



Cledford Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

There has been a real autumnal feel in the air this week with chilly mornings and nights but the sunshine has been most welcome at the end of the week. Not only because a bit of sun makes us all feel better but also because it was our first interschool competition of the academic year on Thursday! We hosted Cross Country here at Cledford and lots of children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 competed. Our year 3 and 4 team placed first in their race, year 5 came third place and year 6 second place. Overall, we just missed out on first place, coming second overall. We're looking forward to our next competition in a couple of weeks.

Our open day on Tuesday was a huge success and our prefects did a wonderful job of showing people round school alongside our governors.

As always, parking is an ongoing issue around school and our car park is becoming used on a regular basis by some parents. We keep our carpark for staff, deliveries and disabled people in order to minimise any risk to pedestrians. You may have noticed that the gate has been closed at drop off and collection times in order to restrict access. Thank you for your cooperation in parking safely and appropriately.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Adlington
Principal

Harvest Festival – Volunteers Needed!

If you wish to volunteer as a helper on the morning of Thursday 10th October to walk with our children to church, please let the main office know. We would need you to be available from 9:40 to walk with a class. Unfortunately due to our risk assessment we cannot have any helpers with pushchairs or under school age children. Thank you.

SENDCO Drop In

There will be no SENDCO drop in next Wednesday 9th October. The weekly sessions will resume from Wednesday 16th October at 8.45am.

No Nuts or Nut Products in School

Just a reminder that we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with any nuts or products that contain nuts (this includes Nutella and some snack bars etc), If in doubt, please check the ingredients list before sending them in. Thank you.

Disco Night – Thursday 24th October

Our PTFA will be holding a disco night on Thursday 24th October. Please purchase tickets through the School Shop in Arbor before **Tuesday 22nd October**. The cost of a ticket is £2.50 and this includes a snack and a drink. Full details of timings are on the attached poster.

School dinners

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

Merits

- 1 Mrs Higgins – Freddie C, for super effort with sound talk and blending in his reading book.
- 2 Miss Parton – Abbey, for knowing all her number bonds to 10 and writing all numerals correctly! Super maths, Abbey!
- 3 Mrs Giblin – Reggie F, for greats maths using a part-whole model.
- 4 Mrs Peters/Mrs Lester – Tianna P, for working exceptionally hard in class and for tackling new challenges each day with a smile on her face.
- 5 Miss Addis – Layla P, for her superb retell of The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig. You knocked Mrs Knowles' socks off.
- 6 Mr Varnom – Oliver R, for an improved effort with his concentration and being ready to start learning. Please keep it up!
- 7 Miss Platt – Bella G, for being an absolute pleasure to teach! She works hard and is kind to others.
- 8 Mr Gill – Avery B, for an excellent attitude in all his lessons, but especially in history, where he created a brilliant information page on maize within Maya culture.
- 9 Mrs Phillipson – Rory S, for his valuable contributions to class discussions.
- 10 Mrs Marsland – Jessica L for a detailed and thoughtful piece of writing in RE. A pleasure to read!
- 11 Miss Wagstaff/Mrs Lester – Harley P, for a thoughtful and well-written response to our RE enquiry question.

EYFS news

This week the focus has been celebrations, in particular birthdays. Luckily we also celebrated three birthdays in the class, which was excellent timing! The children enjoyed the story of 'Kipper's Birthday', which involved some pretty in depth discussion about the concept of yesterday, today and tomorrow! Watch the story using the link to find out why!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VM_lvyoMcvw

Maths work has focused on creating sets of objects and discussing what makes a set/group. We discussed 'setting' the table at home and making sets of cutlery etc for each place setting. We also sorted buttons and other objects using different criteria to make the sets. Our writing has had a handwriting focus. I have been checking that all children can form the letters in their name correctly and that they can match the phonemes learnt this week to the correctly formed grapheme. The reading books have ramped up a gear this week with the introduction of simple words. The children have been taught all the sounds (phonemes) they are reading in these books and, whilst they may be a bit challenging initially, it will all start to come together over the next couple of weeks so please keep going and make it a positive experience for all! **Please don't forget the school expectation is that you will hear your child read at home and record this in the reading diary at least 4 times a week. The children will receive a reward for reading 5 times or more. We will only know you have been doing this if you sign the diary so please do this each time you read.**

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

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 8th Oct – Year 5 visit to Clonter Theatre
- Thursday 10th Oct (10.30am) – Harvest at St Michael and All Angels
- Wednesday 16th Oct – EYFS Stay & get Counting (Information for parents)
- Wednesday 16th Oct – Friday 18th Oct – Year 6 Residential
- Wednesday 16th Oct (12.30pm) – Year 2 Family Lunch (class 4)
- Thursday 17th Oct (12.30pm) – Year 2 Family Lunch (class 5)
- Mon 21st Oct & Tues 22nd Oct – Bikeability (year 5)
- Thursday 24th Oct – PTFA Disco
- Friday 25th Oct – Last day of school before half term
- Monday 4th Nov – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 5th Nov – SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- Wednesday 6th Nov – Bikeability (year 4)
- Wednesday 6th Nov (5.00pm) – Year 4 Residential Meeting
- Thursday 7th Nov (5.00pm) – Year 6 Assembly to parents
- Monday 11th Nov – Individual and sibling photographs
- Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th Nov, Parents' Evening
- Friday 15th Nov – Children in Need
- Tuesday 19th Nov – Class 2 Family Lunch
- Wednesday 20th Nov – Class 3 Family Lunch

Attendance

CLASS OF THE WEEK

Class 8 & 9 (Mr Gill and Mrs Phillipson) = 100%
WHOLE SCHOOL WEEK = 97.2%
WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR = 96.1%

Class 1 = 95.6%	Class 6 = 95.7%
Class 2 = 94.1%	Class 7 = 97.7%
Class 3 = 99.4%	Class 8 = 100%
Class 4 = 96.7%	Class 9 = 100%
Class 5 = 99.6%	Class 10 = 98.2%
	Class 11 = 91.8%

