



Dear parents/carers,

This is my first newsletter as acting Principal and I would like to say how excited I am to be working with you and your children. This is my fifth year at Cledford in a senior position having previously worked at our federated school Gainsborough, where I was the assistant head teacher. Mr Adlington will share the acting Principal role with me and we would like to reiterate Mrs Booth's message from last week, that if you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

The children have continued to settle into their new routines, getting to know their new teachers and making new friends. I have had an opportunity to visit all of the classes this week and have seen real engagement in learning. Some of our younger children have been eager to share their knowledge about London after being inspired by their class book, 'The Queen's Hat' and year 6 were busy one afternoon trying to eliminate all sources of light in an experiment.

In response to parent feedback, we have made some changes to the start of the day at the KS2 gate. From Monday, the lead teacher at the gate will hold up the class number which indicates whose turn it is to enter. The teacher will continue to call out the class numbers. This number will then be displayed by the main entrance in order for parents to see which classes have already entered. This should help with communication.

Enjoy your weekend and let's hope that the sun continues to shine for us all.

Warmest regards,

Miss A. Platt

Acting Principal

Class Merits

- 1 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock - Airon W, for always showing kindness to others.
- 2 Mrs Higgins - Lincoln C, for fabulous counting and number recognition.
- 3 Mrs Giblin - Dougie L & Stanley AM, for being kind and helpful.
- 4 Mr Adlington - Tommy P, for an amazing Golden Write!
- 5 Mrs Buchan - Lucas OB, for always setting a good example, being ready, respectful & safe.
- 6 Mrs Tomkins/Mrs Appleton - Taloola C, for an innovative design for our scientific dinosaur catapults.
- 7 Mrs Marsland - Beatrice C, for her stunningly creative character description. A pleasure to read!
- 8 Mr Varnom - Jessica H, for always working hard and being a super role model for others.
- 9 Mrs Dunleavy/Mr Simpson- Alivia, for excellent presentation in all her work.
- 10 Miss Wagstaff - Toby S, for being amazingly resilient and not letting anything get in the way of his school work.
- 11 Miss Platt - Jack H, for always listening, working hard and contributing to class discussions.

Another great week! The children are thoroughly enjoying their time in school. Now that we are all together and the baseline assessment of each child is complete, the fun can really begin!

Next week, the children will be starting early reading and writing. Our maths work will focus on number 4. Each week Wednesday will be a special day for the children (and staff!) We will be calling it "Well-being, Welly Wednesday"- a day full of PE, self-reflection, and outdoor learning to look after minds and bodies. All the children will need their PE kit in school to be able to take part in PE.

Forest School will take place whatever the weather so as the weather changes, they will need a warm coat at school as well.

Please can you collect kitchen roll tubes and send them into school- we will be making some binoculars with them next week. (We cannot accept toilet roll tubes.)

Please check the website next week for advice about early reading and some photos of our first couple of weeks in school. Have a great weekend,

The EYFS team

Office and Class news

HEALTH CARE PLANS

If your child has a health care plan for a ongoing health condition, please ensure that you let us know of any changes so our records are correct and up to date. Blank health care plans can be collected from the school office.

GRAB A JAB! (COVID 19)

There will be another drop-in clinic at Middlewich Victoria Hall as well as the daily offering at the Alderley Park mass vaccination centre in Macclesfield.

Middlewich Victoria Hall, Middlewich CW10 9AS.
Sat 9am-12pm, AstraZeneca & Pfizer.

Alderley Park Mass Vaccination Centre, Macclesfield SK10 4TG. Daily 8.30am-6pm, Pfizer only.

ONLINE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS COURSE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

FREE online mental health awareness course for parents funded by 'Just Drop In'. Taking place at: **10am-1pm Saturday 18th September.**

The course provides knowledge, understanding and confidence on mental health and prepares parent/carers for any challenges they may face. Please email parenting@justdropin.co.uk for a place.

PARENT WORKSHOPS - HELPING CHILDREN MANAGE WORRIES & ANXIETY

Please see the attached flyer from Visyon.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS

School expects that parents take all holidays during the 14 weeks per year that children are not in school. If you plan to take your child out of school during term time, please complete a leave of absence form and return it to school.

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

Parents/carers should be aware that 10 or more unauthorised late marks or 10 unauthorised absence marks over 2 consecutive half terms may lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued by the local authority.

SCHOOL GATEWAY

Please ensure both parents/carers have downloaded the School Gateway app. This app is used for all communications from school as well as for payments and booking onto after school clubs.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Next week will be menu 2.

On Thursday 7th October there will be a favourite lunch day and Mrs Croft will be cooking her delicious pizza. There is no need to pre-order this dinner.

VACANCY FOR MID DAY ASSISTANT

Please contact Mrs Doyle for an application form finance@cledford.Cheshire.sch.uk or call into the school office to collect one.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th October - Year 1 visit to Weaver Hall

Thursday 7th October - Favourite lunch day - yummy pizza!

Tuesday 12th October - Year 6 visit Crucial Crew

Wednesday 20th October - School photos

Friday 22nd October - School closes for half term

Monday 1st November - Inset day

Tuesday 2nd November - School re-opens