



# Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! The first school week of 2020 has been action packed. The children had an assembly on Monday about the importance of being honest and how telling the truth, even when it is difficult, is always the right thing to do. They have also been really busy starting their new topics for the half term.

### Watches and Phones

A number of the children have been excitedly telling us about their Christmas gifts. Just a reminder that any mobile phones brought into school must be handed in at the school office first thing and that children are not allowed to have watches in school that take images.

### Parent Volunteers

We are looking for anyone that can help out in school with listening to children read, baking and gardening. If you think you can spare some time and would like to come and help the children at Cledford please can you leave you contact details with the school office along with the area you are interested in and what your availability is.

### 'You Said, We Did'

Following feedback from parents at the end of last term and in line with our local high school, we have made the decision to end the school day After KS2 lunch on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020. We will remind parents of this in the summer and will add it to the school diary for the autumn term 2020.

Have a lovely weekend  
Miss Hough  
Head of School

## Class Merits

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| 1 Mrs Higgins             | <b>George</b> for a super start to the new term, always following instructions and having a positive attitude to a challenge |
| 2 Miss O'Nions            | <b>Jack</b> for increased resilience when playing with others  |
| 3 Mrs Bowbeer             | <b>Axl</b> for being a superstar and putting 100% into everything he does!   |
| 4 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock | <b>Isabella</b> for super reading  |
| 5 Miss Gerrard            | <b>Reece</b> for a brilliant attitude to learning. We are all so proud of you!   |
| 6 Mrs Lester/Mrs Peters   | <b>Imogen</b> for super sentences using conjunctions. Well done!   |
| 7 Mrs Phillipson          | <b>Keira</b> for settling in well to Cledford  |
| 8 Mrs Appleton            | <b>Tamara</b> for settling in well to class 8  |
| 9 Mr Simpson              | <b>CJ</b> for having a brilliant week on his return to Cledford  |
| 10 Mrs Marsland           | <b>Ocean</b> for her focus and attitude in class. Keep it up!  |
| 11 Miss Wagstaff          | <b>Connor</b> for excellent knowledge and questions when researching Islam   |
| 12 Mr Adlington           | <b>Connie</b> for showing resilience in maths this week when multiplying decimals by integers                                |
| 13 Miss Platt             | <b>Daniel</b> for being a wonderful member of class 13 with a brilliant sense of humour                                      |

## Attendance

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

### CLASS OF THE WEEK

**Class 5 - Miss Gerrard - 100%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK: 96.3%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR: 95%**

Class 1: 91.7%      Class 2: 98.6%

Class 3: 95.5%      Class 4: 95.2%

Class 5: 100%      Class 6: 91.6%

Class 7: 97.9%      Class 8: 98%

Class 9: 94.4%      Class 10: 96%

Class 11: 98.7%      Class 12:

95.2%

Class 13: 98.6%

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January : 5:30pm - 7pm - Messy Church
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January : Favourite lunch day
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January : SENDCo drop-in - 8:45am - 9:15am
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January : 12:15pm - 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
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January : 3pm-3:45pm - EYFS/KS1 - Stay and Get Counting/Calculating
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January : 2pm - Parent Forum - All welcome
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January : 3:15-4pm KS2 - Stay and Get Counting/Calculating
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January : SENDCo drop-in - 8:45am - 9:15am
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February : Y2 visit to 'Imagine That'
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February : 2:20pm - Y2 sharing assembly

Welcome back and a happy new year! Thank you from all of the EYFS team for the gifts we received. The children have come back to school bright eyed and bushy tailed!

We have been thinking about New Year resolutions this week and the children have all used their ideas in their writing. There will be swimmers, bike riders and home helpers all working on their skills this year. Can they tell you what they chose as their resolution?

Something surprising happened on Wednesday; when the children arrived at school, a very tiny door and some very tiny shoes appeared in the classroom. The children have been trying to work out who they might belong to and we have left a letter out for very small visitors..... we are hoping for a reply over the weekend!

The EYFS team

## Class News

### ALL - SCOOTERS/BICYCLES IN THE PLAYGROUND

If your child comes to school on a scooter or bicycle, can you please remind them not to ride around the parent waiting area as this poses a health and safety risk to those waiting.

### ALL - LETTERS HOME

Don't forget where possible, any letters that are sent home are usually loaded on to the school website. If the letter relates to a particular date, you can access it by viewing the calendar on our website. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### ALL - MIDDLEWICH ROSE FETE

Middlewich Rose Fete and Children's Festival is to be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020 11am - 4pm on Market Field. Everyone welcome. Selection day for Middlewich Rose Festival is to be Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020 2pm - 4pm at Middlewich Legion. Registration forms will be sent home with your child next week.

### SUN BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

Don't forget we are still collecting for 'The Sun Books for Schools' campaign. The campaign finishes this month 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.

### TACKLING CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION

Criminal exploitation is an on-going issue in many communities. The Children's Society, along with many other organisations, are working to disrupt the activity of criminal gangs and keep young people safer. They work with the police to stop 'county lines' activity and recognise the young people that have been exploited by criminal gangs as victims, not criminals. The Children's Society has developed resources for parents to use if they are worried that a young person is involved in 'county lines' or want to find out more. The parents' guide can be downloaded at: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/ce-advice-for-parents.pdf>

## Office News

### ALL - FAMILY HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Parents/carers are strongly discouraged from taking a family holiday during term time. Term time holidays will only be approved in very exceptional circumstances. Families wishing to take holidays during term time will need to complete a 'leave of absence request' form and make an appointment with the headteacher. Current government guidelines on holidays during term time are very clear; headteachers are not permitted to authorise holidays except under very exceptional circumstances.

Parents need to be aware that the Education Welfare Service may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice should there be an unauthorised absence of more than 10 sessions (5 days).

Penalties for unauthorised absence

Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	The parents will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their child's regular attendance	The parents will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their children's regular attendance

### 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.