



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

£123.50 - that is what Cledford has raised this year, despite our Macmillan Coffee Morning only being an in school event, and us being unable to welcome you all as usual. Many thanks to everyone who donated - I know these funds will be much welcome.

In order to continue to reduce risk and reassure families, we are asking that, from Monday, **any adult dropping off or collecting children at the school gates wears a face covering**. You should also maintain social distancing and avoid gathering in groups at these times. We also ask that there is one adult only per family at a school gate. Thank you to those parents who have been sharing your thoughts and ideas on how things are going from your point of view now that we are settled into the routines. As I have said before, we always welcome your feedback, and regularly review and discuss suggestions.

I hope that you have received information this week about our plans for remote learning, should your child be unable to attend school for COVID related reasons. Please read this carefully so that you are informed in advance of any situations that may occur in the future. More details will be sent to specific pupils as required. We have to organise remote learning in any of the different scenarios. Last night, staff attended training on how we can be prepared for this and make the transition as smooth as possible. Another thank you to everyone who has completed the parent survey on access to the internet and the availability of a suitable device for remote learning. This will inform our planning and preparation. If you have not yet let school know, please could you do so via the Google forms link that has been emailed to you.

I have been in a number of lessons this week and the recovery curriculum is in full swing. Staff and children are all working really hard to catch up on lost or forgotten learning with lessons focussed on those basic skills essential for ongoing progress. The children were all happy in lessons, enjoying their learning and engaged with their work.

You will see in the diary dates that parents evening is due to take place during the week beginning 9th November. We are currently making plans on how this can best be organised under the current restrictions and more details will follow soon.

Today is world Smiling Day and, following National Poetry day earlier this week, it seems fitting to finish with one of my favourite poems that I have shared in assembly before now.

Smiling Is Infectious *by Spike Milligan*

Smiling is infectious,
you catch it like the flu,
When someone smiled at me today,
I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner
and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realised
I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile,
then I realised its worth.
A single smile, just like mine
could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin,
don't keep it hidden away,
*It's time to spread that smile around
and show it everyday!*



Warmest regards
Mrs S Frater
School Principal

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 7th October - 6pm-7pm - Governors' meeting (venue tba)
- Wednesday 14th October - 6pm-7pm - Governors' meeting (venue tba)
- Wednesday 21st October - School photographs (individual and siblings attending school only)
- Wednesday 21st October - Y5 Bikeability (am)
- Wednesday 21st October - Y4 Bikeability (pm)
- Thursday 22nd October - Y5 Bikeability (am)
- Thursday 22nd October - Y4 Bikeability (pm)
- Thursday 22nd October - Year 1 Wow day
- Friday 23rd October - Y5 Bikeability (am)
- Monday 2nd or Friday 13th November - Year 6 Crucial Crew event - Postponed
- Week beginning 9th 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.

We have been on new adventures on the high seas this week! The children have enjoyed work on the story 'Pirates love underpants'. They have made telescopes and played I spy using the new letter sounds they have learnt this week. They built some amazing pirate ship constructions in the outside area and enjoyed walking the plank! They learnt a song called 10 Jolly Pirates and used this to count forwards and back from 10. They have learnt about authors, illustrators and book titles. The story gave us the opportunity to work on prepositions such as below, above, under etc and the children used these words in full sentences.

We went on another new adventure on Monday when the children had their first 'Forest School' session. They really enjoyed exploring the area and climbing the 'huge' hill to look at the view. We will have a 'Forest School' session every Monday afternoon- all the children will wear our waterproof suits and wear wellies so don't need any extra clothing to be provided for these sessions.

Next week, we will be reading 'Rosie's Walk' and following Rosie the hen's adventure across the farmyard. Many thanks for all your support and hard work with reading at home. Please see the new 'tab' on our Reception page in Pupil Zone for ideas of activities you could do at home which link to the learning we are doing in school.

Have a great weekend, The EYFS team

Class News

YEAR ONE 'WOW' DAY

Year 1 are invited to come dressed Up for the 1960's 'WOW' day on **Thursday 22nd of October**. They can be dressed in 60's fashion or dress up as a famous person from that era. We will be finding out about the fashion, art, music, dancing, games, toys and books from the 1960s.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON THEIR JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

Wherever possible, children who walk to school without an adult need to aim to leave home so that they are not arriving early to the gate; there are growing numbers of year 5's and 6's gathering. We appreciate this may be tricky and some children have to set off when parents leave home, but we appreciate your support as we continue to manage the safety of children and their families.

If you bring your child to school, 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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - YEAR 6

Please remember to apply for your child's place at secondary school via Cheshire East www.cheshireeast.gov.uk by **31st October 2020**.

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 VACANCIES

Assistant Caretaker/cleaner - 20 hours per week all year Monday - Friday - temporary in the first instance.

Midday Assistant - 6.25 hours per week Monday - Friday - temporary. Please contact the school for more information by phoning 01606 288240 or emailing finance@cledford.cheshire.sch.uk

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.

Merits

- 1 Mrs Higgins - Thomas for such a fantastic start to 'big school'!
- 3 Mrs Giblin - Lyla for amazing adjectives in English
- 4 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock - Frankee for always having a smile on her face and being ready to learn!
- 5 Mr Adlington - Oliver for being kind, helpful and a good friend to his classmates
- 6 Mrs Habesch/Miss Jenkinson - Jessica for always doing the right thing
- 7 Miss Gerrard - Robyn for showing great determination and resilience during maths
- 8 Mrs Peters/Mrs Lester - Jacob for his outstanding scientific knowledge
- 9 Mrs Phillipson - Joshua for his effort and determination when writing
- 10 Mr Simpson - Alyssia for having an excellent attitude to learning and always trying her best in everything she does!
- 11 Mrs Sutton - Oliver for putting extra effort into written work ensuring that it is neatly presented
- 12 Miss Platt - Ocean for excellent work in history about Vikings
- 13 Miss Wagstaff - Victor for following editing advice and improving his writing