



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,



I can't quite believe that the first term of this academic year is drawing to a close.

December is a magical time to work in a school and this year; it has been a little more special as we have been able to reintroduce some of those Cledford Christmas traditions. We have welcomed parents back to watch the nativities, taken our choir to perform in the church when the Middlewich Christmas lights were switched on and enjoyed a Christmas dinner together. Christmas jumpers brightened up the day and the usual Christmas hat competitions took place. Mrs Croft and her team made 333 delicious Christmas dinners and practically every plate was cleared. Christmas carols can be heard coming from the classrooms as I walk down the corridors and there is definitely an air of excitement around the school as the holidays grow near.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Buchan, Mrs Winter and Miss Williams at this end of this term and would like to wish them all the best in their future ventures. Thank you for everything that you have done for Cledford.

I would like to say a huge thank you to you all on behalf of myself and all the staff for your continued support. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the new year. Look out for the new knowledge organisers which will support your child to learn more and remember more. We have also made some modifications to the behaviour policy and would welcome feedback via the admin email. You can find these changes on our website.

Mrs Frater has sent her best wishes to everyone at Cledford for the festive season. She would like to wish all of the pupils, their families and our governors a very happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

We look forward to working with you all in 2022 but in the meantime, we wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.

Miss Platt
Acting Principal

Class Merits

- 1 Miss Parton/Mrs Coppock – Airon W, for always working hard both at home and at school. Well done, Airon!**
- 2 Mrs Higgins – Ava G, for putting her phonics skills into her independent learning and writing a super list for Santa, completed all by herself.**
- 3 Mrs Giblin – Sophie F, for settling into Year 1 and being a good friend.**
- 4 Mr Adlington – Lazarus S, for tremendous effort in everything he does.**
- 5 Mrs Buchan – Class 5, for working incredibly hard this term – well done to you all. Keep it up!**
- 6 Mrs Tomkins/Mrs Appleton – Kai T, for working exceptionally hard in maths this term. Well done, Kai! Keep it up!**
- 7 Mrs Marsland – Georgina C, for being such a wonderful role model. You are a star!**
- 8 Mrs Phillipson – Leo C, for a wonderful first week at Cledford.**
- 9 Mrs Dunleavy/Mr Simpson – Emily O, for always having excellent presentation and taking pride in her work.**
- 10 Miss Wagstaff – Jake C, for settling so well into life at Cledford.**
- 11 Miss Platt – Mariah, for her designing and making skills when making a wallet in D.T.**

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas' in EYFS! What a lovely week we have had with a fun filled party, delicious Christmas dinner (thank you to the ladies in the kitchen), Christmas crafts and even a personal message from the man in red! The children have been covered in glitter and full of excitement, it has been a pleasure to spend time with them.

We want to wish you all a very merry Christmas, Stay safe and have lots of family fun!

We will see you all in the new year on Wednesday 5th January

Best wishes for Christmas and the new year,

The EYFS team



Office and Class News

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? Please remember to bring all medicines back into school in January.

Drop off/Collection from the Staff Car Park

The staff car park **is for staff only** and not for parents to use when dropping off or collecting children, unless you have made prior arrangements with school.

PCR Covid Results

Could you please ensure that you inform school when you get your child's PCR test result, either by email or by phone BEFORE sending them back into school?

Staying Safe Online - Thinkuknow Resources

We've added some new guides to the 'Parent Guides & Information' section of the website under the 'Parent Zone' tab. The guides are produced by **Thinkuknow** who share information and resources that can be used to help keep children safe from harm online/offline. The guides are called 'Ask The Awkward' and provide ideas for conversation starters for parents and carers around online safety themes such as negativity online, apps & social media and who you can trust online. They are aimed at secondary school children but can be useful for older primary children too. There are also many other brilliant resources on their website for children of all ages. You can get advice and also download home activity packs for children in early years, ages 5-7, ages 8-10 and ages 11-13 which are full of activities and video clips that help to promote online safety. Why don't you go and grab a cup of tea and have a look at this fantastic website by going to www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents?

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.

NO cash payments

Just a gentle reminder that the school office does not accept cash payments. All payments need to be made via School Gateway. Please make sure both parents/carers have downloaded the app and have access to the notifications/messages we send out. If you are having problems downloading or using School Gateway, please contact the office for assistance.

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.

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.

School Dinners

When we return after the Christmas holidays we will be on **WEEK 2** menu.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 17th December – School closes for Christmas holiday

Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Inset day

Wednesday 5th January 2022 – School reopens