

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 10/12/21



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14/12 - Christmas Santa Running Club
- 14/12 - Christmas Lunch
- 17/12 - Last day of term - 1.45pm finish

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## THIS WEEK

It has felt very festive at school this week with each class busy practicing their Christmas performance ahead of their filming. It was then great to see everyone dressed in Christmas jumpers today - thank you for contributing towards this important school fundraising event. Thank you in advance for also supporting the other PTA Christmas events taking place over the next week - in particular our Santa Run next Tuesday which we are really looking forward to!

Like in so many schools locally, the number of cases of coronavirus show no sign of decreasing with outbreaks across a number of classes. We do however believe that the measures we have put in place following guidance from Public Health England are helping to contain a more serious outbreak. We will continue to monitor the situation very closely in the final week of term and we hope that the gap over Christmas will allow a 'circuit break' so that we can return to more normality in the new year.

Have a good weekend!

It's been another action-packed week in **Year 3** as we 'steam' towards the end of the children's first

term at Cleves. We are continuing to enjoy our creative descriptive literacy unit based on The Polar Express and, this week, have been planning and writing a detailed description of the Polar Express arriving at its final destination - The North Pole - and the arrival of Santa as well as the sights and sounds the group of children experience. We have been concentrating on using effective language to really capture the atmosphere and the magic using the film and still images to help us. In our whole class guided reading sessions, we have also been looking at an extract from a festive book, The Boy Called Christmas by Matt Haig. We've been discussing what we know about the main character, Nickolas, and where he lives as well as picking out some new vocabulary. In maths, we've been revisiting some of the objectives from this half term including column addition and subtraction involving exchanging as well as money and, more specifically, calculating change. In Geography, we have been learning about the term 'climate' and how it is different to the weather. We have also been learning about different climate zones around the world before focusing on the climate in the UK. We have also spent time rehearsing and filming our class poems and songs for the Nativity performance which will be available to view soon (more details will follow) - we'd like to thank all of the children for their efforts learning their lines and lyrics and to all of the adults for helping with this and for organising costumes - it's much appreciated! **Year 4** have had a busy penultimate week. We've started our new literacy unit which uses 'The Letters From Father Christmas' by J.R.R. Tolkien, as a basis for our writing. The children have been reading letters about the North Polar Bear and the trouble he caused Father Christmas, we will soon be writing a descriptive narrative to describe the beautiful setting and adventures of the letters. In science, we have continued to learn about the digestive system and it's functions whilst in geography we have been looking at dams, barrages and weirs and their functions - in particular; Thames Barrier and the Farakka barrage in India. We have also continued to develop our recyclable bags and hope to have them finished for Christmas. Finally, we filmed our Christmas song and poem on Wednesday. All of the performances were outstanding and we really look forward to sharing this with everyone.

What a busy week we have had in **Year 5!** As we close in on Christmas, we have been working very hard to cover all of our remaining lessons on the Twelfth Night in Literacy. We have finished off our playscripts and even had a chance to act some of them out using our shakespearean language! Within Maths, we have moved on to looking at statistics and have been learning about reading and drawing graphs. Our topic lessons have seen us look at detail about Queen Elizabeth and the success of her reign. We are nearing the end of our thoroughly enjoyable Scratch unit in computing, where all of us have nearly finished creating our projects and working collaboratively! **Year 6** have started our final Literacy unit of the term, using the John Lewis "Excitable Edgar" advert to inspire our Christmas narrative and dialogue between a girl called Ava and her best friend, Edgar (a little green dragon). In Science, we have been drawing our evolution and inheritance unit to a conclusion by reviewing all of our learning, and Computing has seen us learning how to make our internet searches more efficient and accurate. In DT, everyone is now fully underway practising their cross stitch, creating Victorian-style Christmas samplers. Any spare moments have been spent rehearsing for the Christmas performance video which we'll be filming next week!

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## SANTA RUNNING CLUB

Final Reminder! We are excited to announce that on Tuesday 14th December, we will be holding a very special running club. By making a donation to the PTA, your child is welcome to come dressed in festive wear to run in. This can be as simple as wearing something red, a Santa hat or as adventurous as coming in a full Santa costume. We absolutely encourage creativity!

If your child doesn't usually attend running club but wants to come along on 14th December - please sign them up here -

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSco-9U6Ua9qijlHmsR9ADED5Fn2aVX491\\_I72VRZWqoA6Zgqw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSco-9U6Ua9qijlHmsR9ADED5Fn2aVX491_I72VRZWqoA6Zgqw/viewform)

Donations can be made in the buckets that will be available on the morning of 14th December or online here -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/santarunningclub>

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Border League Cross Country

Last Sunday, 74 of our pupils took part in the first of the Border League Cross Country Competitions which took place in Lightwater Country Park. This was the first fixture of the academic year and the first competition in just under two years. Pitched against athletic clubs from all over Surrey, Berkshire and Hampshire all athletes did fantastically well. It was great to see such a great team spirit - with young and old cheering one another on. We had the biggest team and we certainly left our mark!

Everyone ran brilliantly and the results were extremely impressive with a number of top 10 finishes. In the team competition we managed to win the Under 9s Boys and Under 11s Boys and finished highly in the Under 9s girls and Under 11s girls competition.

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part - we were very proud of you!

### Year 6 Football Competition

The Year 6 boys football team took part in the AFC Wimbledon Kids Trust Tournament on Monday 6th December, they hoped to be able to emulate previous Cleves teams and progress through the rounds to the National Finals played at Wembley in May.

The boys played some fantastic football in their matches and came runners up in their group on goal difference, in their group matches they scored 12 goals and conceded 1.

In the knockout stages they played Rutherford and won 2-0 ensuring a place in the last 4, they'll now play in the Finals Day planned for January at Plough Lane.

### Year 6 v Year 5 Netball Match Report

Last Wednesday two teams from Year 5 and Year 6 played friendly games of netball to much excitement from all players. The A teams were on court first with the Year 6 team having played a couple of matches, but for Year 5 it was their first experience of match play. It was a well fought match with Year 5 defending so well, showing great perseverance against their older opponents. The match ended 5-1 to the Year 6 team. Then it was

the B team's turn. Neither teams had played a match so this was a really good experience for all players. This match was much closer with both teams having chances to score. The final result was 3-1 to Year 6 and both teams should feel very proud of their competitive spirit and determination to win.

Well done to the Year 6 teams:

**A team** - Paige, Lucy , Lani, Suna, Daniella, Emily, Amber (who played twice!)

**B team** - Amber, Talulah, Annabel, Lily, Grace, Audrey and Leena.

Well done to the Year 5 teams:

**A Team** - Libby, Gene, Muhammed, Rose H, Nyah, Marissa, Emily and Imogen B.

**B Team** - Annabel, Genevieve, Megan B, Rose R-J, Ira, Beatrice and Amor.

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## INTERNET SAFETY

This week's free online safety guide focuses on online content: 10 tips to keep your children safe online.

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. The guide takes a look at how to tackle a range of potential risks such as age inappropriate content, privacy issues and mental health.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.



## TRAVEL NEWS

### Travel Plan

Cycling to school: We are delighted that students are choosing active travel methods when travelling to school, however, safety awareness needs to be at the forefront of their minds.

1. Some children are choosing to cycle on the pavements and therefore cycling across people's driveways. We have had a number of complaints from homeowners who have reported near accidents as children take no care or attention in looking for dangers when cars are exiting premises.
2. It is vital at the moment that children are ensuring their visibility to road users by having fully functioning lights and wearing high visibility clothing.

Thank you for your help with this matter.

### **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.

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## HOUSE POINTS

The weekly totals as of Friday 10th December 2021 were:

- 1st - Warwick **2492**  
2nd - Windsor **2482**  
3rd - York **2091**  
4th - Arundel **1998**