

John Clare Primary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is always a very special time in primary schools, but this week has been truly magical. It has been a week in which we have seen brilliant performances from both our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children; I feel immensely proud of all of the children and staff who have worked hard to put these together. Thank you for all of your very kind and positive feedback - we are pleased to hear that you enjoyed the performances as much as we did.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the 'Friends of John Clare' who provided the refreshments at each performance. They have also put together some beautiful Christmas Hampers, which would make wonderful gifts - please do support them by purchasing a ticket if you can.

Festive wishes,
Mrs Nicolson



Make and Donate

Isabel H has been selling jewellery, keyrings, bookmarks and various other items on Friday lunchtimes in aid of M.A.D (Make and Donate). Her aim is to raise £300 before Christmas and to help her achieve this goal she will be holding a further sale of items on Monday 18th December. M.A.D helps to buy items and equipment for cancer patients and their families at Peterborough City Hospital, Oncology Ward. Items on sale range from 50p to £4.00 and children are welcome to bring in money to purchase items on Monday lunchtime if they wish.



Staff Updates

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Webb has joined our Mid-day team this week. Mrs Webb will also be working with us as a teaching assistant in the new year.

Mr Dobson started his work experience placement with us this week and will be working in school on a part-time basis until the summer term.

In the new year, we also welcome Mrs Kennedy to our Office Team.

We are also looking for an EYFS/Year 1 Class Teacher to cover Mrs Challis' maternity leave from March 2024. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our team, full details are on our [website](#).

Online Safety tips for Parents/Carers Giving Devices this Christmas



With Christmas on the horizon, click [here](#) for some tips from Childnet to help ensure that your children can enjoy and stay safe with any new technology and devices that they may receive.



Nut and Seed Free School

Our school endeavours as far as possible to be a nut-free school, this includes sesame seeds. Therefore we would like to request that any food brought into school for lunches or snacks does not include any nuts or sesame seeds, this includes hummus.



Parking

Parents are only permitted to use the school car park between 7.30am and 8.00am and after 4.00 pm.



Outside of these times, the car park is **only** to be used by staff and Disabled Badge holders. If you are dropping off or collecting children outside of the above times, please park safely and courteously on the road and do not obstruct the entrance to school. These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of the children coming in and out of the school, and to ensure staff can park within the school grounds and not impact on the surrounding residents by parking all day outside local homes. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

John Clare Kitchen Menu – Week 2 – W/C 18/12/2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cowboy Hotpot made with Sausages	BBQ Chicken Fajitas	Traditional Christmas lunch		
Cowboy Hotpot made with Vegetarian Sausages	BBQ Quorn Fajitas	Roasted Vegetable Tart	School closed for Christmas break	School closed for Christmas break
Served with Sliced Beans	Served with Sweet Potato Oven Fries	Served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables, Bacon Wrap		
Salad bar to include lettuce, tomatoes, sweet peppers, cucumber, sweetcorn and carrots A selection of hot and cold puddings, freshly baked wholemeal bread, fruit and water				

Positive Posts

This week, the endeavours of the following children have been recognised with a Positive Post:

Rowan - for great perseverance in art.

Denny - for persevering well to produce wonderful robin artwork.

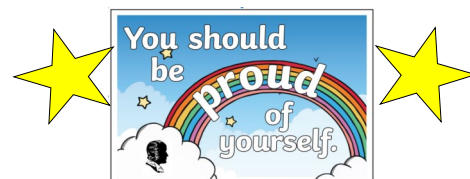
Noah - for making huge progress in phonics.

Alfie H - for working hard and being a brilliant member of Broadwheel Class.

Daisy D - for fantastic times table work.

Helena - for working hard this term and being noticed for the right reasons.

Elliott - for working hard and having a keen interest in all topics.



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CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

10 beautiful hampers to be won

Tickets to be purchased by 5pm on Monday 18th December.

Winners announced later that day. Hampers to be collected from the school before the 20th December. Thank you.

Tickets £1 each

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/412VO6P

All proceeds from the raffle go to the Friends of John Clare School. These funds help us to grant some of the schools wishes in order to ensure the children gain the very best experience out of their time at John Clare.

Class Attendance for the Week

Broadwheel

Whole School Attendance for the Week

98.3%

School Noticeboard

The following are dates in our school calendar but may be subject to change

DECEMBER

20 Christmas Lunch/End of Term

JANUARY

4 School opens 8.40am

11 Year 5 swimming commences for 5 weeks