



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all saw the article in this week's *Guardian* featuring Cledford's re-opening. Some of our children were pictured enjoying the PE and outdoor equipment, and the report emphasised the routines we have in place to manage safety as well as the focus on the catch up curriculum. If you haven't seen it, look on the school's Facebook page.

The staff and pupils are now into the full swing of things. Maths, reading, spellings, PE, art and more are going on indoors and outdoors across the school, and it is so lovely to walk around and feel that buzz of learning going on.

The children's behaviour on returning to school has been magnificent. They have shown what responsible and respectful members of the community they are by following the new rules, remaining focused on learning in lessons and playing safely at lunch and break. You have all been a great support by helping to manage the drop off and collections in a safe and respectful manner - Thank you to you all.

Next week we are having a focus day on 'community'. One of the positives to come out of lockdown has been that sense of how we can all help each other and the feeling of appreciation of how different members of the community have supported each other and helped to keep everyone safe and well. From key workers to family and neighbours, I think we have all had the chance to reflect on what we can achieve when we all come together. The focus day will give the children the opportunity to share together some of their positive experiences and thank those who have made a difference.

On that note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends at Morrisons who have provided some much welcome goodies to the staffrooms across school.

For those of you who have been missing your weekly fix of spectator sport, enjoy the return of the Premier League this weekend. If a weekend of football doesn't fill you with excitement, it is the virtual Great North Run so you could don your running shoes and join in the fun...

Warmest Regards
Mrs S Frater
School Principal

Office News

CORONA VIRUS AND REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

a high temperature (above 37.8) - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

If you call school **to report your child's absence**, you need to be clear what their symptoms are. If enough information isn't given, please expect a call from the office team to clarify the illness. Please help us in providing clear messages, let's work together and help to keep everyone safe.

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more, and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

REMINDER: Covid 19 and your journey to school

During these times it is even more important that we think really carefully about our journey to school. Whilst we are having to stagger the children's arrival at school and keep adults socially distanced, we all need to work together to keep everyone safe. Please do not arrive at the school gates earlier than your specified time. *If you have several children with different start times, it is fine to bring them all at the latest time if you wish.*

Can we please, also, be aware of and show respect to our neighbours. Please do not congregate outside the properties on George VI Avenue by the key stage 2 gate. ***If you can walk or cycle to school, you should - there are huge health benefits to be gained as well as the advantage of traffic reduction.***

FLU VACCINATIONS

You may have received a consent form from school health that was sent home with your child on Wednesday to consent to your child receiving the flu jab. Please return this by Friday 18th September. If you didn't receive a form, please request a copy from the school office. Having the flu vaccination will help protect children and stop the spread to their families and the wider community.

Children never cease to amaze me and this week I have been more amazed than ever before! I am so proud of the children who have started their learning journey at Cledford! They are coming into school with such delight and excitement on their faces that it is a joy to see. Every single child has worked hard to show me what they know already and I can't wait to put the whole class together on the 21st September and get going with our learning. The children will bring home their reading book on Monday 21st and will need to return it to school on Thursday 24th. More information about this process will be in their reading diary which you will find in their book bag on Monday 21st.

Enjoy the weekend, roll on next week! Please remember that next week we come into school at 8.40am and leave school at 2.40pm. Thank you for your patience and support with the arrangements. Don't forget that the timings change after the 18th September!!! Many thanks for your support - The EYFS team.

Office News

HOME/SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Communicating with parents and carers is important to us and we keep in touch with you in a variety of ways:

Weekly Newsletter

Each week we send out our newsletter which contains lots of information about what is happening in school. This is sent via the school gateway email. If you need a paper copy you can pick one up from the front of school.

It is of vital importance that you are signed up to this system as it is our main way of communicating with you, including urgent whole school or class messages. If there are two parents/carers with parental responsibility, both need to download the app to receive the notifications.

Website (<http://www.cledford.cheshire.sch.uk/>)

Our website is regularly updated with information about events that are coming up in school. You can also find out about what your child's class are doing and any homework that has been set by visiting the year group pages on the website.

Facebook

We keep our Cledford Facebook page updated with any information, news or photos.

Reading diaries

A quick message in your child's reading diary is a great way for you to communicate directly with the class teacher.

Telephone and email

Whilst the school office remains closed you can contact us via telephone (01606 288240) or by emailing admin@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk

Noticeboards

We have two noticeboards outside the EYFS and KS2 gates that are updated weekly with any new information.

Visiting school

We hope that we will be able to welcome parents and carers back in to school for events and parents' meetings soon. We will let you know as soon as it is safe to do so. We follow Government guidelines regarding visitors to school and these are updated regularly.

Parent Forum

Once we are able to welcome visitors to school we will be inviting parents to offer ideas about how we can further improve our school through a Parent Forum.

WHOLE CLASS MERIT

- 1 **Mrs Higgins** - The children have really impressed with their confident & independent start to their time here at Cledford.
- 3 **Mrs Giblin** - Class 3 for settling amazingly well into the new school routines.
- 4 **Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock** - For being able to find everything they need from their school trays!
- 5 **Mr Adlington** - What a fantastic start to year 2! They have worked so hard and settled in brilliantly as well as producing some fantastic writing and maths! Keep up the good work!
- 6 **Mrs Habesch/Miss Jenkinson** - Class 6 for always being such a cheerful bunch of people in the morning!
- 7 **Miss Gerrard** - We have been working extremely hard during maths lessons. We have been deepening our knowledge of place value with numbers up to 1000!
- 8 **Mrs Peters/Mrs Lester** - Class 8 have made a fantastic start to the year and have shown real perseverance and determination. Well done!
- 9 **Mrs Phillipson** - Class 9 have really enjoyed getting active in PE this week - there was lots of resilience and team work skills on show.
- 10 **Mr Simpson/Mrs Dunleavy** - Class 10 for having an excellent attitude towards school and being ready to learn.
- 11 **Mrs Sutton** - Thank you to all of the pupils in Class 11 for being focused and having such a positive attitude towards their learning following such a long break.
- 12 **Miss Platt** - Class 12 have been amazing at learning lots of tricky words when learning about the digestive system.
- 13 **Miss Wagstaff** - It has been non-stop in Class 13 this week and the new year 6s have done us proud! As well as honing our arithmetic and grammar skills, we've started a new class novel, learned about different types of human teeth, the origins of Hinduism and where the Vikings came from!

SENDCO DROP IN

As we cannot currently accept visitors in school due to COVID regulations, SENDCo drop-ins have been suspended until further notice. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss your child's SEND needs, please telephone or email the school office to arrange a telephone appointment with your child's class teacher. Please specify if you would also like the SENDCo to be present during the call.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Merit certificates will be presented to pupils during our virtual Monday assembly and will appear in the newsletter at the end of that week.