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Newsletter

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Thank you for coming!

We have all enjoyed having so many family members in school over the last week. It was really good to welcome 51 mums/grandmothers into school to celebrate Mothers' Day. We served over 125 roast beef lunches on what was a very memorable occasion. We hope to have a Fathers' Day lunch in June - we look forward to seeing you then, Dads!



Year 1 children also enjoyed working with members of their family at a Share afternoon. Mrs Chapman had organised 12 different activities where adults and children could work together at learning through play. The messy games proved particularly popular and a good time was had by all. Mrs Hargest is looking forward to welcoming reception parents to a further Share event at 2pm on Monday 29th March.

Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Handley-Howard who kindly brought their ferrets into school to show year 1 and year 4. We are hoping to arrange a return visit for year 2 and 3 as the children enjoyed asking questions and finding out more about the animals.

And our new school is to be called...

I am delighted to say that our new school is to retain our current name of **Clements Community Primary School**. This was the most popular choice with parents, children and staff and was agreed by Governors at last weeks Full Governing Body Meeting.

The contractors, Barnes Construction, are due to start on site next Monday. Once the site is set up, the first job is to widen the path opposite the zebra crossing and to move some pieces of the play equipment onto a temporary location next to the path.

On Tuesday this week, a Public Consultation Meeting was held in the hall at the end of the school day. The purpose of the meeting was to consider where the play equipment could be finally placed and what use could be made of our current Clarendon Road site. The school building will be demolished after we move into the new school and suggestions were made about what could happen to the space. Ideas included

****housing for senior citizens** **allotments****
****a play park ** **a landscaped area****

Concerns were raised about how the space might be used in an anti-social way. There will be further public meetings, probably in the evening, so that these ideas can be developed and discussed. The meetings will be advertised in the local press where the date, time and venue will be made clear.

Year 3 and 4 football team



10 of our year 3 and 4 footballers represented our school at a recent Football Festival at Samuel Ward Upper School. Despite the very chilly weather, we scored in both matches thanks to skilful goals from Lewis. Lewis was our captain in the first match, Jack in the second and Ebony, who

played bravely in goal, collected our certificates on the night and presented them to the team in assembly.

Science Day

Cornflour, grasshoppers, sinking oranges, water balloons, newts, bones and cress all featured in Wednesday's Science Day. As part of national Science Week we all came off-timetable and took part in a range of activities based on the theme of Our Earth. Nursery and reception worked together and the other year groups mixed up to form four colour groups that rotated around the different activities. A highlight was the assembly by Mr Marks and Miss Miller from Castle Manor Business and Enterprise College. We were amazed by the spill that kept re-lighting in the oxygen, loved the vapour produced by the chemical reaction and jumped out of our seats when the hydrogen squealed!



Friends of Clements School Easter Egg Colouring Competition Decorate an egg outline and win an Easter egg.

**2 sheets for £1, available from the office
Closing date 22nd April
Prize for the best design in each class**

Clubs

Spring term after school clubs finished on Wednesday. This is because we have Parents Evenings next Monday 22nd and Wednesday 24th and then it is the end of term. We hope all parents will come to speak with the class teacher - there is a lot of good news to share.

Mr Jeffs will continue with Tennis Club before school on Friday until the end of term. We are currently seeking funding so this can continue into the summer term.

Miss Jennings will continue with her popular lunchtime Country Dancing Club and I will carry on with Writers' Club as we collaborate on Issue 2 of the Clements Chronicle. Country Dancing Club have performed twice in assemblies and our team of reporters has worked together to publish their first news and activity sheet for children.

Coming soon.....

Wednesday 31st March is the last day of the Spring term. As the children will not be here for 'fish on Friday', Mrs Wilson would like to offer FISH FINGERS AND CHIPS on Wednesday 31st for school lunch as a treat. The pudding will be jam sponge and custard. Please book school lunches for that week on Monday 29th as usual.

There will be a TAG RUGBY CLUB for year 3 and 4 pupils next term. This will be on Mondays from 3.15 to 4.15. It is for boys and girls and the 16 places will be available on a first come, first served basis, starting on 26th April and running until 12th July. A letter with a permission slip to be returned to school will be sent home shortly.

The summer term school lunch menu will be published soon.

Next term, all children will have the opportunity to go on a day visit with their class. The cost of all trips will be £10, the balance of the cost will be funded from a subsidy the school has received. Reception and Nursery will be going to Linton Zoo, year 1 to Ickworth Park, year 2 and 3 to Wimpole Hall and year 4 to Duxford. Details of the visits will be sent home by letter.

Diary Dates

The last swimming session for year 4 this term is on Tuesday 23rd March. In the summer term, it goes back to a **Monday**, re-starting on Monday 26th April.

The last day of term is **Wednesday 31st March**.

Staff are in school on Thursday 1st April and Monday 19th April.

The children start the summer term on **Tuesday 20th April**.

Friday 28th May is a non-pupil day. Half term then follows on the week commencing Monday 31st May.

With best wishes from

Mrs L Farrow