

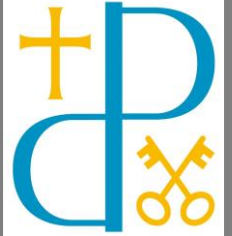


**CLIPSTON ENDOWED VC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Be Kind ~ Be Your Best ~ Be Happy**

**Clipston Connects  
Number 6**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



W/B 16/10/23	Regular Events	New / One-off Events
<b>Monday</b>	Reading Volunteers in school Pacesetters Sports - Lunch Club for All Jam Coding Club	Kingfisher & Woodpecker Parent Consultations
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pacesetters Sports Club – After School NMPAT Music Lessons	Kingfisher & Woodpecker Parent Consultations
<b>Wednesday</b>	Pacesetters Sports – Lunch Club for All Brass and Woodwind Lessons	Owl and Robin Parent Consultations
<b>Thursday</b>		Woodpecker, Owl and Robin Parent Consultations
<b>Friday</b>	Last swimming Year 4 KS1 French Club Hotshots	



**News:** There has been a focus on sport and being physically active over the past week. This Year 3 Pupil won Hotshots Basketball Player of the Month Award – very well done! Children across the whole school enjoyed a day of Orienteering delivered by the Sports Partnership. The children had great fun developing a range of skills including navigating obstacles whilst blindfolded and listening to their partner call out directions linked to the compass points. In Worship Assembly we watched a video of Simone Biles, the World Gymnastics Champion and most decorated medalist. As we reflected on the meaning of Black History Month, we talked about past and present black leaders and activists, as well as modern-day black contributors to world culture and sport. The children were amazed at Simone’s skills on the parallel bars, beam, vault and floor, and we talked about commitment, resilience and dedication. The Reception Classes from around the district feature in this week’s Harborough Mail, including Owl Class at Clipston School. Thank you to everyone who attended the Phonics Parent Workshop. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Consultations next week.

October	November	December
2 <sup>nd</sup> Harvest Festival in Church 9.15am (Parents invited) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Full Governing Body Meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> Orienteering Sports – All pupils 9 <sup>th</sup> Phonics Workshop 2pm 20 <sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 1 30 <sup>th</sup> Training Day 31 <sup>st</sup> First Day Term 2 31 <sup>st</sup> Secondary Applications Close	3 <sup>rd</sup> Swimming starts for Year 3 17 <sup>th</sup> Children In Need “Odd Socks Day” 21 <sup>st</sup> Flu Immunisations – All pupils 24 <sup>th</sup> School Association Dress As You Please Day (Tombola Chocolate Donations) 27 <sup>th</sup> Full Governing Body Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> School Association Christmas Bazaar – afternoon - parents invited 7 <sup>th</sup> Panto Trip – details to follow 13 <sup>th</sup> Infant Nativity Performance 10.30am and 2.00pm – parents invited 15 <sup>th</sup> Junior Carol Service 2.00pm – parents invited 20 <sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 2

**Our Christian Virtue this term is **Kindness** – Be kind to one another – Ephesians 4:32**

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Emma Mercer. Deputy DSLs are Mrs Steph Baimbridge and Mrs Gina Guerriero  
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9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## **To Parents / Carers of pupils in Year 6 at a Primary or Junior school**

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Applying for a Year 7 place in secondary school for September 2024**

Parents / carers of pupils in year 6 who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024 are reminded that the closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you apply for a secondary school place for your child and that this is received before the closing date. A late application will mean that the chance of getting one of your preferred schools is greatly reduced.

School places are **not** automatically allocated to any child even if there is an older brother or sister attending a secondary school or you live in an area linked to a particular school.

### **How to apply**

The easiest and quickest way to apply is online at: [www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/admissions)

You may also download a copy of the composite prospectus from our website; 'Applying for a Secondary School Place for 2024/25', and you are advised to read this carefully before making your application. Alternatively, you can make an application by completing a common application form on paper. You can request an application form from the School Admissions Team (contact details above).

Some schools require you to complete a supplementary information form (SIF) and some also require your child to sit a common ability test (CAT). There is a list of schools which require a SIF on our website. SIFs should be returned directly to the school. It is important to be aware that some schools give priority to children who sit their common ability test, so those who do not will have less chance of getting a place.

### **Pupils living outside West Northamptonshire**

If your home address is outside West Northamptonshire (even if your child attends a West Northamptonshire primary / junior school), you should make your application to the local authority where you live (your home local authority), not WNC. Contact details of neighbouring local authorities can be found on our website.

Please contact the School Admissions team (details above) if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

School Admissions Team