



# Junior Claremont News

Claremont Fan Court School

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## Dear Parents

Even though we are into our third week of the Spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of the parents and wish you a wonderful new year. It is fantastic to see so much of the children's work going up on display throughout the school; you must look at the classroom walls and the hall when you are next in. I want to draw your attention to the year group reading lists on the website under the Junior School tab. Mr McQuire and our School Librarian, Mrs Bradley, have put them together to help you choose recommended books. Hopefully, you will have heard from your children about the excellent assembly this week from an RNLI volunteer. Year 4 parents will be aware of his impact on their children's curriculum this half term. We have the SOS day coming up on Friday 3 February when the Year 4s will devise activities to help raise money for the RNLI, which will include a themed cake sale. It is encouraging to hear that parents are pleased with the move to AlleyCatz who are supplying all of the school uniform and games kit now. It is with regret that I have to announce that Miss Chan, who has been with us the last two years teaching in Year 3 and Year 5, will be leaving at the end of this term for personal reasons. We are very fortunate to have Miss Roche, who knows the children and has worked well in Year 5 while Mrs Casey has been recuperating, available to take over Miss Chan's class in the Summer Term. I am pleased that Mrs Casey is making good progress; she sends her love to everyone. We are all looking forward to seeing her again after half term. Finally, may I remind all of you who drive into school in the morning that there are two distinct functions to the car park area: those who wish to see their children out of the car park in the clearly marked spaces; the roadway next to the playground picket fence is set aside for drop off which means that parents who do not have to get out of cars to say goodbye to children or have a quick word with others. In that way our facilities staff can help maintain a traffic flow that will benefit everyone.

Best Wishes, David Ford



## Year 3

This week, a Roman soldier came to visit Year 3 and spent the day telling us all about his daily routine and life as a soldier in the Roman army. The centurion brought with him a range of artefacts, which he showed and passed around so the children could handle them. Some were genuine Roman items that were over 2000 years old! The children also had an opportunity of trying on different equipment and handling a variety of objects that would have been used by the Romans. In the afternoon, the children were treated to a regimented marching session following different Latin marching orders in the playground. The children listened with focus and concentration and they all gained plenty of enrichment during the day!

## Year 4

The Spring term started with Year 4 immersing themselves in the culture and atmosphere of a small fishing village in Cornwall called Mousehole. We have been describing Mousehole and reading a touching story called The Mousehole Cat. We used this story as inspiration for our own creative writing. In art we made Mousehole cottages out of cereal boxes and used charcoal and chalk to create the texture of granite. They look wonderful so come up to the Year 4 corridor to see them! This week we were lucky enough to be visited by the RNLI. We learnt that they are all voluntary people helping us to stay safe at sea. Year 4 have decided to hold a SOS day to raise money for them. We are currently coming up with some exciting fundraising ideas.

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