



The Anchor News

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Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.

Pope Francis

11th September 2020

Learning for Life, Anchored in Christ

Our values focus this half term is **Dignity**

Hello everyone,

How lovely it is to be back in school with all of our wonderful pupils. For those families that may be new to St Clement's, my name is Mrs Nizamis and I am the Deputy Head Teacher and also class teacher in Year 2.



All of the staff here at St Clement's have been super impressed with how well the children have settled in to their new year groups, and how enthusiastic they have all been during lessons. We are currently working hard creating some wonderful pieces of work for our displays around school, including poems, fact files, and artwork all linked to our whole school book 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children feel very passionately about their planet and how we need to take care of it and each other.

Please check the website and social media for any information you need as there are always updates, including a P.E. timetable which will help you to know which days your child needs to bring their PE kit in to school.



Have a lovely restful and safe weekend.

Mrs Nizamis - Deputy Head Teacher

Safeguarding: Covid-19 Symptom Update

The UK government have slightly changed its guidance and made it really clear that people should only access a COVID test if they are showing the COVID symptoms of a new cough, temperature and / or loss of taste / smell. Whereas before the summer we were advising parents to look out for cold like symptoms, clearly this guidance now needs to be amended.



Children will be starting to mix with one another for the first time in months in large numbers and therefore the prevalence of seasonal colds will also increase. There is no reason that children with only cold like symptoms need to stay off school now unless they are advised to do this by their GP / 111 etc.

As a school we are advising that if they develop symptoms, keep them at home for the day to check if the symptoms develop into something else.

If they also develop a temperature and any of the other recognised symptoms, get a test and keep them at home to isolate along with any other members of the household for the 14 days. If not, then they can return to school.

If anyone in your household tests positive, please inform school so we can take the appropriate action to keep everyone safe.

Thank you



Gates - please remember to keep your distance at the gates when picking up or dropping off. The cases of Covid have risen nationally over the past couple of weeks and we must all still be extra vigilant if we want the school to stay fully open. Again, we understand it is causing a little inconvenience but we appreciate your continued support with this.

Pick up and drop off - Please be aware of parking across the drives of the local residents both on Stuart Street and Butlin Street. Everyone needs to be able to leave their homes safely when they need to. Also, do not stop on the zig-zags or in the middle of the road as this is dangerous for everyone, especially your own child.



Please try to arrive at your child's specified time as pupils arriving late causing difficulties both with staff having to come and get them when lessons have started, causing a delay to everyone else's learning and cross contamination when they are entering through the wrong gate for their bubble.

Thank you



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Nursery children started school this week and have already been exploring their classroom and the outside area. The children have enjoyed making new friends and playing with all the resources. They have done really well saying goodbye to their parents at the gate and coming in to the classroom. I am really looking forward to getting to know all the children and seeing the wonderful things they do this year.

Reception have settled tremendously into their new school. Miss Tsang and Mrs Ali are so impressed with how the children have learnt our school routine so well already! The children have had so much fun exploring their new classrooms and making new friends!

Year 1 have settled back into school well and we are all so impressed with their fantastic behaviour and listening skills. We've spent time getting to know each other whilst choosing a range of activities inside and outside the classroom. This week we have been focussing on recognising and ordering numbers to 20. We have also spent time recapping our Golden Rules. The children have all enjoyed being back at School.

Year 6 have had a great start to the new term and have discussed the themes in the school book with maturity and thoughtfulness. After writing a poem about our favourite place in the world, we considered some of the unexpected benefits to the environment over the last few months and wrote a letter to our councillor to ask for more to be done to protect the natural world. To help with any worries we may have, we have also been sharing ways we can practise mindfulness for example through breathing techniques or painting. The result is some beautiful work for our classroom.

What we have been up to...

Look around to see what each class has been up to so far this week. You can also find out what work they have done linked to the whole school book 'Here we are. Notes on Planet Earth' by Oliver Jeffers. The book celebrates diversity and the natural world. Ask your child what they think of this lovely book.



Year 2 have all settled in really well to our new class and are working hard learning new routines and class rules. We have really enjoyed learning facts about Earth linked to our school book. The children have had so many fantastic ideas and have created their own fact files for planet Earth as well as learning about all of the wonderful things Earth has to offer.

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the year. We have created our class charter and reminded ourselves of how to show respect in and around school. We have enjoyed getting to know each other again and sharing some interesting things about ourselves. We have been focusing on our environment as well as the important changes surrounding us at the moment. We know it is going to be fantastic year and we can't wait to get going!

It's great to see year 4 have settled back into the classroom. We have been focussing on our school value 'human dignity,' discussing different ways we can respect one another inside and outside school. Mindfulness has been a huge focus this week, with the children engaging in breathing exercises and yoga. The children have also enjoyed completing beautiful poems about their favourite places and the sky after reading the school book.

Year 3 has had a busy two weeks settling into school life again. We have been learning all about the value dignity; ways that we can show respect and why is it important what we show dignity in our life. We have been looking at the school book and have been writing some lovely poems about our favourite places and the world around us.

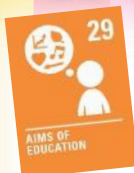
Class PE Times

Please take note of when your child has PE and make sure that they have the correct kit (see below) in school for their lessons.

Rec.	Thurs AM
Yr. 1	Wed PM / Fri PM
Yr. 2	Wed PM / Fri AM
Yr. 3	Mon PM / Thurs PM
Yr. 4	Tues PM / Thurs PM
Yr. 5	Tues AM / Wed AM
Yr. 6	Tues PM (Swimming) / Wed AM

School PE kit: Navy polo shirt and plain black or navy bottoms/shorts/leggings

UNICEF Rights of the Child



Article 29:

(goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment

Monday 5th October - School Photographer



Mark your calendars, the school photographer is in next month to take INDIVIDUAL photos of the pupils.

****Please note****

This year due to COVID we will not be able to take Sibling or Family photos.



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