



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

What a pleasure it has been for all our teachers to speak to parents this week about your children's progress so far this year. Lots of teachers have spoken to me and said how positive and supportive parents have been; this really is the key to success. Working together as parents and teachers will help our pupils reach their potential. As always, please don't feel you have to wait for formal parent meetings to take place – you can contact your child's teacher at any time for a quick update.

This week marks Remembrance Day when we will honour those who fought and lost their lives in wars throughout the years. Children across all year groups have been marking the occasion with lessons and assemblies to recognise the event. On Armistice Day, we held a 2 minute silence at 11am for a moment of reflection. Year two will be visiting the cenotaph on Friday and finding out about the events of Remembrance Sunday.

As always, we take e-safety here at Cledford very seriously and would like to draw your attention to a very useful website which helps to advise parents about apps, websites and gaming. Nationalonlinesafety.com offers advice and guides to help parents in their decision-making and offers support and guidance on how to safeguard your children when using technology. Today, I'm attaching a really useful guide on Squid Game which offers advice on the popular Netflix series.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards
Mr Adlington
Acting Principal

Class Merits

- 1 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock – Connie L, for tackling new challenges with confidence and being resilient. Well done, Connie.**
- 2 Mrs Higgins – Joe B, for amazing progress in reading and writing. You are becoming more and more independent, well done!**
- 3 Mrs Giblin – Lucas R, for completing his rainbow challenges.**
- 4 Mr Adlington – Frankie M, for his excellent ideas in class discussions.**
- 5 Mrs Buchan – Ivy B, for coming to school every day with such a positive 'can do' attitude.**
- 6 Mrs Tomkins/Mrs Appleton – Isiah K, for his excellent use of subordinate clauses in English. Well done!**
- 7 Mrs Marsland – Agnes S, for her creativity which just bursts out of her!**
- 8 Mrs Phillipson – Jessica H, for working hard at everything she does. She has particularly impressed us with her sewing skills this week.**
- 9 Mrs Dunleavy/Mr Simpson- Bayley W, for showing excellent empathy towards his classmates and a mature attitude when resolving issues.**
- 10 Miss Wagstaff – Brooklyn C, for an improved attitude to learning.**
- 11 Miss Platt – George C, for being an outstanding role model: mature, enthusiastic and hard working.**

EYFS News

Wow! The children have been captivated by the story of Rama and Sita and the celebrations for the festival of Diwali, the Hindu festival of light. They can tell you all about the story, I am sure!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali>

Maths this week has been about shapes with 4 sides- naming and recognising squares and rectangles, describing the properties of different shapes and sorting them. We used Forest School as a chance to gather sticks and create shapes with 4 sides using the sticks. This gave us chance to discuss length, shape and size.

The children have used their phonics skills to write about the 'lamps' and 'hands' from the Diwali celebrations. They have created rangoli and mehndi patterns and created firework pictures using chalks.

The children have remembered the soldiers on the 11th and listened to a story called 'Where the Poppies Now Grow'. They all took part in the 2 minute silence.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bS-QY1oxXsg>

Office and Class News

BIKEABILITY (Years 4 & 5)

Bikeability is a cycle training course run by Cheshire East Council. It teaches children practical skills and gives them the understanding and expertise they need to ride their bikes on the road.

If your child is in year four or five and would like to take part, please ensure that their completed permission slips are returned by the beginning of next week.

BOARD GAMES

If you have any board games that you no longer use, suitable for children in KS2, please bring them into school. We are very short of games for wet play time in the older classes.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday (19th November), children will be allowed to wear Children in Need merchandise or something dotty to school. No football shirts. Parents/carers are asked to make donations through School Gateway. Many thanks.



SCHOOL ABSENCES

Please ensure you contact school, leaving a message on our absence line with your child's name, class and reason for their absence each day. If they are unwell we will need to know what symptoms they have. Please remember that if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they will need to stay off school for 48 hours since the last bout of illness.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you change your email address or mobile telephone number please make sure you inform school. This includes contact numbers for people who are listed as emergency contacts on your child's registration form (grandparents, family friends, other family members). It is essential that we have the most up to date information in case of an emergency.

JEWELLERY AND SCHOOL SHOES

Over the last couple of weeks, we have noticed more jewellery creeping into school. Jewellery is not permitted at Cledford and we respectfully request that it is not worn or brought into school. We would hate for it to be lost or damaged. It can also be unsafe during physical activity. Children will be challenged and asked to remove it. Please also ensure that your child has the correct school shoes. Trainers are not permitted or appropriate for school.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Next week we will be on the WEEK 1 menu

Dates for your diary

- Friday 19th November – Children in Need – Children can wear Children in Need items or something spotty!
- Monday 15th November – Football Years 3 & 4 (Middlewich High School)
- Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th November – Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5)
- Thursday 2nd December – Year 3 & 4 Ancient Egyptians workshop
- Monday 6th December – Bikeability Level 1 (Year 4)
- Tuesday 14th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas dinner/party
- Wednesday 15th December – KS2 Christmas dinner/party
- Friday 17th December – School closes for Christmas holiday
- Tuesday 4th January – Inset day
- Wednesday 5th January – School reopens