

Cleves School

Newsletter - 10/1/25



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14/1 - Y3 Egyptian Workshop - 3A/3HM/3J
- 14/1 - Wimbledon football competition
- 14/1 - SEND Parent Meetings
- 16/1 - Y3 Egyptian Workshop - 3H/3LG/3M
- 17/1 - 4L class assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 17/1 - Y4 Mini Olympics
- 20/1 - Sportshall Athletics Competition
- 20/1 - Y5/6 Rugby Festival
- 21/1 - Y6 Boys Football Match
- 22/1 - Y5/6 Football Match
- 23/1 - Young Voices Performance
- 24/1 - 5H class assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 27/1 - Indoor Football Festival
- 28/1 - Girls' football fixture
- 29/1 - Y6 football fixture
- 30/1 - Football tournament
- 31/1 - 5N class assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 3/2 - Children's mental health week
- 3/2 - Year 6 football fixture
- 4/2 - Year 5 football fixture
- 10/2 - Year 6 football fixture
- 13/2 - Girls' football fixture
- 14/2 - End of Term at 3:15

THIS WEEK

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and spent time with their loved ones. This week has seen a positive start to 2025 and the school seemed so much brighter today with our eco mufti day where children wore blue, raising

an incredible £707 for the Marine Conservation Society.

This term we are thinking about our value of High Aspirations. We have thought about what high aspirations are and how we can show that we have high aspirations for ourselves and our school. We discussed that one way we can show high aspirations is by the effort that we put into our learning and being the best we can be. We have also discussed having high aspirations and pride in our school and showing this by wearing the correct uniform and acting with kindness and respect at all times. We will continue with this focus over the coming weeks.

Well done to all the children for coming into school so positively and independently from the start of term. It has been great to see everyone ready to start the new term with enthusiasm. Can we please remind you that if you do bring your child into school, teachers will not be able to have discussions at this time and please leave the site promptly.

A polite reminder, please refrain from bringing your dogs onto the school site. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a restful weekend.

We are thrilled to welcome all our **Year 3** pupils back after the Christmas holidays! We hope everyone had a restful and joyful time with family and friends, recharging for the exciting year ahead. It's wonderful to see familiar faces once again and we are eager to dive into a new term. In Literacy, we've already started our first unit of 2025 where the children are working on writing a persuasive leaflet about our school, using powerful adjectives and verbs to make their writing stand out. In Maths, we've applied our understanding of place value to round numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and even learnt a catchy rhyme to help us remember the rounding rule! In Science, we've begun exploring the fascinating world of light and

darkness, while in RE, we are deepening our understanding of Muslim beliefs. In addition, we are learning about healthy online interactions as part of our focus on online safety and to top it all off, we're super excited to start our new topic on the Ancient Egyptians! Here's to an exciting and successful start to the new year. **Year 4** have had a great start to the Spring Term. Our new electricity unit has really sparked our scientific interest and we're beginning to ask questions about the mysterious Iron Man in Whole Class Reading. Although we've just begun, we cannot wait to learn more about the Ancient Greeks this term. With many Tackling Tables certificates and Pen Passports still to be achieved, the Year 4 Spring Term is sure to be very exciting!

Year 5 have had a great first week back! On Tuesday it was space day where the children created space art using oil pastels, discovered lots of fascinating facts about the planets in our solar system and enjoyed having a visit to the 'Wonderdome' planetarium in the dance studio. In literacy, the children have started the science-fiction writing unit based around the book 'The Lost Thing' and will be designing their own alien worlds and 'things' in lessons next week. In DT, the year group have made and evaluated their pottage. It has been a lovely first week back in **Year 6** hearing about all of the lovely fun and festive things the children have been up to over the Christmas break. In class we have made a great start at our new and exciting Spring term units. These include our spooky story unit in Literacy, Plastic Pollution in Topic, Reversible and Irreversible changes in Science and exploring decimals in Maths.

WELCOME

Following Mrs Linton leaving at the end of last term, we are very happy to welcome Mrs Rees to Cleves. She will be teaching 3LG and has been teaching in the local area for a number of years. I'm sure you'll join us in making her feel very welcome in our lovely school community.

SPORTS

Swimming Squad

This term I have entered Cleves into hopefully three different swimming galas and I am therefore looking to create a swimming squad early in the new year. If your child is a capable swimmer and is interested in representing the school, please can I ask that you submit their 50m times by [clicking here](#). The deadline for doing so is Friday 17th January 2025.

Spring Term Clubs

Just a reminder to sign your child up for our spring term teacher led sports clubs. You can do this by [clicking here](#). The deadline for doing so is 9am on Wednesday 15th January with clubs starting the week beginning 20th January 2025.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the accumulative total:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	28018
Arundel	29161
York	25608
Warwick	28240

SEND PARENT MEETINGS

If your child has a SEND plan, you will receive a copy of the new plan today. Next Tuesday after school, we invite you to have a meeting with your child's class teacher rather than waiting until parent consultation day in March. Please use the online link to book a slot if you would like this opportunity.

APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance to the Welfare Officer via absence@cleves.co.uk and Class Teacher. Where possible (emergencies being the exception) such appointments should be kept to a minimum as many doctors and dentists offer surgeries outside of school times. However, if appointments have to be made during school hours, it is expected that the pupil will return promptly after the appointment. If for some reason this is not possible, parents should contact the Welfare Officer to discuss before making the decision not to return to school.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to book school dinners on Scopay at least 72 hours in advance and discuss choices with your child so that they are happy with what they are eating. If your child has not got a booked lunch, we will expect that you will provide a packed lunch on that day.

Please [click here](#) to see a separate letter from the headteacher.

TRAVEL NEWS

Cleves Travel Shop (online)

We have a number of items available in the Cleves Travel Shop which are now available to purchase.

The items will be delivered to the children in their classrooms following an order.

NB: Both parts below are required to be completed

1. Please complete the order online - using the Google Form - [Cleves Travel Shop link](#)
2. Use the parentpay system to pay for the items ordered.

ECO NEWS

Support Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)



MPAs protect biodiversity, conserve our cultural heritage, and support sustainable production of marine resources. Visit, volunteer and support your local MPA! Take part in a beach clean-up. Encourage others to help the ocean. Spread the word!

January Rethink Waste Scheme

Cleves has been accepted onto the Rethink Waste Donations Scheme again for January, which started on the 6th January.

By subscribing to the scheme, residents of Surrey watch the on-line videos, play the games, challenges and quizzes to learn about ways to reduce waste. By doing so, you collect points which you donate to your chosen school (Cleves please!) and the total number of points goes towards monetary prizes.

At the end of the schools donation fund period, we will be allocated a portion of £3,000 depending on how many points we receive. The funding is going to be used to purchase some benches with green canopy roofs e.g.



Please spread the word to friends and family.

Please click on this link for a [Step by step guide](#) on how to log in and donate points. It literally takes 2 mins! If you signed up last year, you do not need to re-register, you can just sign in

Thank you to all of you who have already signed up and donated points last year. We just missed out last year by one place. Please spread the word to friends and family, thank you.

STATIONERY SHOP

Break-time Stationery Shop

This term the Year 5 & 6 school council members will be running an essential's stationery shop.

Break time: Tuesday for Lower School and Thursdays for Upper School by 4L

Prices:

Glue sticks £1
Whiteboard pens 30p
Rulers 20p
Pencils 20p
Rubber 10p
Friction pen £1.50

If your child is short of stationery, please send them into school with change so they can refill their pencil cases at break time. They will only be allowed to purchase one of each item at a time. Thank you.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored how to support digital resilience. This week we look at considerations you may find useful if purchasing digital gadgets, such as smart toys and wearable technology. To read this week's guide, please click on the image.



WELLBEING

We hope everyone had a restful break and you are back to a routine. Some interesting reading can be found below regarding resilience in children. This is always an area we are trying to work on in school with our PSHE lessons and also our whole school approach to wellbeing.

[Mental health: Children should be more resilient, say experts - BBC News](#)

We have a few last minute places for a Parenting Course for parents of children with challenging behaviour, ADH or ASD. A course to enable parents to get back in tune with their child, and to overcome the barrier that their child's behaviour has created between them. Sharing experiences with other parents can help in finding creative solutions to parenting dilemmas and allow family life to flourish.

The course will run at Cleves School every Wednesday 9.30 -11.30am for 10 weeks starting on 15th January 2025
The course is free of charge, but we require participants to commit to attending every week.

If you would like more information about the course, please contact: Carol Robins – Home-Start Elmbridge Over 5s Project
crobins@home-start-elmbridge.org.uk

STAFF VACANCIES

We have vacancies for Learning Support Assistants and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. If you have any questions about the roles, please contact us, otherwise applications can be made directly via ETeach.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/high-level-teaching-assistant-hlta-1459459>

<https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-1459352>