



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

A warm welcome back to all our families at the start of this new academic year. We are all full of hope and excitement as we are able to start to make a gradual, cautious return to some of the pre-pandemic routines in school.

The children have once again returned after the break with enthusiasm and positive engagement and have been happily engrossed with their new teachers as they find out about the exciting year ahead.

It was a wonderful day yesterday when I was able to host assemblies in the hall for the first time since March 2020. Although not for the whole school, we plan to move towards this gradually over the coming weeks. It was lovely to have all those smiling faces, a phase at a time in front of me, listening eagerly. The theme of the assemblies was resilience, something that every member of the Cledford community has shown in abundance over the last year and a half. I was able to enjoy sharing the story of Tom Daley, who recently won a gold medal in the synchronised diving at his 4th Olympics, having previously won bronzes. The children heard about his journey from the age of 11 and some of the barriers and challenges he has overcome to achieve his childhood ambition to become an Olympic champion. As Walt Disney is now quoted in the school hall saying, 'If you can dream it, you can do it'.

Have a lovely weekend; try to catch some of the Paralympics which close this weekend. If you want more examples of inspiration, resilience and achieving your dreams, then they are on display in abundance at this event.

Warm regards,

Mrs Frater

Office and Class news

GET WELL SOON

Mrs Phillipson [class 8] has this week been discharged from hospital following an illness during the summer holidays. I am sure you will join all the staff and pupils in wishing her well and a speedy recovery. We are pleased to be able to introduce Mr Varnom who will be teaching class 8 during this absence. Mr Varnom worked at Cledford last academic year teaching some of our catch-up sessions. Having been a teacher for 18 years, Mr Varnom has a wealth of key stage 2 experience and is already making a great first impression with the pupils.

Best wishes as well to Mrs Foley who is recovering from a recent operation. She is in a stable position and in good spirits. We all wish her well with her recovery and look forward to seeing her back at Cledford when she is better.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Peters and the family on their new arrival. Morgan Aled has been keeping them all busy since he was born on 18th July. Mother and son are both doing well!

NEW NUMBER

The new office number is: **01606 663667**

WELCOME

We are in the lovely position be able to introduce some new members of the teaching team who have joined us this September. Welcome to Mrs Knowles who will be working in the year 2 team, and to Mr Bebbington, Mrs Connor, and Miss Williams, who will be working in the year 3 and 4 teams.

MOBILE PHONES

Pupils in year 5 and 6, can only bring their mobile phones into school with prior consent from Mrs Frater or Mrs Booth. Phones would need to be handed in at the school office in the morning, before the child comes through the gates and collected at the end of the school day.

ONLINE SAFETY

Please see the attached flyer regarding online safety.

RISK ASSESSMENT

If your child has had an injury or impairment that will impact on their day to day activities in school, please contact the school office prior to sending your child. It is likely they will require a risk assessment.

DONATIONS

If you have any baby supplies or toiletries that you would like to donate to the Afghanistan refugees, please bring them to the school office. Thank you.