



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

It has been another busy week in school. We have had a special focus this week as it is Anti-Bullying Week. Pupils have taken part in an assembly, met the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and some have even worn odd socks to raise awareness that our differences should be celebrated. 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme; the Anti-Bullying Alliance sum it up beautifully when they say, 'In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.'

I would like to thank you for your kind donations to Children In Need which will help to ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential. Lots of children wore Pudsey accessories or spots to school today. Some classes took part in a special Joe Wicks workout quiz to test both their fitness and their minds whilst others took part in a danceathon.

We are very sad to tell you that Mrs Buchan will be leaving us for pastures new after Christmas. She will be a huge loss to Cledford but she goes with our very best wishes as she leaves for a new experience. Mrs Buchan has been with us for 6 years. In that time, she has made herself extremely popular with colleagues, pupils and parents. She will be missed but I know you will want to join me in saying 'good luck' to her in her new post. We are happy to announce that Mr Varnom will teach class 5 for the rest of the school year. Mr Varnom has become well known to us since September, teaching in Y1, Y4 and Y6. He is a very experienced teacher and has a specialism in art.

Kind regards,

Alison Platt (Acting Principal)

Class Merits

- 1 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock – Teddy B, for working hard during letters and sounds. Well done Teddy!**
- 2 Mrs Higgins – Alan-Patrick S, for fantastic learning, every day. I am so proud of the progress you are making.**
- 3 Mrs Giblin – Isla-Mai B, for great improvement in phonics.**
- 4 Mr Adlington – Jude H, for excellent progress in reading.**
- 5 Mrs Buchan – Kieran TH, for working hard to proof read his work for capital letters and full stops.**
- 6 Mrs Tomkins/Mrs Appleton – Edward S, for an excellent piece of Banksy inspired artwork.**
- 7 Mrs Marsland – Jerry S, for his outstanding effort in all lessons. Keep it up!**
- 8 Mrs Phillipson – Charlie B, for putting 100% effort into guided reading activities.**
- 9 Mrs Dunleavy/Mr Simpson – Lily C, for excellent editing skills to improve her work to produce a super Golden Write.**
- 10 Miss Wagstaff – Jayden T, for an excellent attitude to his learning.**
- 11 Miss Platt – Isabella C, for being a hard worker and having a mature approach to learning.**

EYFS News

We have continued to learn about traditional tales with the story of The Three Little Pigs. The children have enjoyed lots of science work on materials - which would be strong enough for a house? We have been huffing and puffing like the wolf to blow up balloons, creating camouflage jackets for the pigs to wear to hide from the wolf, re-telling the story using props and masks and taken part in many other learning opportunities. We have started using some fantastic new guided reading books, the children will keep the same book for a week- Monday to Friday and have 3 sessions in school with different learning objectives before they change the book for a new one. The books will match the learning taking place during phonics lessons and are designed to be read as independently as possible with fluency increasing throughout the week. I hope you enjoy using them at home. There are notes for home learning on the inside cover.

Some children will have lines to learn over the weekend which they will be saying in our Nativity play. Please help your child learn the words if they appear in their reading diary. Next week, we learn about the 'Gingerbread Man'; our last traditional tale before Christmas preparations begin!

Have a great weekend, The EYFS team

Office and Class News

BOARD GAMES AND READING BOOKS

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. We would also kindly welcome any donations of reading books that your children may have grown out of to help replenish our class libraries.

YEAR 3 & 4 LIBRARY VISIT

Year 3 and 4 children will be visiting Middlewich library. (Class 7: Tues 23rd Nov, class 6: Thurs 25th Nov class 8: Mon 29th Nov.) Please make sure your child has their coat for walking to the library.

A WARM WELCOME

On Monday we have a new Clerical Officer starting in the school office Mrs Phillips. We look forward to welcoming her into the Cledford team.

KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year, we feel we can celebrate the festive season by putting on a small-scale Christmas performance by the children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 for a small audience. Details of these performances and how to request tickets, will be emailed home soon. The dates can be found below.

DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES

We politely request that, when dropping off outside school, that you do not park on grass verges, pavements or the zig zag yellow lines. This is to ensure the safety of our children. I understand that parking around school is of a premium, but safety comes first. Please allow adequate time for parking and a short walk to school if necessary.

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 from the last bout of illness.

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.

POPPY APPEAL

We raised a total of **£161.76** for the Royal British Legion through poppy sales. Thank you to everyone who donated.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Next week we will be on the **WEEK 2** menu

Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 23rd, Thursday 25th & Monday 29th November – Year 3 & 4 Library visit**
- **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 7th December – Christmas Performance (EYFS) 10am and 2pm**
- **Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Performance (Year 2) 10am and 2pm**
- **Friday 10th December – Christmas Performance (Year 1) 10am and 2pm**
- **Friday 10th December – Year 2 visit to Manchester Airport**
- **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 2022 – Inset day**
- **Wednesday 5th January 2022 – School reopens**