

Cleves School

Newsletter - 08/09/23



start on their Cleves journey. They appear happy, friendly and well prepared for school.

Have a good weekend, enjoying the warm weather!

It's been a great first week for our new **Year 3s** and we have been very impressed with how quickly they have settled in and are starting to get used to the new routines at Cleves - a BIG well done!! We have been doing a number of activities and games to help children get to know one another in their new classes and have talked about the qualities that make a good friend - children enjoyed sharing their ideas and completing a fun art activity which we will be displaying in our classrooms. We have also been talking about our personal qualities and have been creating 'exploding photos' to learn about our classmates in literacy. In maths, we have been collecting data on class birthdays and presenting the information in both a tally chart and bar graph. We have been using this data to write statements about which month has the most and fewest birthdays amongst others. In PSHE, we have been discussing the difference between wants and needs as well as looking at the Unicef charter on the 'Rights of the child'. We have been discussing the different rights of children (e.g the right to an education/ the right to play and rest) and looking at the responsibilities that come with these rights (e.g. responsibility to listen/be organised/ include people in games etc). In our classes, we have used children's ideas to create our own class charters which show the expectations for the year ahead. We have had a fantastic start to **Year 4**, despite melting a little! We have mostly enjoyed getting to know what life in Year 4 is like and our classmates. In Literacy, we have got thoroughly stuck into our new unit based on the book 'The boy who saved a bear', in which we will be writing a character profile on the character Nuwan. We are looking forward to reading on to find out about his adventurous journey to the King's palace! In maths, we recapped our place value knowledge. In geography, we have started learning about the different parts of rivers. Lastly, we have begun our science unit on

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 12/9 - Meet the teacher drop ins
- 13/9 - Year 5 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 14/9 - Year 6 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 18/9 - Year 4 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 20/9 - Welcome Service - 2pm
- 21/9 - Year 3 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 22/9 - 6F Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 25/9 - School Photographs
- 27/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 1
- 28/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 2
- 29/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 3

THIS WEEK

Happy Friday and welcome back! We hope you've all had a lovely summer break. We would like to congratulate all of the children on making such a fantastic start to the term, especially in such hot conditions. The children have settled into their new classes well, making a positive start to the year! The children were excited to catch up with their friends in the playground and to meet new faces in their classes. After a short period of time, it seemed as if they had always been in a class together. In particular though, we would like to congratulate our new year 3 pupils who have made an awesome

states of matter, where we have learnt about condensation.

It's been a wonderful start to **Year 5** for our classes this week. Despite the heat, so many children have returned with smiles on their faces and full of enthusiasm for the new academic year. During our first few days back, the teachers and children have focused on getting to know each other better and helping everyone settle into their new routines. In literacy, we've just started our first unit called 'Mega City' where the focus has been on sentence structure and vocabulary. For maths, we're looking at place value and numbers up to 100,000. Our new topic, the Tudors, is one many children are looking forward to learning more about. We've started with an overview of the Norman and Plantagenet dynasties as well as learning about important events in this period such as the Magna Carta and the Black Death. As the year group will be creating their own Tudor style portrait this term, we have started their art lessons by teaching children how to draw a face in proportion. **Year 6** have had a fantastic first week back and have launched straight into our new topic about the Victorians. We have completed a timeline of the monarchs of the Stuarts and Hanover eras, thus bridging the gap between our knowledge of the Tudors (Year 5) and Victorians. We have also enjoyed learning about key events during these periods including the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London! In maths, we are busy revising place value and securing our knowledge through developing our reasoning and problem solving skills. We have also started our new literacy unit based on the book 'Street Child' by Bertie Doherty about a Victorian boy called Jim Jarvis. In addition to all this, each class is busy reading and voting for their best book in our 'World Cup of Books' challenge. The children have already surpassed our expectations with their learning behaviours and have shown they are all ready for the exciting challenges of Year 6. We wish you all a well deserved restful (and hot) weekend!

MORNING DROP OFF

The morning drop off has certainly become less frantic and calmer as the week has gone on. Thank you for your support with this. Please can we ask that all year 4,5 and 6 children enter the school on their own from this coming Monday (11th September) and Year 3 children work towards this from the following Monday (18th September). It's been great to see so many of them already doing this. Children can enter from any of our three gates in the morning and all will have a member of staff available to answer any questions you may have.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Our Information Evenings are an excellent opportunity to find out more about the year ahead. During the evening you will hear from the year leader and other year group staff where they will give information about the curriculum, expectations, homework, trips and the residential at the end of the year. The dates and times are shown at the top of this letter.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Throughout the year, each class will perform and present an assembly and parents are welcome to attend. To view when your child's class assembly will be, please [click here](#)

There are performances at 1.30pm and 2.45pm and you are welcome to attend either (or both!).

CLEVES HUB VIDEO GUIDE

We have put together a short video guide on how to navigate and sign into our Cleves Hub. This may be particularly useful for our new Year 3 parents. The guide can be viewed by clicking here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f6BHaEtfP0>

RUNNING CLUB

Reminder - Running club is the most popular extra curricular club at Cleves and we are pleased to confirm that it will return on Tuesday 12th

September 2023. We meet at the MUGA (just behind the sportshall) at 7.55am every Tuesday morning and pupils of all ages and abilities are welcome to attend. Years 3/4 run a distance of approximately 1.8km whilst Year 5/6 run approximately 2.4km. Don't worry if your child cannot run this distance - they are of course welcome to walk parts of the course. It's a great way to start the day and last year we had over 125 children every week. If you would like your child to attend, please sign them up by [clicking here](#). If your child attended the club last year, please sign them up again for this year.

PE/GAMES

Year groups have already started teaching PE and Games so please ensure your child has a pair of indoor and outdoor trainers in school. These will remain in school during the half term. The children are expected to wear shorts when inside but can wear a tracksuit when outside during the colder months.

LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Just a reminder to sign your child up for one or more of our lunchtime/after school clubs. All the details can be found by [clicking here](#).

SPORTS KIT SPONSORSHIP

We are looking to purchase some new items of team kit for the coming year which includes vests, netball kit and swimming kit. If you are a business owner or associated with a company and are interested in sponsoring a kit, we would love to talk to you. Please contact Mr Smith (csmith@cleves.co.uk)

WELCOME SERVICE

Our annual Welcome Service will return this year and will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 20th September. This service is open to any new parent/carer who has joined our community this year and will take place in St Mary Church, opposite

the school. Children in years 3 and 4 will also attend this service.

INTERNET SAFETY

Pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 have been resetting their passwords in school this week. Please make sure you ask your child to share their new password so you can help to keep them safe when using the Internet. TOP TIP - Why not add your child's email address to your phone so you can keep an eye on the emails they are sending and receiving?

UNIFORM AND EARRINGS

Just a reminder that earrings are not part of our school uniform. If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer holiday and can't yet take them out they should be covered with tape before they come to school. Once safe to be removed, earrings should not be worn.

We have also seen a number of colourful hair bands this week. Just a reminder that all hair bands should be navy blue or black.

Thank you for your support

MEDICATION

Thank you to all parents who have brought in their child's school medication. If you still need to bring this in, please drop it into reception.

Please note that all medication must be in the original box as dispensed by the pharmacist.

You will also need to complete the necessary forms.

SNACKS

Please remember we have asked that neither snacks or packed lunches should not contain nuts or sesame, which includes hummus. I understand it is a great healthy snack but we have children severely allergic to sesame.

If your child would like a snack at breaktime it must only be fruit or vegetables.

BUDDY BENCH

Exciting News: A Buddy Bench is Coming to Cleves School! We are thrilled to announce that Cleves School will soon have a brand new Buddy Bench! This colourful addition to our playground will be a welcoming space for students to connect, make friends and find companionship during break and lunch. The Buddy Bench symbolises our continued commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive school environment. We can't wait to see this bench become a place of friendship and kindness where students can unite to make lasting memories. Stay tuned for its grand unveiling and get ready to spread kindness, one friendship at a time!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS on a successful first week!