



# Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

This is our last newsletter of this year.

As you all know we are doing our usual walk to St Michaels' church on Wednesday 18th December; we are still in need of some helpers for year 1. We are leaving straight after the children have had their register. If you are able to help, please either contact the office or leave a message with your child's class teacher.

Could I please ask parents to take care when dropping and collecting their children from school; we have had reports of children being let out of their parents/carers vehicles without parking up. Your child/ren's safety is paramount; please ensure you park kerbside and let your child out onto the footpath.

It only remains for me to wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Please remember that we will close for Christmas on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 3.15pm and we will welcome the children back into school on Monday 6th January 2020.

Last of all, if you are finding Christmas a bit difficult this year, then do not forget that it is your presence and not presents that your children need most. Peace to all.

Miss Hough  
Head of Schools

## Class Merits

1 Mrs Higgins	Ruby for 'having a go' at independent writing with accurate use of phonics
2 Miss O'Nions	Joseph-Eli for his excellent imagination in the creative area
3 Mrs Bowbeer	Tyler has been chosen by Mrs Chadwick for a more positive and resilient attitude towards school life
4 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock	Noah for being so enthusiastic to take part in all activities that we do!
5 Miss Gerrard	All of class 5 for their fantastic nativity performance!
6 Mrs Lester/Mrs Peters	All of class 6 for their fantastic nativity performance!
7 Mrs Power	Alex has been chosen by Miss Henshall for a superb attitude to learning and great work in all subjects
8 Mrs Appleton	Olivia for exemplary behaviour all term! You should be so proud of yourself
9 Mr Simpson	Joshua for trying his best at all times and setting a great example to others in the classroom
10 Mrs Marsland	Emily for her constant display of kindness and positivity. An absolute pleasure to be around!
11 Miss Wagstaff	Jimmy Doley for super reading comprehension work about Christmas traditions around the world
12 Mr Adlington	Will for some excellent concentration and effort in DT this week
13 Miss Platt	Laura for always being thoughtful and considerate of others

## Attendance

## Dates for your Diary (more dates are available on the website)

### CLASS OF THE WEEK

**Class 2 - Miss O'Nions - 99.6%**

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK: **89.9%**  
WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR: **95.5%**

Class 1: **90.8%**      Class 2: **99.6%**

Class 3: **90.4%**      Class 4: **88.9%**

Class 5: **94.5%**      Class 6: **88%**

Class 7: **82.8%**      Class 8: **92.1%**

Class 9: **86.1%**      Class 10: **93.2%**

Class 11: **94%**      Class 12: **81.8%**

Class 13: **87.9%**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December : Christmas parties and Christmas lunch  
 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Carol Service@St Michaels (Y1 Helpers needed)  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December : 3:15PM - SCHOOL CLOSSES**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January : 8:50AM - SCHOOL RE-OPENS**  
 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January : 6pm - Y4 Residential parent meeting  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January : 5:30pm - 7pm - Messy Church  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January : SENDCo drop-in - 8:45am - 9:15am  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January : Y5 Family lunch  
 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January : 3:45pm - 5:45pm - Y5/6 athletics  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January : 2:20pm - Class 9 sharing assembly  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January : SENDCo drop-in - 8:45am - 9:15am



This week the children have enjoyed the story 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. They have learnt some new nursery rhymes from the story and heard the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have been wrapping presents (naming solid shapes such as cube and cuboid) and writing letters to Santa.

They have been playing 'What's the time Mister Wolf?' and completed maths assessments. We baked stained glass window biscuits and wrote about Christmas traditions. Phew!

Next week we will be enjoying the Christmas dinner and Christmas party on Tuesday and taking part in the carol service at church on Wednesday. Have a fantastically festive weekend!

The EYFS team

## Class News

### CHOIR VISIT TO NEWTON COURT

The children who attended Newton Court Care Home on Wednesday were absolutely brilliant; they sang beautifully and then they made Cledford incredibly proud as they sat making decorations and chatted with all the residents.

Christmas cards were made by all classes for the residents at Newton Court; they absolutely loved them! All of the cards were passed around for all to see and then were put up in the main room. There were even tears from some of the residents.

A lovely comment was said by a lady as the children were leaving: 'Thank you so much for coming today; I mean this when I say you have made my Christmas.' 😊

A huge thank you to Mrs Peters for organising all the words and music for the choir and to Mrs Marsland for organizing the craft activities for year 5. Cledford children did us proud!!

### JUTE BAGS FOR SALE £5

We still have some jute bags for sale that were made for the Christmas Fair. They are ideal for lunchboxes and would make a fabulous Christmas gift, and of course any sales will go into the PTFA funds. They are waxed and waterproof. Please call into the school office if you would like to purchase.

### MUSIC FOR LIFE

Just a quick reminder that if your child is interested in trying a course of instrumental lessons in school, you can find out more and book online at [www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now](http://www.musicforlife.org.uk/apply-now) before midnight on Saturday 21st December. Payment for courses can be made using almost any debit or credit card and can be spread over several months or paid in full on booking. Financial support with the cost of lessons may be available in cases of hardship. Please contact Music for Life before booking if you would like to discuss.

All new courses enjoy a term taster period, around 12 weeks, which allows children to see how things go after which they will receive a report on progress and then be able to decide whether to continue the course, change instrument or cancel further lessons. All children who currently have lessons with Music for Life will simply resume their lessons after the Christmas break as normal.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please feel free to come and have a look and reclaim any lost items. It is important to ensure ALL your child's uniform/items are labelled. Laundry pens are available from the office at a cost of £2.

## Office News

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Next week we will be making a change to the menu for the last three days of term.

**Monday** : Tomato pasta or sausage roll and mash

**Tuesday** : Christmas lunch or packed lunch from home  
(no other hot option or sub bar available)

**Wednesday**: Sausage or fish fingers and chips

### 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, apply online at [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk) or come to the office where they can help you.

### SUN BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

Don't forget we are still collecting for 'The Sun Books for Schools' campaign. If you have The Sun newspaper, please can you keep any eye out for the tokens so we can collect them? The campaign runs for 3 months so we would be very grateful if you could send any collected tokens into the school office.

### REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

As per school policy, if a child is unable to attend school due to illness, it is expected that parents/carers will provide an explanation on the first day the absence occurs. School should be informed by 9:20am either by telephone, leaving a voice message or personally calling into the school office. School should be kept updated of any on-going absence on a daily basis. If your child is currently suffering from a vomiting or diarrhoea related illness, we have temporarily increased our policy to refrain from attending school for 48 hours after their last bout. If you would like any further information regarding flu symptoms please contact public health.