



# Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and 'Happy New Year'. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. It seems that lots of people have been suffering with coughs and colds over the festive break but I hope that didn't put a dampener on your celebrations. January is a time for a fresh start, resolutions and focussing on ambitions for the future. At Cledford we are full of ambition and we often use the word 'yet' when talking about our ambitious learning. For example, when a child says, 'I can't do this maths problem!' you'll find an adult is close by interjecting the word 'yet' in a statement such as, 'Do you mean you can't do it yet?'

The power of 'yet' reinforces our ambition to succeed and can be applied to almost any situation from our children's ambitions to conquer the 8 times tables or something much greater like becoming a Premiership footballer. We might not have achieved our ambitions yet... but the power of yet shows we have an ambition to reach our goals.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Adlington  
Principal



## Merits

- 1 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock – Buddy D, for always putting in 100% effort into all he does!
- 2 Mrs Higgins – Alfie L, for enthusiastic and independent work on the Busy Bee challenges around the classroom.
- 3 Mrs Phillipson – Layla W, for her hard work and concentration in phonics and writing. Keep it up, Layla!
- 4 Mrs Giblin – Alyssia W, for great improvement with her phonics and reading.
- 5 Mr Varnom – Thomas T, for working very hard in maths this week using column methods.
- 6 Miss Addis – Jimmy W, for his excellent attitude to learning particularly in maths and English. We are very proud of his excellent effort.
- 7 Miss Platt – Olivia T, for confident reading aloud in class and working hard in all subjects.
- 8 Miss Gee – Aaron B, for taking pride in his work meaning his presentation is beautiful in all of his books.
- 9 Mrs Appleton/Mrs Peters – Charlie B, for his enthusiasm towards our new topic – WWII. His inquisitive nature benefits his learning greatly.
- 10 Mr Gill – Sasha F, for having an excellent first week back and being ready to learn in every single lesson. Keep it up, Sasha!
- 11 Mrs Marsland – Amelia D, for her outstanding determination especially in maths.
- 12 Miss Wagstaff - Hazel C, for sampling new foods in D.T.

## EYFS News

Welcome back and a very happy new year!

The term has got off to a great start. This week the children have made new year resolutions and written them in their writing book. They are learning to write with greater independence and use their phonics and spelling skills without as much adult support. They are doing a good job! The children enjoyed listening to this story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OipBk3xVRyk>

In maths, we focussed on number 4. We played a counting circle game which they enjoyed because it challenged their attention skills and turn taking!

The children have started attending whole school assembly on a Friday afternoon. They enjoyed finding out who was awarded a merit throughout the school.

As you know, we have not given out a guided reading book this week. We have been working on tricky word recognition. Please use the resources provided to keep working on this skill at home. Guided reading groups will resume on Monday.

Next week, we will be starting our whole school literacy focus on 'Alice in Wonderland' in preparation for our trip to the theatre!

Many thanks for all the thoughtful gifts we received at Christmas. Enjoy the weekend.

The EYFS team

## Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – PTFA meeting (6pm)
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January – deadline for parent governor election nominations. (as per email sent on 4<sup>th</sup> Jan)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Family lunch for class 9 (year 5)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – EYFS and KS1 theatre visit
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Family lunch for class 10 (year 5)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – School nurses to see EYFS (eyes & ears check)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 theatre visit
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – EYFS forest school parents invitation session
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 2 & 6 SATs meetings for parents
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February – EYFS stay and get baking
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – school closes for half term**
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens**

## Attendance



### CLASS OF THE WEEK

**Class 3 (Mrs Phillipson)**

**Class 5 (Mr Varnom)**

**100%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK: 96%**

**WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR: 93.4%**

Class 1: 91.2%

Class 8: 95.2%

Class 2: 94.4%

Class 9: 96.3%

Class 3: 100%

Class 10: 95.6%

Class 4: 95.8%

Class 11: 93.3%

Class 5: 100%

Class 12: 96.6%

Class 6: 95.6%

Class 7: 97.8%