



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers

You should have received a curriculum brochure from your child today (Friday), produced by the class teachers, which will give you a good idea of the learning your child will be engaging in this term. Please come to the school office for one if your brochure doesn't make it home.

'Messy Church' brought joy and song to the sports hall on Tuesday evening - look out for their next session.

This week we have held our first attendance assembly; we will be focusing on the good attendance of all pupils this year since our data fell below the national average in 2017/18 and we recognise the impact of absence on progress.

Next week we will be picking up school sport at Cledford with house matches taking place everyday.

The reception children will be holding their 'Little Treasures' day on Monday; the staff will also be welcoming parents for 'Stay & Get Learning'. This is a great opportunity to find out how your child learns in reception - Thursday between 2pm and 3pm or, in response to parental request, again between 5pm and 6pm. We are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' session next week - again in response to a suggestion from parents - you can drop in and meet your child's teacher on THURSDAY, any time between 3:45pm and 5:45pm.

The year 6 team will also be offering a meeting for parents on Thursday, to provide more information on the residential - 5:30pm in the school hall.

We will be celebrating World Peace Day on Friday.

My best wishes for World Peace in your house this weekend!

Warm regards

Mrs A J Booth - Federation Headteacher

Class Merits

- 1 Mrs Higgins Jude for outstanding behaviour and superb manners. Well done!
- 2 Miss O'Nions Kienna for always listening and following instructions
- 3 Mrs Bowbeer Lilly-Rose for always being kind and helpful to others
- 4 Miss Parton Darcey for always coming into school with a smile that brightens everyone's day!
- 5 Miss Gerrard Reuben for always putting 100% effort into his work
- 6 Mrs Phillipson Sam for being an excellent role model
- 7 Mrs Appleton Ella-Rose for resilience and hard work with a broken wrist
- 8 Mrs Dunleavy Danielle for super listening and always following instructions
- 9 Mr Simpson Phoebe for showing kindness and being helpful to others
- 10 Miss Platt Daniel for an amazing start to class 10. A total delight!
- 11 Mr Williamson Rocky for brilliant maths work using the bus stop method
- 12 Mrs Marsland Lara for her stunning description of the scenes during army recruitment in WWI
- 13 Miss Wagstaff Macie-Jayne for setting an excellent example in everything she does

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

Monday 17th September - EYFS Little Treasures Day
 Wednesday 19th September - Y3 swimming
 Thursday 20th September 2pm-3pm - EYFS Stay & Get Learning
 Thursday 20th September 3:45pm - 5:45pm - Meet the Teacher (y 1-6)
 Thursday 20th September 5.30pm-6pm - Y6 residential parent meeting
 Thursday 20th September 5pm-6pm - EYFS Stay & Get Learning
 Friday 21st September - Y1 Forest School
 Friday 21st September - World Peace Day
 Monday 24th September - Arts Focus Week (WW1)
 Wednesday 26th September - WW1 themed lunch
 Wednesday 26th September - Y3 swimming
 Friday 28th September - Macmillan Coffee Morning
 Friday 28th September - Y1 Forest School

Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK
Class 8 - Mrs Dunleavy
WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK: 97.2%
WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR: 97.2%

Class 1: 99%	Class 2: 97.2%
Class 3: 94.1%	Class 4: 96.1%
Class 5: 88.9%	Class 6: 95.5%
Class 7: 98.6%	Class 8: 100%
Class 9: 98.4%	Class 10: 99.4%
Class 11: 99.3%	Class 12: 98.3%
Class 13: 99.2%	

Congratulations to all our new starters! The children have now been in school for about a week and are settling in really well. Tears have been few and far between and the behaviour has been excellent! The children are tired but having lots of fun; we are all excited about the coming weeks and months.

Please remember that 'Stay and Get Learning' will take place on Thursday 20th September- you can attend either the 2pm-3pm session or the 5pm-6pm session with your child. We look forward to seeing you then.

Keep reading every night and signing the diary please to ensure that the children are eligible for a 'reading breakfast' and class prize.

Many thanks for your support - The EYFS team.

Class News

ALL - END OF DAY COLLECTION TIMES

Following consultation with parents, in order to limit congestion on the school gate at the end of the school day, the times are now as follows:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 3:15pm
 Year 3 - 3:20pm Year 4 - 3:25pm
 Year 5 - 3:25pm Year 6 - 3:30pm

ALL - GOLDEN READING BREAKFAST

Golden reading breakfast starts again this week; if your child reads five times a week, each week and their reading diary has been signed each day at home, they will be rewarded as a school with a breakfast at the end of the school year. There will also be a class half-termly breakfast.

ALL - WOOL DONATIONS

Please send any wool donations for our arts week into school with your child or hand them in to the school office.

ALL - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - 28.09.18 - 9am - 10:30am

Children are invited to wear uniform plus some 'GREEN' ribbons, socks etc. We are asking for a small donation e.g. £1 etc. If you are able to, send in any donations of small cakes to sell to raise funds for this worthwhile charity or even a large cake for the raffle. There will be some children performing throughout the duration of the coffee morning.

ALL - MEET AND GREET

In response to a suggestion made at parent forum, we are introducing a 'Meet the Teacher' after school event. This is an opportunity for parents to come into school early in the term and meet their child's new teacher, see their new classroom and find out about expectations for the new year group. It is an informal open classroom event; there will not be formal appointment times given and parents are welcome to attend anytime between 3:45pm and 5:45pm on Thursday 20th September. Children will be dismissed from the usual gate at their year group time. Parents wishing to visit reception and year 1 should come into school via the KS1 gate. For parents of pupils in Y2 - Y6, please come in via the school office.

Please note that the 'Meet the Teacher' event has been planned to coincide with the Y6 residential parent meeting and the reception 'Stay and Learn' sessions. Parents' evening will be scheduled later in the term when you will have the opportunity to discuss 1 to 1 your child's progress

Office News

ALL - MENU

Next week is our week one menu.

ALL - SNACK PRICE REMINDER

There has been an increase of 5p for both snacks and drinks, as advised in our last newsletter. If your child would like a snack and a drink, they will now require 60p. Please send the children's snack money into school, with your child, in a named purse/wallet etc. We have had two purses/wallets handed into the office this week without names. Your child can also bring in a healthy snack from home if they prefer.

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

ALL - PARENT COURSE

We are delighted to confirm that we are hosting a new parent course starting on Wednesday 19th September 1-3pm. The course is designed for parents who would like to improve their English skills. If you would like to take part, please leave your details at the school office.