CLITHEROE ST JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A Great Week Back & Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the half-term break. We have got straight back into our learning with an exciting and busy week. The children have returned ready to learn and I have been particularly impressed with the great behaviour demonstrated across all year groups. We had a visitor in Worship today praising the "wonderful" behaviour of our pupils.

On Tuesday, our Key Stage 2 children took part in a rousing **Let's Go Sing** rehearsal. They thoroughly enjoyed practising the songs that will be performed at the Let's Go Sing concert later in the Spring Term. More details in due course.

This week, we also held meetings for our Year 6 parents to help prepare for our **residential visit to Robinwood**, which is now only a few weeks away. Thank you to all those who attended. We know the children are looking forward to this fantastic experience.

The safety and wellbeing of our children remain our highest priority, and this week we invited an external specialist to review our procedures through a comprehensive **safeguarding** audit. I am delighted to report that the safeguarding officer was extremely impressed with our procedures, staff knowledge, and the strong culture of safeguarding within school. Most importantly, our children spoke confidently about feeling safe in school, which is wonderful feedback and something we are very proud of.

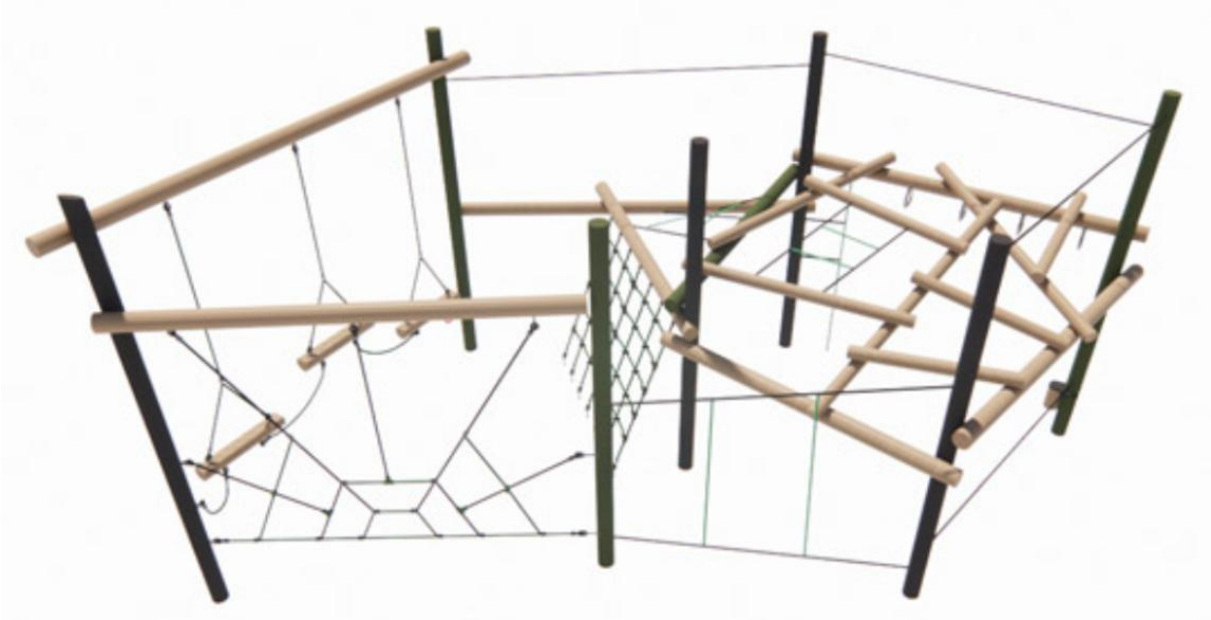
Updates

Building Work

Thank you all for your continued patience and support whilst the building work progresses. Significant work was completed during the half-term holiday, including the installation of new windows and doors in the Infant Hall and the completion of our new staffroom and office areas. The remaining work to complete the exterior of the Infant Hall and the associated landscaping is due to continue throughout this half term.

Exciting New Junior Playground Equipment

We are delighted to share that a new climbing frame for our junior playground will be installed next week. The equipment has been selected with the help of our School Council, ensuring the children's voices were central to the decision-making process. We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful PTA for helping to part-fund this exciting addition to the playground and to Mrs Earnshaw who has done a great deal of background work to make this happen.



Prayer Spaces

Next week, visitors from **The Grand Theatre** and **St James' Church** will be leading interactive reflection activities called "Prayer Spaces" for each class. These sessions provide children with opportunities to reflect on *Remembrance* and consider the importance of caring for ourselves and one another.

Site Supervisor

We are still recruiting for a Site Supervisor and would greatly appreciate your support in sharing this opportunity within the local community. Please use the link below if you know someone who may be interested in applying.

Caretaker/Cleaning Supervisor - St James CE Primary - Clitheroe BB7 1ED - Indeed.com

These are the contact details of the area manager who is recruiting:

Tomasz Olbinski / tomasz.olbinski@orian.co.uk / 07436974166

Our weekly Newsletter and Celebration Worship will return next Friday, and we look forward to sharing and celebrating the many successes of our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr. Leeming
Headteacher