get a chance, get more points on Mathletics so that when you come back Mrs Simmons can give out more certificates - maybe not just bronze this time, but also silver or even gold!

As it is Chinese new year next week, I will finish with **Kung Hei Fat Choy**



## Afterschool Clubs

Thank you to all those parents that attended the sign up session on Wednesday. Just to let you know that the clubs have been finalised.

- \* If you received a letter then you have got a place next term.
- \* If you have not received a letter then you have not been successful this time but will be on the waiting list in case someone drops out.

**Mr Burton - Sports Co-ordinator**



We hope that those of you who attended the Awards Assembly on Monday were as impressed as we were.

The whole school within the first month of Mathletics have:

- \* Signed in over 1,500 times
- \* Spent over 500 hours online
- \* Earned over 130 bronze certificates

And one student Mohamed Adam (Yr. 3) collected enough bronze certificates to gain the first Silver certificate in the school.

We also this week managed to spot a pupil on the Mathletics leaderboard! Well done Phillipos for making it onto the UK Top 100 Students board.

We hope that everyone will continue this effort over the half term break and when we return there will be a few more silver certificates to hand out.

## Laser Pen



Please can parents be aware that laser pens are not allowed at school. A few students have been caught using them earlier this week. They can be a hazard in regards to child safety, the light that comes out of these devices can cause blindness, and the flashing function on the pens has been known to cause epileptic fits. If the children shine the lights at a passing car it can distract the driver and cause an accident. If your child is seen with a laser pen in school it will be confiscated and you will be contacted. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

## Pastoral Team Coffee Morning - Monday 23rd February 9am - 10:30am

We, the Pastoral team will be holding a coffee morning in the community room for parents, carers, and guardians. This will be an opportunity for you to have discussions with us regarding the progress of your child, or any other aspects involving their education.

Please feel free to attend, we look forward to seeing you and answering your questions.

**The Pastoral Team**



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# SAFER INTERNET DAY 2015

## TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

On Tuesday 13th February, years 1 to 6 enjoyed activities based around keeping safe online. Each class watched clips, did groups activities, had discussions and some even made posters/leaflets. At the end of the day, a couple of children represented each class and shared what they had learnt. We hope that children are more aware of the risks and feel more confident that they know what to do in certain situations. If you would like to find out more about keeping children safe online, please feel free to speak to Miss Graham.

## New Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) Coming Soon!

### Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to prepare you for our new VLE, this is part of our new school website and will be available after half term. It is an online system that teachers, pupils and parents can access from home and at school and includes:

#### Parent engagement

Shortly after half term you will receive a username and password via your eldest child, giving you access to important information regarding your child including the following:

- Attendance
- Homework and feedback
- Newsletters
- Letters sent home
- Calendar of events

You will also be able to use the eSchools Mobile App (iPhone or Android phones) which will show you attendance information, text notifications and letters home.

#### Teaching and Learning

Your child will also be given a username and password for them to securely log into the eSchools platform.

They will have access to the following:

- Class homepage welcoming them to the platform.
- Safe messaging and chat including a bad language filter. All messages, even if deleted, are able to be viewed by teachers including a report feature accessible by pupils.
- Project work including homework, quizzes and other learning tools.
- Blogs
- File storage

These things listed above are just a brief overview of what eSchools can offer us as a school and you as a parent. For a more in-depth insight into eSchools you can visit [www.eschools.co.uk](http://www.eschools.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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