



**FEBRUARY 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a really busy half term here at The Clare School and while it's been a very difficult time following the loss of one of our pupils, the school community has drawn together to ensure that we have made the most of our time in school.

From the Nursery and Reception class, all the way through to Further Education, pupils and staff have started the New Year with a bang; with the Panto's, both inside and outside school; celebrating and learning all about Chinese New Year; a Golden Day with the running theme of World Book Day and Form SD's 'round-the-world' trip that you may have followed on our Facebook page. Stephanie Doel is now off on maternity leave, and we wish her and her family all the best.

**Wishing you all a safe and happy half term,  
Fyfe Johnston, Headteacher**

**Form LH** began the half term with a visit to the theatre to see Jack & the Beanstalk, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Throughout the weeks pupils have been working really hard learning all about the different groups of animals. To support and bring pupils' learning to life we had an Animal Workshop visit our class, which allowed pupils to ask their prepared questions about the animals and to handle a cockroach, a millipede, a giant snail, a snake and a guinea pig. We also visited Banham Zoo and observed a number of animals. The children were especially excited at seeing baby meerkats and a baby zebra!

Miss Henman



### **GOLDEN DAY**

EVERYONE enjoyed an assortment of activities during Golden Day, which included a trip to the Sea Life Centre in Great Yarmouth, Dance & Music Workshops and Story groups. The story groups involved the sharing of a book and cooking and craft activities associated with the story. All teachers enthusiastically delivered outstanding learning experiences for the pupils and it was a huge pleasure to observe the positive responses from the pupils, especially how the sessions promoted peer interaction between the different aged students.



## SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to our Table Cricket team who represented Norfolk at Edgbaston Cricket Ground in the National Table Cricket Finals. Ten teams made the final and we finished in third place clinching the Bronze medal. This was an excellent weekend of Table Cricket.

The Secondary department travelled to Baseline in Horsford to have an alternative Christmas party this year. Pupils really enjoyed their Ice Skating experience.

Forms ME & JK/SH participated in an Indoor Athletics event which was held at the UEA Sports Park. Ten Special schools competed and our teams finished 4th and 2nd. Well done to all of our competitors.

### Winter Kwik Cricket

Norfolk Cricket organised a Kwik Cricket event for special schools in Norfolk and beyond. It was a tough competition but with some fantastic cricketing skills on display from our team we were able to finish the day in 4th place.

Unfortunately the Power Hockey had to be cancelled due to a lack of response from other schools. The Panathlon team are hoping to host the event later on in the year.

Two teams entered this years Table Cricket County finals which was held at the Norman Centre. It was great to see some new faces come through the ranks

### **Upcoming events in March**

Thursday 2nd - Winter School Games, UEA

Thursday 9th - Football Tournament (2) FDC

Thursday 3rd - Norfolk School Games HI SEND Festival, UEA

Thursday 30th - Cross Country Championships Taverham Hall school



**IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED** if office staff could be contacted directly with regard to any messages relating to your child, as we cannot rely on messages via school transport drivers and passenger assistants. **Many thanks!**

The next **COFFEE MORNING** will be held on 22nd February combined with our First Steps Group.



We have been fortunate to receive funding for a defibrillator. We will be holding training sessions at school. Further details to follow.



We look forward to seeing you.