



Cledford Primary and Nursery Academy Newsletter



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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all! It has been a pleasure to welcome our pupils and families back to school for the first week of the new term and I would like to thank everyone for the positive start we have made together. A special word of thanks goes to families for your determination and support in getting children to school safely during the snow and icy conditions earlier this week. We know this was not easy for everyone and your efforts were very much appreciated. Thankfully, Storm Goretti seems to have passed us by so far.

The children have settled back into school routines extremely well, showing enthusiasm, resilience and a real readiness to learn. We are incredibly proud that our attendance this week is above the national average, which reflects the strong partnership between home and school and the value our community places on education.

We are delighted to be launching our new 'Stay and Play' sessions next week for parents and carers with children aged 0–5. These sessions are completely free and open to everyone, not just families with children already at our school. Please do come along and enjoy time together. We would be very grateful if you could help spread the word to friends, neighbours and other families in the Middlewich community.

There is also lots to look forward to in the coming weeks. Next week, pupils will be visiting The New Vic Theatre to watch their production of The Little Mermaid. To make the experience even more special, our kitchen team will be serving an "Under the Sea" themed lunch, which we know the children will love.

Finally, our Year 3 pupils have started their swimming lessons this week and returned on Wednesday absolutely beaming. With Middlewich's many canals and rivers, we recognise the importance of water safety and these lessons are a vital part of keeping our children safe and confident.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr C Adlington



EYFS News

Happy New Year! Welcome back, I am sure you are enjoying the routine and predictability of school days! The beginning of the week was a little unpredictable however! It has all been about the snow this week. Children who were in school had lots of fun playing in the snow. It was the ideal opportunity for lots of investigative science learning. Since the snow has melted, we have been able to get back into our normal routine and the children have settled back in really well. Reception children have been learning about New Year resolutions and even made some of their own. Pre School children have been learning about arctic animals and camouflage using a story called 'A thing called Snow' and nursery children have been singing '5 Little Snowmen' and getting to know their new friends who started nursery this week. There may be more snow next week according to the forecast. Please make sure your child brings suitable clothing to school if that is the case; we will always take advantage of a snowy day to get outside and enjoy it!

Many thanks for your continued support.
Mrs Higgins and the EYFS team

Messages

Theatre Visits

Tuesday 13th January – Reception, year 1 and year 2
Thursday 15th January – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Next week, we have our two theatre visits to the New Vic Theatre in Newcastle. If your child is attending, please ensure that consent and payment has been made via Arbor.

Coaches will leave promptly at 9.15am so it is essential that your child arrives to school on time.

Children will be able to order a school sandwich in the morning on the day of their theatre visit. A snack will be provided at the theatre and they will eat their lunch when they return to school.

School lunches

Next week, we will be on week 1 of our lunch menu.

Thursday will be our themed 'under the sea' lunch for the children in nursery, pre-school, reception and years 1 and 2. Please see the attached poster.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th January – EYFS, year 1 & 2 theatre visit
Thursday 15th January – KS2 theatre visit
Wednesday 4th February – year 6 parents' evening
Friday 13th February – Last day at school before half term
Monday 23rd February – School re-opens
Wednesday 25th February – Year 5 family lunch (all of year 5)
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day including stay and read
Tuesday 10th March – Class 8 (Miss Platt) family lunch
Wednesday 11th March – Class 9 (Mrs Phillipson) family lunch
Friday 20th March – Non-uniform day for Easter bingo
Wednesday 25th March – PTFA Easter bingo
Thursday 26th March – PTFA Easter bingo
Friday 27th March – Reception visit to Delamere forest
Friday 27th March – Last day at school before Easter holidays
Monday 13th April – School re-opens
Wednesday 29th April – Year 2 residential parent meeting
Monday 4th May – School closed – Bank holiday
Tuesday 5th May – School re-opens

Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class 5 (Mr Varnom) = 98.8%

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK = 94.3%

WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR = 95.5%

Class 3 = 89.0%

Class 9 = 95.3%

Class 4 = 92.9%

Class 10 = 96.2%

Class 5 = 98.8%

Class 11 = 91.3%

Class 6 = 94.7%

Class 12 = 95.7%

Class 7 = 97.1%

Class 8 = 92.8%

