



Clarity Independent School

15th July 2022

End of year newsletter

Dear parents and care-givers,

As we approach the end of term, and end of school year, it is a natural time of reflecting back over the year.

It has been a challenging year to navigate coming out from under the restrictions placed on us all by the pandemic; something that we anticipated being a much simpler and shorter process than it was! Nevertheless, we have come out the other side much stronger and in a better position than when we went in!

Some of this year's successes:

- All children have made progress in their learning across the year (the main reason we are here!)
- We have had fun together, and enjoyed some wonderful trips, including The Science Museum in London, The London Transport Depot Museum, our Christmas Pantomime at the Civic Theatre, Chelmsford, Danbury Outdoors for our bushcraft activities, Riverside Ice and Leisure for our swimming lessons and finally Maldon Park this week, for some fun crazy golf, the petting zoo a picnic and splash park!



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- We have enjoyed several 'Internal Trips' for those pupils who struggle to venture out to different destinations, such as The 2 Johns, The Comic Club and Extreme Science
- We have successfully opened to 3 classes rather than 2, reducing our class sizes to around 4 pupils, which the pupils like and have settled well to
- Opened parent coffee morning trainings and get-togethers during the school day, focusing on behaviour management strategies and E-safety
- Opened our first parents' afternoon and evening
- Enhanced our building to provide more options such as experiments in Science and Cookery practical sessions
- The children have been enjoying guitar lessons and a choice of three languages
- Built a new staffroom and meeting room to provide more space in the school for lessons and activities to take place.
- Achieved enough evidence to satisfy Ofsted that we have been meeting all the Independent School Standards
- Achieved our material change with Ofsted so that the DfE agrees that we can now permanently open for up to and including 16-year-olds.

We look forward to the next year with anticipation!

Hot weather and water-fun

This week, the weather will reach the heights of temperatures into the late thirties. Therefore, we have resourced and are planning to have 'Nerf Super Soaker' water pistols and water balloons for the children to play with in the playground. Therefore, please can they arrive at school with sun-cream on and provide them with a bottle of sun-cream to apply at school to top up, as well as a full change of clothes (including underwear and socks) and a spare pair of trainers / pumps that do not matter if they get wet, on both Monday **and** Tuesday. It may be a case of staff vs pupils to see who gets the wettest.....!

Staff news

We have said fond good-byes to Jane McKean, our SALT specialist who has been working with the school for three years. We have secured a new SALT therapist for September, Lily Bridges, Founder of Chelmsford Speech Therapy. We look forward to working with her. Jane has written discharge letters for the children she has completed therapy with, which will be sent out to the relevant parents under separate cover on Monday. All our other specialists working with the school are still able to provide their services from September onwards.

Cost of living crisis

Please see the link below for a dedicated Government website, where you can find out more information about financial help and support we are all entitled to, plus other support that is available that you may be entitled to apply for, due to the cost of living crisis. If we can be of assistance as a school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

https://costoflivingsupport.campaign.gov.uk/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Bikeability Training in the Summer Holidays

Courses have been made available for Essex pupils to attend, including Learn to Ride, Cycle Skills (Level 1), On Road Training (Level 1 and 2 combined), Advanced Road Training (Level 3) are available in the following areas:

- Chelmsford – Moulsham School
- Wickford – Grange School
- Basildon – Millhouse School
- Harlow – Holy Cross School
- Colchester – Northern Gateway

All courses cost £10 (no refund). To book, complete the [online booking form](http://www.essex.cycleready.co.uk) (www.essex.cycleready.co.uk)

Holiday Activities and Food programme

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) provides healthy food and enriching activities to children and young people, with free places available for those on free school meals. It's available during the summer, Easter and Christmas school holidays, with the next HAF programmes starting in July 2022. School holidays can be a particularly difficult time for some families. This free holiday club programme helps children to enjoy active and healthy school holidays, where they can experience new activities, meet friends and eat healthy meals.

This programme will run throughout the summer school holidays in every local authority this year and we encourage you to make your pupil's parents and carers aware of the scheme and the local clubs in your area.

For information on how your pupils and their families can get involved, please contact your local council. More information can be found using the link below.

https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/04/06/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme-2/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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Childcare offers for parents

Over a million families in the UK are entitled to support with the costs of childcare from the government, but many don't realise that they're eligible. By utilising the different offers, parents and carers with children aged 0–16 could get financial support worth thousands of pounds.

Along with the usual types of childcare (e.g. childminders and nurseries) the support packages can be used across many different types of providers, such as:

- Holiday activity clubs
- School wraparound care
- Extracurricular clubs such as sports, drama, and music tuition
- Religious settings, i.e. Jewish yeshivas and chedarim, Muslim madrassahs and Christian Sunday schools

More information can be found about the support you may be entitled to, by using this link. https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

We wish you all a very pleasant summer and will see the pupils back in school on Thursday 8th September at 9am. 😊 📅

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Hanson', written in a cursive style.

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