

The School Association

Welcome back!

Welcome back Clipston School families. We hope you are keeping well in what has been a strange and uncertain year. It has been lovely to see familiar faces again at the school gates and hear the laughter of the children as they settle back in to the school routine.

We particularly wanted to welcome all the new families joining the school this term. We would normally be holding our annual welcome drinks for new (and existing) parents but sadly have to postpone for now. We hope to set something up as soon as we are safely able to. We do have a Facebook page where notices and event information is shared, and you can get in touch with us there or by e-mail (details below).

When school closed to the majority of pupils in March we didn't imagine that all the usual end of summer term events and celebrations such as the Fete and end of term disco would not be taking place. Not only are these much loved by the children but also provide a significant part of our annual School Association fundraising monies.

In the months before lockdown, thanks to your support from events such as the Christmas Bazaar and after school Craft Club, and by purchasing the school calendar, we were able to fund the transport to (and the interval ice creams at!) the whole-school Christmas Pantomime trip, the class Bedtime Reading Bags, the sports teams sail flag, and the whole-school enrichment day which involved cooking and creating Clarice Cliff inspired paintings. These, along with the Life Education Bus and Year 6 Leavers' Trophies, are all enjoyable additional learning experiences and items that the children gain huge value from and without your support would not be possible.

We very much hope that we will be able re-start some of our fundraising this term and already have some ideas in mind. It may feel slightly different to what we are used to but, subject to the ongoing restrictions, we will aim to make it as fun as possible for the children and try to capture some of the excitement of the build-up to Christmas that they look forward to so much. If you have any ideas we would love to hear them!

More so now than ever we are very keen to welcome new committee members and helpers. And if you are interested in a main role we are also advertising for a new Chair. We usually have a full committee meeting once every term with various sub-committees organising specific events. It's a fun way to meet people, make new friends and feel part of the school community. Please do get in touch if you want to know more - and look out for details of our AGM which all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Once again, welcome back. It is so good to see everyone again.

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