



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The scenery has gone up and our first rehearsals for Christmas have begun this week; make sure you have requested your tickets!

Ofsted were in school on Tuesday; we will receive a letter from them before the Christmas holidays.

It was good to see those year 3 parents who joined us for 'cracking comprehension' on Tuesday. You can still see your child's teacher about helping with reading at home if you missed it.

There is a PTFA meeting on Monday. Final plans will be made for the Christmas Fair on 14th December. A flyer has gone home with your child today.

Our EYFS children will be performing 'Nursery Rhyme Nativity' on Wednesday at 10:30 and on Thursday at 14:00. You must have a ticket to attend; more details inside. Please note, only pre-school children who can sit on an adult's knee will be admitted without a ticket.

Next Friday is PTFA non-uniform day. Please donate chocolates, sweets or bottles (non-alcoholic) for the Christmas Fair.

This weekend is apparently the biggest 'Christmas shopping' weekend of the year. If you are going to join the crowds, enjoy!

Warm regards

Mrs A J Booth - Federation Headteacher

Class Merits

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| 1 Mrs Higgins | Jude for his amazing effort and progress in writing. Well done |
| 2 Miss O'Nions | Edward for excellent listening skills and engagement on the carpet |
| 3 Mrs Bowbeer | Mia for being a good scientist during our experiment to find a waterproof material for a coat |
| 4 Miss Parton | Liam for entertaining year 1 and showing off his musical talents when playing the harmonica |
| 5 Miss Gerrard | Oceana for always showing kindness to everyone in our class |
| 6 Mrs Phillipson | Gracie for a fabulous piece of writing |
| 7 Miss Bird | Brooke for amazing effort with her narrative writing and producing a wonderfully entertaining story |
| 8 Mrs Dunleavy | Shantay for excellent contribution in music composition and performance |
| 9 Mr Simpson | Megan for trying really hard to improve her writing |
| 10 Miss Platt | Noah for amazing resilience and effort in maths! |
| 11 Mr Williamson | Elizabeth for an excellent review from the trip to the New Victoria theatre |
| 12 Mrs Marsland | Aaron for outstanding maths; embracing challenge and continuing it in his own time |
| 13 Miss Wagstaff | Harriet for excellent editing in writing |

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

Monday 3rd December : Class 9 to MHS for Science
Monday 3rd December : Academy photos for previously absent children
Monday 3rd December : 6pm-7pm - PTFA meeting
Wednesday 5th December : 10:30am - EYFS Nativity performance
Wednesday 5th December : Y3 swimming
Thursday 6th December : 2:00pm - EYFS Nativity performance
Thursday 6th December : 6:00pm-7:00pm - Governors meeting - Cledford
Friday 7th December : PTFA non-uniform day (donation of chocs/sweets etc)
Monday 10th December : KS1 theatre visit - Stick Men @ The Lowry
Tuesday 11th December : 5:30pm - 7:00pm - Messy church
Tuesday 11th December : Y3 swimming
Wednesday 12th December : 6.00pm - 7.00pm KS1 Nativity performance
Wednesday 12th December : 6.00pm - 8.00pm - Governors meeting @ GPNS
Thursday 13th December : 2.00pm - KS1 Nativity performance
Friday 14th December : Christmas jumper day
Friday 14th December : 4:00pm - 6:00pm - PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 18th December : Christmas lunch and parties
Wednesday 19th December : 10am Carol service @ St Michael's
Wednesday 19th December : SCHOOL CLOSES

Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK
Class 10 - Miss Platt

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK: 88.9%
WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR: 95%
Attendance for the whole school year is currently below the national average

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| Class 1: 72.4% | Class 2: 97.7% |
| Class 3: 77.7% | Class 4: 86.3% |
| Class 5: 84.3% | Class 6: 91.2% |
| Class 7: 82.7% | Class 8: 83.2% |
| Class 9: 96.3% | Class 10: 99.7% |
| Class 11: 91.9% | Class 12: 90% |
| Class 13: 94.6% | |

Christmas has arrived in the EYFS! We have begun to rehearse for our performance and are learning the story of the very first Christmas. The children have been working on loud voices, super singing and amazing acting in readiness for their audience. Our performances will take place next Wednesday and Thursday. (Tickets will come out on Monday.) We have been assessing the children this week; finding out where we need to take the learning next term and identifying any gaps in knowledge which we can then address. The children have done a fantastic job and really impressed us with their skills. Well Done! We have made mince pies this week. The children have learnt how to make bread, biscuits and pastry over the past few weeks with some truly delicious results. We will be assessing the children on the words contained in their word wallet over the next few days and will let you know how they got on via the reading diary. Have a great weekend - EYFS team

Class News

ALL - OFSTED

As you know, the school was subject to a short (one day) inspection on Tuesday. The inspection was short because, at its last inspection, the school was judged as good. I cannot tell you the full outcome since it is confidential until Ofsted's letter to us is published. However, I can tell you that the judgement of the effectiveness of the school remains good. Thank you to all those parents who completed a questionnaire. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and it is your opinion that matters most to us!

YEAR 1 - NATIVITY COSTUME

All year 1 children will be dressing up as donkeys in the key stage 1 nativity this year. They will need a plain top and leggings/trousers in brown, grey or black. We will provide donkey headbands. Please send this costume into school before Friday 7th December, in a plastic bag, labelled with your child's name.

ALL - PANTOMIME FUN

"Fee Fi Fo Fum... don't miss out on pantomime fun!" You could win tickets for Cheshire's giant pantomime at Crewe Lyceum Theatre with Jack and the Beanstalk. Complete the parents' childcare survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CEparents> and let Cheshire East know what works well or what could change when it comes to choosing and using childcare in Cheshire East. Please follow the link to pantomime details: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/schools/bulletins/documents-forbulletins-2018/pantomime-information-jack-beanstalk-dec-jan.pdf>

ALL - FEEDING THE HOMELESS AT CHRISTMAS

Don't forget Zack (year 4) and Jude (reception) will be in Liverpool on Friday 7th December at St Michael's church. St Michael's are opening up their doors to Zack, Jude, his mum and a family friend to enable them to feed 200 homeless people. They are funding this event by themselves; the details for their just giving page to raise funds to feed the homeless, vulnerable and less fortunate on Christmas Day is: www.gofundme.com/help-feed-the-homeless-at-xmas

ALL - CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES

Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and admission will be by TICKET ONLY. All ticket orders needed to have been received by today (30th November) for reception and by 5th December for year 1 and 2.

ALL - CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 18th December; there will be no option of sandwiches on the day. If you do not order a lunch for your child, you will need to provide a packed lunch..

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ALL - ACADEMY PHOTOGRAPHERS

We have a "mop-up" session arranged for Monday 3rd December for all the children that were absent at our first sitting. These should still be received in time for Christmas.

ALL - UNIFORM/NON-UNIFORM INFORMATION

Friday 07.12.18 - PTFA non uniform day for a donation (own clothes, no football kits)

Friday 14.12.18 - Christmas jumper day, children can come in Christmas themed clothing (e.g. red t-shirt) top, uniform bottoms (skirt / trousers) - no charge

Tuesday 18.12.18 - Christmas parties - children can come in party clothes (no football kits)

On all-day events, we would ask that the children wear sensible shoes for safety reasons.

ALL - HEALTH CARE PLANS

Updates have been sent out to the parents of children with health care plans. As per the letter, please can you return these as soon as possible so that we have the most up to date information regarding your child. Remember, it is the responsibility of the parent to keep us informed of any changes and to ensure that all medication kept in school is in date and still relevant for your child. If you think your child needs a health care plan, please call in to the school office.

ALL - MENU

Next week is menu 1. Please see the website for details. Copies can be obtained from the school office.

ALL - NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive a paper copy of our newsletter, please contact the school office; we can also add you to our mailing list if you would like to receive an electronic copy. The newsletter can also be accessed via our school website and there is always a copy displayed on both notice boards in the KS1 and KS2 parent waiting area.

ALL - CHANGES TO COLLECTING YOUR CHILD

Can we remind parents/carers that if your child is to be collected by another adult/family member after school, we will not take instruction from another parent that they are to collect your child; it is the responsibility of **the parent/carers (of the child to be collected)** to inform school. You can do this by either writing in your child's reading record or informing the office.

ALL - MIDDAY ASSISTANT VACANCY

We have vacancies for a midday assistant. Please contact the office for an application form.