



Clenchwarton Primary School Weekly Newsletter – 8th November 2024



Hello Everyone,

The 11th November marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week, and this year's theme is "Choose Respect". Many children are still learning how to conduct themselves, and it can be difficult for them to know how to act when faced with someone who disagrees with them, or otherwise find themselves in conflict with another person. This Anti-Bullying Week, we're bringing you expert advice on encouraging children to choose respect. We are inviting children to come to school on **12th November wearing odd socks** to show their support with Anti-bullying.

Selected children in Years 5 and 6 have got bikeability w/c 11th November. Please can you ensure children bring their bike, helmet and have sensible clothing including a warm waterproof coat and long trousers as they will be outside.

On Friday 15th November it is 'Children in Need'. We are having a non-uniform day where children can come to school wearing something yellow and/or spotty. There will be a 'just giving page' where donations can be made to support Children in Need. This will be shared on Dojo. We are aiming to raise £100 towards this wonderful charity.

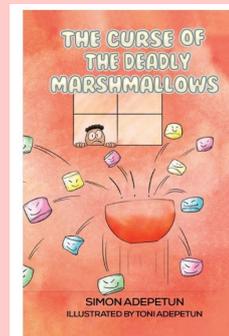
There are no After-School clubs next week due to Parents Evening.

On 19th November, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have the author, Simon Adepetun, coming into school to complete a creative writing workshop. If you would like to pre-order any of his books, please can you let the office know by Wednesday 13th November and Simon will bring them with him on the visit. The cost is: **£6 for The Bee Hive Novel** and **£8 for The curse of The Deadly Marshmallows**.

As always, we want to ensure that your experience at Clenchwarton Primary is a positive one and we will keep you informed of your child's progress or any other incidents which happen in school. If you have any concerns, in the first instance, please telephone or email the school office.

Best wishes

Ms J Borley
(Executive Headteacher)



The Curse of The Deadly Marshmallows



The Bee Hive

Attendance

Reception:	100%	Year 4:	95%
Year 1:	97%	Year 5:	98%
Year 2:	97%	Year 6:	99%
Year 3:	99%		

Congratulations to *Reception *



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Upcoming Events

Bingo—Tuesday 19th November

Non Uniform Day—22nd November—Donations for Tombola

Christmas Fair— Friday 6th December

The PTA are looking for new members please come and join us. If you have any queries, please speak to Miss Kelly Childerhouse (Chair). clenchwartonpta@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.



Healthy Snacks

Pupils can bring in a healthy snack to eat at playtime. E.g. fruit, cereal bars (**no nuts**), raisins, vegetable sticks, etc.

Crisps and chocolate are not allowed as a snack but can be put in your child's lunch box for lunchtime. We are encouraging a healthy lifestyle!



Have your circumstances changed recently?

You may be eligible for Free School Meals!

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including FSM). You can apply online:-

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>.

Families in hardship and needing wider support

In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Wider support from a range of partners can then also be made available with NAS working alongside the Children's Services Community and Partnerships service. Families may get in touch with NAS via their dedicated website which includes an online application form, at [Norfolk Assistance Scheme - Norfolk](#)



Lunchtime Co

Please see the school website for the menu. If your child has any dietary requirements that we are not aware of, please inform the school office. **All Bookings should be made via ParentPay, by midnight on a Sunday.**



Attendance & Pastoral Support

Gail Scott is our Attendance and Pastoral support officer for Clenchwarton Primary School. Mrs Scott can be contacted by emailing:

- g.scott@westnorfolkacademiustrust.co.uk



ParentPay

Lunches

Please book school lunches via ParentPay before midnight on a Sunday. Even if your child receives Free meals booking is still required. Thank you.



As the weather is turning colder could you please ensure your child comes to school suitably dressed for the elements.



Diary Dates



***Please be aware that dates are for guidance only and are subject to change.**

Please note that the West Norfolk Academies Trust school calendar for 2024/2025 can be located from the school's website. School holiday dates are slightly different to NCC.

Monday 11th November 2024	Anti-Bullying Week Parents Sleep Workshop 3:30pm-4:30pm Bikeability - 4 Days—Selected Pupils Cross Country Finals—Pupils who Qualified Year 4 Pupils who signed up Remembrance Performance 2Minutes Silence at 11:00am
Tuesday 12th November 2024	Parents Evening Year 1 Trip to Trues Yard Odd Socks Day
Thursday 14th November 2024	Parents Evening
Friday 15th November 2024	Children in Need—Wear Yellow or Spots Non-Uniform
Monday 18th November 2024	Year 1 Zoolab Visit
Tuesday 19th November 2024	PTA Bingo 6:00-8:00pm Year 3 Class Assembly at 2:45pm—Parents of Year 3 Invited Bags to School Collection KS2 Author Visit
Friday 22nd November 2024	Year 2 Lynn Museum Trip—Uniform Required Christmas Service Rehearsal—Choir
Monday 25th November 2024	PTA Cake Sale at 3:15pm for Leavers Hoodies Tag Rugby—Selected Pupils
Tuesday 26th November 2024	Open Afternoon for Reception Intake 3:30-4:15pm Rock Steady Concert 10:00am—Participating children only PTA Cake Sale at 3:15pm for Leavers Hoodies
Wednesday 27th November 2024	Used Uniform Sale Anti-Bullying Training—Selected Pupils
Thursday 28th November 2024	PTA Non Uniform Day—Please bring a donation for the Christmas Fayre Tombola PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE NHS Flu vaccination programme. More details to follow.
Tuesday 3rd December 2024	Year 5 Trip to Masjid Ghousia Mosque PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
Wednesday 4th December 2024	Year 5 Class Assembly at 2:45pm—Parents of Year 5 Invited
Thursday 5th December 2024	Year 6 Class Assembly at 2:45pm—Parents of Year 6 Invited MITI Pupils Music Workshop—more details to follow Open Afternoon for Reception Intake 3:30-4:15pm
Friday 6th December 2024	PTA Christmas Fair 3:30-5:30pm
Monday 9th December 2024	PTA Panto
Wednesday 11th December 2024	Community Christmas Service St Nicolas Chapel 5:00pm —Choir
Thursday 12th December 2024	NHS Flu vaccination programme —Follow up session (if applicable). More details to follow.
Friday 13th December 2024	Christmas Lunch—more details to follow Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16th December 2024	KS2 Carol Concert 2:15pm—more details to follow
Tuesday 17th December 2024	KS1 Nativity 9:15am—more details to follow
Wednesday 18th December 2024	Used Uniform Sale Year 1 Christmas Singalong
Thursday 19th December 2024	KS1 Nativity 2:00pm—more details to follow
Friday 20th December 2024	Last Day of Term



After School Clubs will run from 3:15pm-4:15pm

There will be no Clubs week commencing 11th November due to Parents Evening

Day	After School Club	Who with:
Tuesday	<p>Multi-sports—20 Spaces available Starts - 5th November 2024 No Session on 12th November Last session—10th December 2024</p> <p>Choir—Young Voices Pupils Only Starts - 5th November 2024 No Session on 12th November Last Session - 10th December 2024</p>	<p>ICS coaching— Booking via ParentPay.</p> <p>Miss Welch—Payment via ParentPay.</p>
Wednesday	<p>Cross-stitch— 6 spaces available Starts - 20th November 2024. Last session - 11th December 2024</p>	<p>Mrs Tarsey— Payment via ParentPay.</p>
Thursday	<p>Book Club (EYFS/KS1 Only) - 10 spaces available) Starts—21st November 2024 Last Session—12th December 2024</p>	<p>Mrs Howells/Mrs Wil- liams—Payment via ParentPay</p>
Friday	<p>Gymnastics Last session on 20th December 2024 https://www.premier-education.com/ parents/venue/courses/2396-882775/</p>	<p>Premier Sports premier-education.com to book</p>

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel..." or "I think..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.

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The National College

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Events

**Clenchwarton
Primary
PTA
Christmas Fayre**

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
DOORS OPEN AT 3.30pm

**Fun Christmas games, raffles,
tombola, craft and Christmas
stalls!**

CLENCHWARTON PTA
INVITE YOU TO OUR

BINGO NIGHT

Tuesday 19th November
DOORS OPEN 6PM

EYES DOWN AT 7PM

A FUN EVENING WITH FRIENDS AND
FAMILY

Clenchwarton Primary School
Open Afternoon for
2025/2026 Reception Intake
26th November & 5th December 2024 -
3.30pm-4.15pm

Come and visit us at Clenchwarton Primary. We understand making your child's school choice can be difficult but we can all work together and learn together to make it the best possible experience of all.

Visit our website at www.clenchwartonprimary.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you.