



# The Anchor News

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Hello everyone,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely break with your families and loved ones over the festive period and are back ready to take on the new term.

As you are probably aware by now I am no longer working on the front desk anymore (which I do miss) but I do get to see you from time to time. I am now in the role of Acting Office Manager which is a more challenging role but I really am enjoying the experience. However I am still available for all the lovely parents and pupils if you need me.

I really enjoy working at St Clement's as all parent's children and staff are so friendly and welcoming. Children are very enthusiastic about coming into school and wanting to learn in a happy and safe environment. Their attitude towards the school has helped them to settle back in after the holiday.

The weather around the UK hasn't been very kind to all those who have lost so much in the floods. Our thoughts are with all the families and children who have been affected. The weather this week has started to get chilly, please remember to bring in coats, hats and gloves.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

**Naz Ajmal**  
Acting Office Manager



**Musical and Nativity DVD's** are available to collect from the school office.

If you haven't pre-ordered then you can still pay and collect a copy.

If we run out, new copies will be made available as soon as possible



## Lost Property

We have a selection of lost property in the school foyer that needs to be claimed including a school dress, jumpers, knitted hats, trousers, scarves and other similar items.

We will hold onto these until the end of next week

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and anything left behind will be disposed of.

### Name everything.

The biggest issue with lost property is that very few items have names on, making it impossible for us to return many items to the correct child.

Please make sure that all of your child's clothing is named this includes, coats, PE tops, trousers, skirts, lunch boxes etc so that hopefully we can keep lost property to a minimum. Please also make sure to regularly check names on items as they can fade in the wash meaning we still can't return them.

## KS2 PE Days

Classes in KS2 have had their PE days moved. Please take note of the new days and make sure your child has the correct kit in school.

<b>Year 3</b>	Wednesday PM	Friday AM
<b>Year 4</b>	Wednesday PM	Thursday AM
<b>Year 5</b>	Swimming Tuesday PM	Specialised Sports at King Edwards Friday AM
<b>Year 6</b>	Tuesday PM	Friday PM

## School Shoes

Please can we remind parents that the school uniform policy required school shoes and not trainers to be worn within school.

Trainers can be sent in for PE lessons, and for break times if you wish your child to change their shoes before they head outside.



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## Data Sheets

Student data sheets have been sent this week and will need to be returned **as soon as possible**.

Please make sure you check and update any information that has changed.

They still need to be **signed and returned** even if no information has changed.



### Year 6 BMAG Trip

On Wednesday, Year 6 visited Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. This half term we will be studying 19th and 20th century art in our topic lessons and the trip was a great opportunity to spark our interest in this area.

During our visit we were challenged to find out information on a number of paintings, before spending time learning about the different styles of art on display and how they were created. We finished our trip by having the opportunity to sketch our favourite piece of art on display. All in all it was a great trip and all the class are definitely more excited about our topic.

**Miss M<sup>c</sup>Causland and Mr Michels - Year 6 Class Teachers**



This week year 5 were fortunate enough to have a visit from the Life bus, we looked at making the right choice and how it was perfectly acceptable to say NO. The children took part in some discussions and then carried out some drama activities. We played a quiz and we were all in agreement that some energy drinks have caffeine and can keep you awake at nights.



On Tuesday year 6 took part in a Life Education workshop. During the session they looked at making healthy and safe choices and the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body. They completed sorting activities and used drama games to gain a better understanding.



On Tuesday Year 4 had a visitor from the Life Education Centre and took part in a workshop all about choices. We began by thinking about the choices we make as a child and an adult and then looked at how those choices can affect our health. Everyone got involved sorting items into healthy and unhealthy and the explanation for our choices were very interesting. The most exciting part was when Taija and Aaliyah dressed up as a healthy body and an unhealthy body and the rest of the class attached their organs. It was a great start to our topic and we are all looking forward to learning more about our bodies and how they work.



During Y3's life education session they learnt all about 'Our Talented Brain'. Green class found out about our amazing brain and how it controls everything in our body, even our personality! Also, what the brain and body needs to stay healthy: food, water, oxygen, sleep and exercise. We discussed the fact that medicines, nicotine, alcohol and caffeine are legal drugs, can be found in a variety of everyday items and the effects they have on the body both good and bad.



**Can you help?**



## Have you any old photographs of St Clement's or its pupils?

If so could you please let us take some copies so that we can use them in a display about the history of the school?

We are also looking to see if any old pupils could come in and talk about their time at the school so that we can put their experiences in a book and on our website.

Please let Mr Ricketts know if you are able to help with either of the above.

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