



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week's newsletter is something of a celebratory one.

First of all, I have the great pleasure of congratulating Mrs Marlsand and Mrs Appleton, who have both recently given birth to baby boys. Mrs Marlsand welcomed Benjamin William into the world in late August and Mrs Appleton's new addition, Arlo Edward, arrived last weekend. Both mums and sons are doing well and we send all our love to both families.



It has been lovely to welcome the new reception pupils and their families to Cledford. The children have been in school for full days this week. They have been quick to learn new routines, make friends and have been having lots of fun in the outdoor area.

We also said a big thank you this week to our amazing teaching assistant team on Wednesday, National TA day. The team here at Cledford are absolutely essential to the work we do, and offer the children amazing support. We could not do it without them.

Baseline assessment have continued as we focus on identifying what the children have retained over lockdown and where the emphasis of learning needs to be.

We shared our first virtual merit assembly this week. The children enjoyed finding out who had been spotted by their teacher for going above and beyond since the return to school and, although were not able to see each other in the flesh, celebrated each other's achievements from individual classrooms.

We were disappointed to find out this week that our annual visit to the theatre would not be taking place this year due to the postponement of the New Vic Theatre's production of 'Beauty and the Beast' until next year. Although this was not unexpected, it is so sad that that this and so many of our traditional events have had to be cancelled or postponed this year. Fingers crossed we will be able reinstate some of these later in the year. I know some families are wondering about whether residential visits will be going ahead. Year group teams will be in touch with more news when final decisions have been made.

This Saturday is National Dance Day, so why not turn up the volume of your favourite family tune and have a bop - whether it is street dance, classic ballroom or just good old 'Dad Dancing', do as they say and 'dance like no-one is watching!'

Happy tapping

Warmest regards
Mrs S Frater
School Principal



Merits

- 3 Mrs Giblin - Gracie for following school rules and joining in
- 4 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock - Rocky for working so hard with his reading in lockdown
- 5 Mr Adlington - Tyler for setting a great example and showing that he is always listening
- 6 Mrs Habesch/Miss Jenkinson - Grace for having an excellent attitude towards her work and always being ready
- 7 Miss Gerrard - Logan for already impressing Miss Gerrard with his excellent attitude to learning - keep it up Logan!
- 8 Mrs Peters/Mrs Lester - Eric for a fantastic start to the year and for working exceptionally hard in all that he does
- 9 Mrs Phillipson - Emily for enthusiasm and participation in class
- 10 Mr Simpson - Maisy for excellent focus and enthusiastically completing tasks
- 11 Mrs Sutton - Katie she has shown great resilience since returning this term
- 12 Miss Platt - Emily for a wonderful attitude towards every aspect of school life
- 13 Miss Wagstaff - Hannah for excellent work on her arithmetic assessment

Another busy week has meant that lots of learning has taken place in the EYFS this week. Our focus has been birthdays. The children have all learnt when their birthday is and we have already celebrated several children turning 5. Happy Birthday to all of you! We have also done a lot of learning about repeating patterns and the children have become confident and proficient at creating repeating patterns using lots of different things around them. They went to the woods to collect natural objects and used these to make patterns and used paint and bingo dabbers as well. The Squirrels group also got to experience their first fire drill- they were amazing and followed my instructions perfectly! Well done Squirrel group.

Please don't forget that we change start and finish times next week. School opens 9.05 - 9.15am school closes at 3pm.

Thanks everyone and enjoy the weekend. Reading books and bags will come home on Monday!

Many thanks for your support - The EYFS team.

Class News

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN A MODERN WORLD:

Sex and Relationships Education Curriculum

This academic year all schools in England are required to teach a compulsory sex and relationships education curriculum (SRE). As part the introduction of this at Cledford, we will be opening our parent consultation shortly. Please watch out for communications from school about this, where you will be invited to ask questions and offer feedback.

CHILDREN'S BAGS

Now that additional items such as coats and bags are being stored in classroom, please could you send your child to school with an appropriately sized bag that can carry what they need for the day but no bigger. Space is of a premium in the classroom and oversized bags, in particular rucksacks, are taking up much needed space.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

One of the highlights of the Cledford calendar is the annual Macmillan coffee morning. Traditionally, it has always been well supported by parents and friends of the school who donate delicious cakes, as well as attend on the day. The children have always enjoyed entertaining visitors and Mrs Smith has been a champion compere for the event. Sadly, we cannot come together this year, but are keen to mark the day and continue to support the amazing work of the Macmillan nurses. We will therefore be once again inviting children to wear a green accessory on Friday 25th and school will provide a biscuit and juice drink for them all. If you would like to make a family donation, please do so via the school gateway payment system from Monday 21st. The children should not bring cash donations on the day, as we are currently operating a cashless system for all school payments.



Office News

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please remember the office is closed unless a prior arrangement has been made. This means you will need to ensure your child has everything they need with them for the school day: bags, PE kit, water bottles etc. We are trying our best to keep everyone safe and reduce the amount of visitors and handling of items to a minimum.

SCHOOL COMMS APP

If you have ordered snack in advance and your child is absent from school on a day that you have already placed an order, please email or phone the office before 9am so the order can be cancelled. Please do not use the app for contacting us; we would like you to contact the school office by ringing 01606 288240 or emailing admin@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk

Please do not arrive at the school gates earlier than your requested 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.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Next week will be menu 2.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM

All reception and key stage one children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Some children in both key stage one and key stage two are entitled to Income Related Free School Meals and these need to be claimed for through Cheshire East. It only takes a quick phone call! For any child entitled to Income Related Free School Meals, the school also receives additional funding to help develop the children's academic progress or their social and emotional skills.

If your child is in reception or key stage one, and you think that they qualify for Income Related Free School Meals, then please could you either ring 0300 123 5012 or apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Dates for your diary

Friday 25th September - Macmillan Coffee morning. Children can come into school wearing a green accessory - donations via School Gateway

Wednesday 21st October - School photographs

Thursday 22nd October - Year 1 Wow day

Monday 2nd or Friday 13th November - Year 6 Crucial Crew event tbc

Wednesday 11th Thursday 12th November - Parents evening

Thursday 19th November - School nurses in school for Influenza nasal sprays

*All dates are currently subject to change due to the current circumstances.