



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last newsletter of the calendar year.

The Christmas festivities have begun in earnest with 2 performances of 'A Nursery Rhyme Nativity'. Our reception pupils were outstanding this year. Our thanks to Jeremy Coles for his services on the piano.

The PTFA have met this week to finalise arrangements for the Christmas Fair next Friday. Thank you for the donations you have sent in today; if you have anything further you can donate, including raffle prizes, please do get in touch. All parents are automatically members of the PTFA but it is a small group of dedicated people who are currently working hard on your behalf to raise much-needed funds for enrichment activities in school. Please give them your support.

School governors have also met to support the school in making the most of its resources - including the thorny problem of managing a diminishing school budget.

On Thursday reception parents were invited in to school for 'mince pies and learning journeys' which gave them the opportunity to look at their child's work and talk to staff about how children's work is collected and assessed.

Next week FS and KS1 pupils will be visiting the Lowry Theatre for a live production of 'Stick Man'. Our thanks to the PTFA for subsidising every child's ticket.

Next Tuesday is the last 'Messy Church' of the year - Sports Hall, 17:30.

It will be KS1's turn to give us their nativity next week: Wednesday at 18:00 and Thursday at 14:00. Please remember, you must have a ticket in order to see the performance and all children must be returned to school by 17:30 on Wednesday for the evening performance.

Next Friday is Christmas Jumper Day in school and our Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 18th December.

School closes on Wednesday 19th December for the Christmas holidays and will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 8th January.

Happy Christmas everyone!

Mrs A J Booth - Federation Headteacher

Class Merits

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| 1 Mrs Higgins | All class 1 for their brilliant performance of the Nursery Rhyme Nativity |
| 2 Miss O'Nions | All class 2 for their brilliant performance of the Nursery Rhyme Nativity |
| 3 Mrs Bowbeer | Maisie for reading regularly at home, in particular when she has been off school poorly |
| 4 Miss Parton | Sophie for making progress with her reading |
| 5 Miss Gerrard | Amelia for great reading comprehension this week |
| 6 Mrs Phillipson | Hazel for her positive attitude to learning |
| 7 Miss Bird | Emily for impressing Miss Bird with her sensible and thoughtful approach to all tasks in the classroom |
| 8 Mrs Dunleavy | Jayden for always setting an excellent example and having wonderful manners |
| 9 Mr Simpson | Gaja for always working hard in class and producing excellent pieces of homework |
| 10 Miss Platt | Conor for amazing scores in his maths tests |
| 11 Mr Williamson | Marysia-May for an amazing effort with her reading in and out of school. A big improvement |
| 12 Mrs Marsland | Maddie for outstanding effort in all of her work and her determination to improve |
| 13 Miss Wagstaff | Caitlin for demonstrating her excellent progress so far in Year 6 during assessment week |

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

Monday 10th December : KS1 theatre visit - Stick Man @ 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
Tuesday 8th January : SCHOOL REOPENS
 Tuesday 15th January 2019 : Y6 - Imperial War Museum visit
 Tuesday 15th January : 5:30pm-7:00pm - Messy Church
 Wednesday 16th January : Y3 swimming

Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK
 Class 2 - Miss O'Nions

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK: 93.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR: 95.1%
Attendance for the whole school year is currently below the national average

Class 1: 92.4%	Class 2: 98.8%
Class 3: 94.5%	Class 4: 95.4%
Class 5: 89.6%	Class 6: 96.8%
Class 7: 92.3%	Class 8: 88.2%
Class 9: 91.9%	Class 10: 96.3%
Class 11: 95.2%	Class 12: 91.7%
Class 13: 95.8%	

What a crazy Christmas week! The children gave wonderful performances of the Nursery Rhyme Nativity! We are incredibly proud of them and all their hard work. It was lovely to see so many of you in the classroom on Thursday for a mince pie and a chance to look through the learning journeys. Our learning this week has been based on Christmas (of course!) and included continued assessments, number sequencing, recognition of numbers beyond 20 and finding out more about Christmas celebrations around the world. We read a story called 10 Little Lights and used it for number work and used the song the 12 days of Christmas for the same.

We have shared 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson in preparation for our visit to the theatre on Monday and will continue to learn more about it next week after the visit.

Thanks again for your support,
Have a great weekend - EYFS team

Class News

ALL - UNIFORM/NON-UNIFORM INFORMATION

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 donation required

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.

KS1 NATIVITY

All year 1 children will be dressing up as donkeys in the key stage 1 nativity this year. If you have not yet sent in your child's outfit (plain top and leggings/trousers in brown, grey or black), please send them into school by Monday 10th December. For the evening performance, all pupils in year 1 and year 2 should be dropped back at the year 1 entrance at 5:30pm and should be collected at approximately 7pm at the same entrance at the end of the nativity. We will be collecting donations for the NSPCC.

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

We all wish Zack (y4) and Jude (rec) well for tonight in Liverpool 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. 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 LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch will be held on Tuesday 18th December; the deadline for ordering is Monday 10th 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.

ALL - APPROPRIATE SNACK

We are a healthy eating school; appropriate snacks to bring into school are fruit, toast, cereal bars [not chocolate] yoghurt snacks etc.

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ALL - TRUANCY AND ATTENDANCE

THANK YOU to all of our families who consistently work hard to ensure their children's attendance and punctuality is high. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference in their futures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school every day unless there are exceptional circumstances.

During the last school year there were a large number of school days missed by our pupils due to unauthorised absences. Unfortunately there were 2992 days missed by our pupils in the last year due to unauthorised holidays/absence being taken during term time. There have also been 103 late arrivals to school. May we take this opportunity to remind all of our parents that time off during term time is only allowed in exceptional circumstances and that all parents must complete a leave of absence form when requesting time off during term time. Rewards are given each week in assembly for those children that have good attendance. A number of Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to parents this year and will continue to be issued should this remain a problem.

ALL - HEALTH CARE PLANS

If you have been sent a health care plan, 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.

ALL - MENU

Next week is menu 2. Please see the website for details. Copies can be obtained from the school office.

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.

