

Cleves School

Newsletter - 14/2/25



THIS WEEK

This week has marked Safer Internet Day, where we have looked at how we keep ourselves safe online. With children spending more time online than ever before, Safer Internet Day is an important opportunity to address the risks young people face in the digital world. According to research from CyberSafeKinds, 82% of children aged 8-12 have unsupervised access to smart devices in their bedrooms, increasing children's vulnerability to a number of risks, such as cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate content and, this year's focus, scams. For many parents, the rapid pace of technological change can feel overwhelming, but there are simple steps that can be taken to protect the children:

1. Talk regularly about online experiences without judgement.
2. Set boundaries around screen time and device use, particularly when unsupervised.
3. Use parental controls to restrict content and monitor activity.
4. Stay informed to help your children recognise risks.

At Cleves, our aim is for all children to be safe, happy and healthy, and this extends to their online selves. We also believe that collaboration between the school, parents and children is the most effective way of achieving this, therefore if you do have any questions or areas you would like addressed in the e-safety section of the newsletter, please let us know.

Legami Pens - I'm writing to kindly ask that, moving forward, students refrain from bringing in Legami pens to school. Unfortunately, these pens have been going missing quite frequently, which has been causing some upset in the classroom. To help avoid any further issues, I would also like to request that all stationery items are clearly named. This will ensure that if items do get misplaced, they

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 17/2 - Half Term
- 24/2 - Back to school
- 25/2 - Year 5 Football 3-4
- 26/2 - Year 5/6 Football Festival
- 28/2 - Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition
- 4/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4FA and 4L)
- 6/3 - World Book Day
- 7/3 - 5M Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 7/3 - Y3 Mini Olympics
- 11/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4W and 4R)
- 13/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4E and 4M)
- 14/3 - 3H Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 17/3 - Outdoor Learning 3J, 3HM, 3A
- 18/3 - School Photographs - class photos
- 19/3 - Outdoor Learning 3LG, 3M, 3H
- 20/3 - Y3/4 Girls' Football
- 20/3 - Comic Relief
- **21/3 - Parent Consultation Day**

can be easily returned to their rightful owner. Thank you.

Have a restful weekend.

Year 3 have had an amazing week, and they should be incredibly proud of all the hard work they've put into this half term – we're officially halfway through the year! It's been a happy-ever-after ending in Literacy, where the children published their alternative traditional tales in their special writing books. They got really creative and had a blast adding their own twist to the Three Little Pigs. In Maths, we've been reviewing key concepts from this term, like estimation, rounding, and addition and subtraction, and topped it off with an alien investigation that applied our knowledge of the 3, 4, and 8 times tables. In Computing, the children have continued to develop and debug their own algorithms. PE was full of energy, as the children had the chance to represent their house in an Interhouse Competition, showing fantastic enthusiasm and sportsmanship. In Science, the sun has now set on our Light topic, with the children once again displaying great engagement. It's been a very busy half term, so a big thank you to all the parents for their continued support. We hope you and the children enjoy a well-deserved break! It's been a great half term in **Year 4** filled with excitement and adventure. We never expected The Iron Man to end with a battle against a space dragon and we had no idea just how much Greek architecture influences modern buildings. To top it off, we're very proud of another great class assembly this week from our very own 4E. Now, it's time for a short, relaxing break before another half term of awe and wonder.

Year 5 has had a great final week of the half term. We have started our literacy unit on poetry, where the children will write their own poem in a couple of weeks about a rocket launch. In Maths, we have continued with fractions - learning how to add and subtract with different denominators as well as multiplying fractions by integers. The children have all worked incredibly hard this term. We wish them all a fantastic half term break! **Year 6** have had a great week! We have completed our Science unit on reversible and irreversible changes this week and

we look forward to starting our new unit on 'how we see things' after half term. In Whole Class Reading we have studied the amazing work of David Attenborough, his life and his commitment to protecting and researching our planet. This has linked nicely to our Topic lessons on the environment. Finally, we have also been exploring Biographies in Literacy and have been writing our own biography on Greta Thunberg.

SPORTS NEWS

Football News

This week, the Year 5 B team played their league cup game against Ongar Place. It was a very close game which saw Cleves take a well deserved lead in the first half following a great strike by Thomas Davey. The second half saw both teams have further chances but it was Ongar Place who scored twice to secure the win and progress to the next round of the cup. Well done to the boys who played, for many it was their first ever competitive fixture and they represented the school proudly.

Year 5/6 Dodgeball

On Monday we entered a team into the East Surrey dodgeball competition held at East Surrey College in Redhill. This provided a full day of dodgeball competition for the 10 pupils chosen to take part. It was a day of missed opportunities as, having won their first game comprehensively, we then went on to compete really strongly but just couldn't close out the sets. They ended up finishing 4th in their group but had a great time and learnt a lot about dodgeball and the tactics required.

Well done everyone who has played dodgeball for the school this year. It's been great fun!

EARLY RISERS UPDATE

Thank you to all those parents that have applied for fixed, regular places when we change the system after the Easter holidays. Emails regarding place allocations went out on Wednesday 12th February, if you applied for a place and haven't received an email please check your spam folder.

If your child currently attends or will need to attend Early risers after Easter, and you haven't already, then please complete the google form below.

[Early Risers Booking Form](#)

WELLBEING

Please see the link below to view the Wellbeing Newsletter.

 [Wellbeing Parent newsletter A24.pdf](#)

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the accumulative total:

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	36536
Arundel	38987
York	35255
Warwick	38681

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.

NO NUTS

Just a reminder that we are a nut and sesame free school. Children must not bring in lunch or snacks containing nuts or sesame, including hummus.

TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Plan

The WOW Travel Tracker is back in place in classrooms and the children are recording their journeys into school on a regular basis. So far Year 4 have recorded the most journeys with the school as a whole recording 9,145 trips - of these 74% have been classified as Active. Our target is to raise this value to over 80% on a regular basis.

National Award

In recognition of the work that we do in terms of promoting active travel/safety with the children, we have achieved national recognition - **Good level Modeshift STARS accreditation**

We are delighted to have achieved this however, we are obviously looking forward to achieving the next level by Christmas 2025.

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

Dispose of Household & Hazardous Materials Properly

Car oil, anti-freeze and other hazardous materials harm our oceans when they aren't disposed of properly.

Dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe way. Fix car leaks and recycle car oil. Don't flush non-degradable products or cleaning products with bleach down the drain.



INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week we discussed children's mental health when they are online. This week, the link explains a little more about Safer Internet Day, with links to quizzes, top tips and additional information. To read this week's guide, please click on the image.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Natalie K (4E) who recently took her Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Grade 1 Ballet exam in December and was awarded a Merit for her performance. Well done Natalie.

