



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Spotlight on attendance and punctuality

Absence impacts on learning. Research shows that of those children whose attendance is regularly below 96% only 50% manage to achieve age related expectations in their school career. Learning in class is planned in a sequenced way with reference made to previous learning and next steps. If a child is absent or late for school they can miss out on the key skills and knowledge that have been taught and can find it difficult to catch up.

Of course children can be absent from school due to a variety of reasons but parents/carers are respectfully requested not to keep their children at home with lesser illnesses (i.e. cough, cold, headache etc.). Caring for children is of paramount importance to us and we will always quickly contact a parent if we feel that a pupil is not well enough to remain in school.

If, however, your child is unable to attend school due to illness it is expected that parents/carers will provide an appropriate explanation on the first day that their child is absent. This can be by telephone (01606 288240), email (admin@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk), or personally at the office and we request that this is before 9:00am to assist with our registration procedures.

What can Parents/carers do to help?

- Let the school know as soon as possible why your child is absent. In any case this notification should be before 9:00am on the first day of absence
- Try to make all appointments, e.g. Doctors and Dentists, outside school time
- Do not allow your child to have time off school unless it is absolutely necessary

What can school do to help?

- Work with parents/carers to encourage good attendance and punctuality
- Half term attendance assembly with certificates for those pupils with 100% attendance over the half term
- Reward pupils with 100% attendance for the academic year

If you are worried about your child's attendance at school what can you do?

- Talk to our attendance team at school; they can be contacted via the school office.
- Talk to your child's class teacher

We are really keen to work with parents to provide the support necessary to ensure good attendance and punctuality. Thank you for your on-going support.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Hough - Head of School

Class Merits

1 Mrs Higgins	Rory for blowing our socks off with fantastic phonic knowledge and super confidence to 'have a go'
2 Miss O'Nions	Patrick for solving the tricky maths word problem!
3 Mrs Bowbeer	Ava for outstanding writing
4 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock	Jessica for solving addition and subtraction problems confidently
5 Miss Gerrard	Ava for her brilliant work on graphs and charts this week. Well done Ava!
6 Mrs Lester/Mrs Peters	Sophia for collecting and interpreting data well
7 Mrs Phillipson	Gracie and Laila for their excellent collaboration and peer work in math spy
8 Mrs Appleton	Eric for excellent problem solving and reasoning skills in maths lessons
9 Mr Simpson	Bethan for excellent mathematical reasoning and problem solving
10 Mrs Marsland	Zach for embracing challenges with fractions and succeeding!
11 Miss Wagstaff	Ollie for excellent effort with mixed number and improper fractions.
12 Mr Adlington	Macey for her perseverance with algebra even though it's really tricky!
13 Miss Platt	Isobel for a brilliant camcorder message based on the book 'Pig Heart Boy'

Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class 5 - Miss Gerrard 99.1%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK: 95.9%

WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR: 95%

Class 1: 97.5% Class 2: 94.4%

Class 3: 93.8% Class 4: 96.4%

Class 5: 99.1% Class 6: 96.2%

Class 7: 95% Class 8: 97.3%

Class 9: 94.5% Class 10: 96.7%

Class 11: 94% Class 12: 95.2%

Class 13: 97%

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

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

Wednesday 12th February: 1:15pm - 3pm - Y1/2 mini sports festival

Thursday 13th February : 4:30pm - 6:40pm - PTFA Movie Night (KS2)

Friday 14th February : 8:45am - 9:15am - SENDCo drop-in

Friday 14th February : 3:15pm - SCHOOL CLOSES

Monday 24th February : 8:50am - SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Wednesday 26th February : 6pm - 6:30pm - Phonics meeting for parents

Thursday 27th February : Y1 Delamere Forest visit

Friday 28th February : 8:45am - 9:15am - SENDCo drop-in

This week the children have enjoyed the story 'The Journey'; a little boat floats away and goes on an adventure! The children have used their imagination to create other possible places for the boat to visit; they have written about their ideas and written lists and learnt to use the prepositions first, next, then, last.

We have continued work on number bonds to 10. The children have become very good at remembering the bonds such as 4+6, 3+7. They have begun to see the relationship between addition to 10 and addition to 20. They have been learning how a number line can help with this by 'counting on'.

The environment inside and out has been 'boat crazy!' constructing boats, floating boats down the 'river' investigating the best materials for boats, floating and sinking experiments and even eating boats following our baking session to make tortilla boat pizzas!

Thanks for your support, The EYFS team

Class News

PHONES/SMART WATCHES IN SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents that if your child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be handed into the office. This also applies to smart watches that can take pictures and also make calls. These are not permitted in school.

CLEDFORD COMMUNITY CLEAR UP

- TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

Year 6 have volunteered to help clear our outdoor environment after the autumn leaf fall. If your child has volunteered or would like to volunteer, please send them in with a pair of old gloves/old clothes/outdoor footwear and if possible a stiff broom.

YOU SAID, WE DID

Following parental feedback, we have amended our attendance letters and monitoring period. Our 'new' amended letters will be sent out next week to parents of those children who have less than 90% attendance for the year to date. Let us know what you think!

CORONAVIRUS - INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the world. Typical symptoms of coronavirus include fever and a cough that may progress to a severe pneumonia causing shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. Novel coronavirus (2019-nCov) is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China.

Generally, coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people, and those with long-term conditions like diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease. The current evidence is that most cases appear to be mild. Those who have died in Wuhan appear to have had pre-existing health conditions.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

Office News

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Next week is menu 1. School menus are on the website. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the school office.

MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY

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

BOOK FAIR 12TH - 19TH MARCH

The Book Fair is arriving on the 12th March and being collected on the 19th March. More information will be available nearer the time.

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.

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.

ALLERGIES

Can we 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 /Nutella bars etc.

PTFA

All parents are automatically members of the PTFA; if you would like further information, please contact clcdfordptfa@gmail.com