



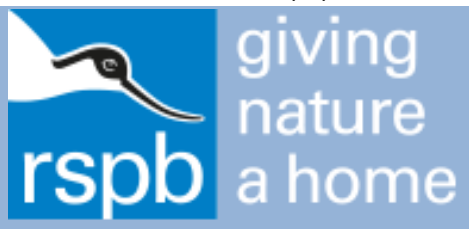
Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

This weekend is the RSPB 'Big Garden Birdwatch.' It is an annual event that The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds have held for over 40 years and it helps them to monitor trends and create a snapshot of birds across the UK. It's so easy to take part. An hour with the birds is a wonderful opportunity to sit back, relax and spend time with nature. So, pop the kettle on, put your feet up and start counting with the children!



1. **Watch the birds for one hour** - Choose an hour between 25th and 27th January to watch the birds in your garden or local park.
2. **Count the most birds that land at once** - Only count the birds that land in your garden or park, not those flying over. The same birds may land more than once, so you can avoid double counting by recording the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time - not the total number you count over the hour.

3. **Tell them what you saw** - Every count is important, so don't worry if you don't see anything. Observing which birds aren't around is as important as seeing the ones that are. You can submit your results online at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch from 25 January until 16 February. If you'd prefer to send your results by post, you can download a submission form from www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Hough
Head of School

Class Merits

1 Mrs Higgins	Benny for his enthusiasm and participation in all of this week's activities
2 Miss O'Nions	Noah for his excellent writing and improved formation of letters
3 Mrs Bowbeer	Joshua was chosen by Miss Prince for superb writing in our literacy lessons
4 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock	Noah for making super progress with his reading
5 Miss Gerrard	Lilly-Rose for an excellent improvement in her handwriting. Keep it up!
6 Mrs Lester/Mrs Peters	Amelia for putting her hand up and contributing a lot more to class discussions
7 Mrs Phillipson	Toby for always being supportive and kind to his peers
8 Mrs Appleton	Olivia for having a such a positive and infectious attitude to learning
9 Mr Simpson	Ella-Rose for showing amazing enthusiasm and natural ability when rehearsing for our sharing assembly
10 Mrs Marsland	Zephyr for his amazing portrayal of Hugh Glass when interviewed
11 Miss Wagstaff	Hayley for working her socks off all the time in 2020! Very well done!
12 Mr Adlington	Leah for some excellent research on cardiology
13 Miss Platt	Josh for the human calculator! Thanks for inventing 'The Sykes Method' in maths

Attendance

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

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class 10-Mrs Marsland-96.5%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK: 95.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR: 95%

Class 1: 94.3%

Class 2: 96%

Class 3: 94.1%

Class 4: 95.1%

Class 5: 96.1%

Class 6: 95.6%

Class 7: 95.5%

Class 8: 95.6%

Class 9: 93.7%

Class 10: 96.5%

Class 11: 95.7%

Class 12: 95.8%

Class 13: 95.8%

Tuesday 28th January: 3pm-3:45pm-EYFS/KS1-Stay and Get Counting/Calculating

Wednesday 29th January : 2pm - Y6 swimming

Thursday 30th January : 2pm - Parent Forum - All welcome

Thursday 30th January : 3:15-4pm KS2 - Stay and Get Counting/Calculating

Friday 31st January : SENDCo drop-in - 8:45am - 9:15am

Tuesday 4th February : Y2 visit to 'Imagine That'

Wednesday 5th February : 2pm - Y6 swimming

Thursday 6th February : 2:20pm - Y2 sharing assembly

Thursday 6th February : PTFA Movie Night (EYFS/KS1) - tba

Friday 7th February : NSPCC Number day

Monday 10th February : Y4 Residential

Monday 10th February : 11:30am - EYFS Family lunch

Tuesday 11th February : Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February : 5:30pm - 7:00pm - Messy Church

Wednesday 12th February : 6pm - Y6 SATs meeting

Thursday 13th February : PTFA Movie Night (KS2) - tba

This week we have been learning about a girl who goes on a journey by walking. The children listened to the story 'The Girl Who Loved Wellies' by Zehra Hicks. In maths we have continued to count in 2s by counting pairs of wellies and identifying odd and even numbers. The children have written about where they would like to go wearing their wellies and what they would like to do. In baking this week, we have been making 'cheesy feet' biscuits and we took all of the children on a welly walk around the outside area and forest school. Next week we will be celebrating 'Chinese New Year' and having a pop-up Chinese restaurant for the day! Just a reminder that 'Stay and Get Counting' is on Tuesday at 3pm. All children will need to be collected from the school hall.

Class News

ALL - SCOOTERS/BICYCLES IN THE PLAYGROUND

Can we please ask parent's/carers that if your child comes to school on a scooter or bicycle, to remind them **not** to ride around the parent waiting area as this poses a health and safety risk to those waiting. If your child makes their own way to school, can you please also ensure they are aware of this.

CLASS 3 - SAVE THE DATE

Save the date - The parents of the children in Class 3 missed the opportunity to have a look at their children's work last term due to Mrs Bowbeer's absence. Therefore, Miss Prince will be available on Wednesday 5th February for parents in this class to have a look at the children's books from 3:15pm and 5:30pm. More details to follow next week in a separate letter.

PTFA

All parents are automatically members of the PTFA and are looking for any parents that think they would like to get involved. If you are interested or would like some further information, please can you contact clcdfordptfa@gmail.com.

ALLERGIES

Can we also please remind parents that we have children in school with a variety of allergies, including nuts. Please do not send your child in with any nut/cereal bars/Nutella bars etc.

ONLINE SAFETY

Your digital footprint is part of your online history and can potentially be seen by other people, or tracked and held in a database or in fact many databases. The website www.getsafeonline.org has lots of really useful information and advice.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Could we also put something in the newsletter about NSPCC number day. It's on 7th February and the children will be doing a whole day of maths activities and problem solving. We are inviting the children to come in to wear anything maths related (stripes, spots, numbers or anything imaginative!) for a small donation. All proceeds go to NSPCC. No football shirts.

PARENT FORUM - THURSDAY 30th JANUARY @ 2pm

Please come along to our regular parent forum to meet in a mutually supportive environment with other parents and Mrs Higgins; parent forum is a partnership between parents and the school. This is an opportunity for you to come along on a very informal basis to put across any new ideas, concerns, anything we could do better. All ideas and opinions are valued. There is usually only a handful of parents/carers that pop-in but we would like to see a few more. You can even have a cup of tea and possibly some chocolate crunch!

Office News

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Next week is menu 2. School menu's are on the website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.

WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

Can you please ensure your child has a water bottle in school; there are numerous children regularly not bringing one into school. It is important your child is properly hydrated.

MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY

We have a position available for a midday assistant; please contact the office for an application form and job description.

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 or come to the office where they can help you.

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. Similarly, please feel free to ask at the office if you would like a paper copy.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM @ TOMMY THUMBS

Bookings are now being taken for holiday provision day care during the February half-term at Tommy Thumbs. Forms are available from the school office or Tommy Thumbs. Please return your form by Wednesday 5th February to secure your child's place. The deadline date is to enable staff to plan their rota effectively.