

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 09/09/22



WELCOME  
BACK!

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 12/9 - Year 4 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 13/9 - Year 6 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 14/9 - Year 5 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 15/9 - Year 4 Outdoor Learning
- 16/9 - Year 4 Outdoor Learning
- 19/9 - Year 6 Victorian Day
- 21/9 - Welcome Service - 2pm
- 23/9 - 6F Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 26/9 - School Photographs
- 28/9 - Year 3 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 28/9 - PTA AGM - 7.00pm

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## THIS WEEK

Welcome back! We hope you've all had a lovely summer break. Our first week has been hugely enjoyable and we would like to congratulate all of the children on making such a great start to the term. The children seem delighted to be back and have all made a positive start; enjoying the new improved meal offer in the dining hall, catching up with friends in the playground and meeting new faces in their classes. In particular though, we would like to congratulate our new year 3 pupils who have been calm, polite and confident. They appear happy, friendly and well prepared for school.

Have a good weekend!

**Year 3** has had a fantastic first week settling into life at Cleves - well done! We have done lots of bonding activities in class starting to get to know the children and giving them opportunities to start getting to know one another as well. We have been talking about the qualities that make a good friend as well as going on another tour of the school to remind children of their surroundings. We have been talking about our personal attributes, such as being helpful or funny, and creating 'exploding photographs'.

In maths, we have been collecting data on class birthdays and presenting it in bar graphs. We have also been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and recognising the value of each digit in 3 digit numbers. In literacy, we have started our poetry unit linked to school experiences. We have been reading and listening to the poem 'Please Mrs Butler' and, by the end of the next two weeks, will have written our own list poem about school.

In PSHE, we have started our 'Rights Respecting' lessons and have been discussing the differences between wants and needs as well as the role of Unicef. In addition, we have been learning about the UN Convention of the Rights of a Child and discussing what rights children have, such as having the right to an education and the right to be treated fairly. Next week, we will be discussing the responsibilities that come with these rights and creating our class charters.

We also had our first PE lesson this week and practised getting changed before playing different team games.

Please could we ask that children continue to practise doing their ties, top buttons and shoelaces so they can become more confident and independent.

What an exciting first week back at school! We have all settled in brilliantly and can't believe we are now in **Year 4!** After we found our new seats in our classrooms, most importantly were allocated our lockers and got to know our teachers, we started our first Literary unit. We are looking at the book 'Grandpa Chatterji' by Jamila Gavin, exploring the different character traits of Grandpa Leicester and Grandpa Chatterji.

In Maths we have started our Place Value topic, understanding the relationship between, ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, tens of thousands and all the way up to millions!

In Geography we have started learning about Rivers to prepare us for our upcoming River Trip. Though the rain was not on our side this week, we still had fantastic fun in our PE lessons, learning about relay races and working together as a team. What a great start to what we know will be an unforgettable year!

What a busy but fantastic first week we have had in **Year 5!** We have dived straight into our learning and have settled in exceptionally well. We have jumped into our new and exciting unit on Mega City in our Literacy lessons, where we have focussed on building descriptive sentences and adding show not tell. Within Maths, we have started our first unit on Place Value and in Games, we completed some pace judgement running. Our Tudor topic started with a lesson on the Monarchs from 1066 to the beginning of the Tudor era, learning about the Magna Carta and then looking at the 'Black Death'.

**Year 6** have had a fantastic first week back and have launched 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. In art, the children have been introduced to the works of William Morris and we are enjoying our new gymnastics unit in PE. 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 hopefully dry) weekend!

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## 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 (12th September) and Year 3 children work towards this from the following Monday (19th 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.

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## 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 on the left hand side of this page.

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## 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.

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## 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>

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## RUNNING CLUB

Running club is back and starts at 8am on Tuesday 13th September and will be open to all year groups. If you would like to sign your child up, please complete the form on the following link - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchSuSyNp9PfNo5CzYaKT-EkInWmJEvmn-6eSA7iDK2JO5TvA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchSuSyNp9PfNo5CzYaKT-EkInWmJEvmn-6eSA7iDK2JO5TvA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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## 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.

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## LUNCHTIME PE CLUBS

As you would have seen, we sent out an email earlier today but just a reminder to sign your child up for lunchtime clubs by 9am next Wednesday. Please do meet this deadline to save additional work in adding children in and juggling groups once they are established.

More details can be found by [clicking here](#).

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## WELCOME SERVICE

Our annual Welcome Service will return this year and will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 21st 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.

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## 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.

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## 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

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## MEDICATION

Thank you to all parents who have brought in medication, if you have not done so yet, please send it in with the child or bring it to reception.

If your child needs to take medication for a short time please make sure you have filled in a medication form available on the website or from reception.

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## SNACKS

Snacks and packed lunch, please remember we have asked that they should not contain nuts or sesame, which would include 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.

## APPOINTMENTS

If your child needs to go to an appointment during school time please email [dnash@cleves.co.uk](mailto:dnash@cleves.co.uk) and [absence@cleves.co.uk](mailto:absence@cleves.co.uk). This is very important so we can expect you on site to collect your child.

## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDES

### Google Chromebooks

Google Chromebooks were first introduced in 2011 as a budget-friendly alternative to Windows laptops. They have a cloud-based desktop operating system created by Google that performs internet-based tasks simply and quickly – and comprehensive parental controls which can be controlled through Google's Family Link tool.

Thanks to their affordable price tags, Chromebooks soared in popularity during the pandemic as schools transitioned to online learning and they've become mainstays in classrooms – but how much do you know about them? And can you set one up safely? [Please click](#) here to find out more.

### Back to School Internet Safety

Summer 2022. Lionesses. Heatwaves. Commonwealth Games. Lightyear. She-Hulk. Then we blinked, and suddenly it was "new term" this and "back to school" that. Here's the good news, though – another school year means months of fresh online trends to jump on, different things to message about, and cool new games to play – for the kids anyway!

But six weeks off means it's easy to become complacent, forgetful or even ignorant towards using the internet safely – which, as we all know, can be a mistake. That's why this guide has been created to jolt a few memories and make-sure children begin the new term as they mean to go on! Please [click here](#) to check it out.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Edward Hoare, pupil of Lauren Twilley who took his Step 1 Piano exam recently.

Edward achieved a distinction (96%) which was very well deserved. Well done Edward!