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Dear Parents/Carers,

What an exciting start to the new term...

- The Parents' Meeting, held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, was well attended and very positive - reflecting on the journey we have taken so far in addressing the key recommendations from the Ofsted inspection and outlining the next steps in our journey towards 'Outstanding'.

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have been able to attend this meeting and Class Information Meetings during the past two weeks.

- Good ideas have been shared on how we can develop a stronger, really effective partnership between school, home and the wider community and first steps are already underway in several areas. We welcome your continued suggestions for on-going improvements (via class teachers/the Office).
- Improvements to communication are a priority for us and a new school website is now accessible at: [www.claphamterrace.info](http://www.claphamterrace.info) and our new H.S.A. website at: [www.claphamterrace.org](http://www.claphamterrace.org)

Both sites are still evolving so please bear with us while we continue to add information, news and letters etc. If there is anything you feel could be added to the pages please let the staff in the office know.

#### Rockets Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2009

A meeting to discuss the change of Rockets (our breakfast and after school club) to a limited company will be held on the **8<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 in the Early Years Hall**. A letter has been issued to all parents/carers who use the provision and anyone with any questions is invited to attend the meeting.

#### Foundation Stage

You may have noticed that the fence between the main playground and the Early Years outdoor classroom has now been replaced. The outdoor classroom is set up each day ready for the foundation stage to use as part of their teaching and learning and therefore could we request that the equipment is **not used** whilst you are waiting to drop off or collect your child/children at school.

#### Safeguarding

Thank you to all of the parents who have come to the office and completed applications to be CRB checked – we are now looking for volunteers to help us dig the Early Years Garden. We would really like to develop this area so that the children can utilise it and maintain it. If you are interested in helping to prepare this area please pass your name to Mrs Beniston in YR or the School Office. Thank you!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Gallagher'.

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**The school photographer will be taking individual portraits on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**

### Eco – Warriors

The Eco-warriors are:-

Reception	Devarajan
Year 1	Theodore
Year 2	Kenzie & Patrick
Year 3	Cian
Year 4	Marleigh & Niamh
Year 5	Alfie
Year 6	Khalifa & Zoe

They would like to introduce you to walk to  
school week

19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009

We would like everyone to try to walk or  
cycle to school for the entire week, if  
possible.

More details to follow.....

**Important**

### SWINE FLU

If your child has a fever and any  
two of the following symptoms,  
cough, sore throat, runny nose,  
joint and muscle pain, diarrhoea,  
tiredness

**please do not send them to  
school.**

Contact us on 01926 423404.  
We will then advise you of what  
action to take.

Children will be sent home if they  
present any of the above  
symptoms whilst at school.

### HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

#### Website

The HSA are very pleased to be able to announce the  
launch of [www.claphamterrace.org](http://www.claphamterrace.org) which is the new  
website dedicated to keeping you all up to date with  
what is going on and giving you an opportunity to have  
your say in what the HSA gets up to.

All feedback welcomed as the site is in its' infancy and  
could do with a bit of nurturing. We look forward to  
receiving lots of emails as you all register to be able  
to comment on and contribute to the site.

Don't forget that if you're not a fan of the WWW you can  
always contact the HSA via the school office or your  
class teacher and a message will get to us.

### Nestle Boxtop Tokens

We are still collecting the tokens this term.

Also please can you save and send in used  
postage stamps – these will be given to OXFAM.

**Extended**   
**Services**   
Warwickshire

**GET INTO IT** scheme.  
**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

If you think that you are eligible for  
Free School Meals please contact  
the office for an application form.

If your application is granted you  
are then able to access Extended  
Service funding to enable your  
child to take part in after school  
activities and holiday activities.  
Information available from the  
office.

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# CLASS NEWS

## Early Years Unit News

Everyone has settled into to the Foundation Unit brilliantly. It is lovely to see all the smiling faces of the children coming in each morning. We have been busy getting to know each other and our learning environment, and have been taking part in lots of exciting activities.

We are learning all about Ourselves and have been busy painting self portraits, learning the names of the parts of the body and making a book about ourselves for the book corner. Everyone is having a great time and we are all looking forward to lots more activities and great learning taking place in the months ahead. Don't forget we are always here if you need to ask any questions or want to discuss anything about your child's progress.

## Year 1 News

Thank you to all parents for your fantastic support so far!

We really appreciate this.

Our 'Family Trees' with the photographs your children brought in look fabulous!. Thank you also for supporting our 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' visit last week. We raised an amazing **£104**. The children really enjoyed meeting Mo the Guide Dog and were praised by our visitors for asking thoughtful questions and for being gentle with Mo. Well done Year 1! Look out for collection envelopes for 'World Food Day'; these will come home next week

[guide dogs.org.uk](http://guide dogs.org.uk) 

## Year 2 News

We are starting on our



'**Super Hero**'  
topic this week.

We will investigate both Heroes and Villains, what they look like, what they say and how comic books are set out.

Look out for our own Super Hero Stories to be published soon.

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## Year 3 News

A big thank-you to everyone who has been so keen to explore the



Romans for homework, a lot of hard work and effort has been put in. A great attitude to learning, generally and we look forward to celebrating more and sharing exciting forthcoming events.

## Year 4 News

Our topic this term is the Tudors.

We have been learning about Henry VIII and his many wives. We will also be making tudor purses, on a Tuesday afternoon. We would welcome any support with this activity please contact Mr Bayliss or the office, if you are able to help.

As the weather has been so good we were able to



go out and collect various mini beasts, we then examined them, comparing their bodies, how many legs they have and where they live.

## Year 5 News

Year 5 have been working hard trying to be the best behaved class in the school.

This has been acknowledged by Mrs Gallagher as we were the first class to receive the head teacher's certificate of achievement this year for our excellent conduct as school ambassadors during our school trip to Compton Verney.

We visited Compton Verney and set in the beautiful galleries of the manor house we learnt about textile design and screen printing. We designed and printed out our own story within textiles.

Everyone involved agreed it was possibly the best school trip ever!!

## Year 6 News

We have been creating our own



newspaper reports on World War II and discovering what it would have been like to be evacuated during the war.

Our residential trip to Marle Hall is approaching fast and we are hoping to have a cake sale next week to raise some funds towards our trip. We will keep you informed. Quick reminder that the Marle Hall meeting will be @ 7pm tonight (01<sup>st</sup> October)

## Diary Date

Half Term Holiday

25<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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