



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive feeling has most definitely arrived at Cledford Primary School this week as we were able to welcome parents of our EYFS and KS1 pupils to join us at our nativities 'live' in the school hall. It has been so long since we were able to invite parents into school but I felt it of paramount importance that our children were able to say their lines and sing their songs in front of their families' smiling faces. In order to do this, we limited audience numbers and made sure we did everything possible to mitigate any risk in order for the show to go on. Our reception classes brought a tear to many an eye, year 1 caused a few giggles and year 2 made sure that some of those festive songs were well and truly stuck in peoples heads for the rest of the week!

While EYFS and KS1 have been basking in the limelight, our year 3 and 4 pupils have been getting scientific with an interesting investigation using boiled eggs to find out about tooth decay... how 'eggciting'! After the terrible weather last week that cancelled a day of Bikeability, year 4 hit the road again this week to improve their cycling proficiency. Our upper key stage 2 pupils have been thinking about well-being and have created advent calendars with a difference. Hidden behind the doors is not chocolate but a good deed to help spread kindness this festive season.

We've had more learning taking place outside of the classroom too as year 2 have been on an educational visit today. They boarded a coach and went to experience the sights and sounds of Manchester Airport at Runway Visitor Park. Children had the opportunity to go on board a real plane and even sit in the cockpit!

As we approach the final week at school before the Christmas break, we look forward to the fun things planned for the last few days such as a lovely Christmas dinner, parties and a visit to church.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Adlington
Acting Principal

Class Merits

- 1 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock – The whole of class 1 – for a fantastic nativity play!**
- 2 Mrs Higgins – The whole of class 2 – for a fantastic nativity play!**
- 3 Mrs Giblin – The whole of class 3 – for doing such a brilliant nativity performance.**
- 4 Mr Adlington – Mason H, for excellent work in phonics.**
- 5 Mrs Buchan – Callum C, for showing incredible kindness to others.**
- 6 Mrs Tomkins/Mrs Appleton – Jacob B, for an excellent piece of golden write work about the digestive system.**
- 7 Mrs Marsland – Reece L, for his beautiful handwriting; we are all so proud of you. Keep it up!**
- 8 Mrs Phillipson – Maisie G, for detailed scientific explanations.**
- 9 Mrs Dunleavy/Mr Simpson – Olivia W, for excellent presentation and always taking pride in her work.**
- 10 Miss Wagstaff – Jamie W, for trying hard in guided reading.**
- 11 Miss Platt – Joshua C, for being kind, considerate and a good friend.**

Thank you to everyone - parents and staff - for all the hard work this week, the nativity play was a great success and the children have made us very proud! We hope you all enjoyed the chance to come and watch.

Alongside the play, the children have also learned about some other Christmas traditions. They have learnt about the tradition of a Christingle and the history of the Christmas tree. All the children have taken part in a maths assessment. They enjoyed using the apparatus during PE to 'travel to Bethlehem' and have been excited to find out who will get the advent calendar treats.

Please remember that it is Christmas jumper day on Tuesday 14th- We will be making party hats, tucking into a delicious Christmas dinner and enjoying a party with games and prizes in the afternoon. We will be walking to church on Friday morning so please ensure the children have been dressed for the weather.

Enjoy the weekend.

The EYFS Team

Office and Class News

Church Visits

The church visits will be taking place on the mornings of Tuesday 14th Dec for KS2 and Friday 17th for KS1. Please note that on the day your child is visiting the church you will be unable to order a snack.

Medicines in School

Any medicines held at school will be returned on the last day of the half term. Please could you check the dates on all medicines / inhalers and renew where necessary so that they can be returned to school in the new year?

Parking in the Staff Car Park

Please be mindful that the school car park is for **staff** parking only and not for parents/carers.

Remote Learning

If your child is isolating, please remember to access the remote learning materials via the school website.

You can find this under the *Pupil Zone* tab by selecting the appropriate school year and selecting *remote learning*. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

Gifts for Staff

Some parents have asked whether they can bring in Christmas gifts for staff due to COVID regulations. As always, we do not expect any gifts, yet if you wish to bring in gifts for staff this will be allowed. Many thanks.

School Absences

Please ensure you contact school before 9am, 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 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.

Christmas Lunches 14th & 15th December

The deadline for ordering a Christmas lunch was this Thursday. If you haven't ordered a lunch or your child doesn't want one, please make sure you send them into school with a packed lunch from home. The kitchen staff are unable to provide alternative lunches on these busy days.

Children can come to school in their Christmas jumpers on their Christmas lunch days.

Trainers and Coats

Trainers are not allowed to be worn as part of school uniform. Children should wear sensible black shoes. Black ankle boots are permitted in the wet/cold weather.

Please ensure children bring a warm/waterproof coat to school every day.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school each day.

School Dinners

Next week we will be on the **WEEK 1** menu.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 14th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas dinner/ party & Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 15th December – KS2 Christmas dinner/party & Christmas jumper day

Friday 17th December – School closes for Christmas holiday

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Inset day

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – School reopens