

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 07/01/22



**I am also very pleased to say we will also now:**

- Start indoor lunchtime school clubs, however, these will not be in mixed year groups
- Open the library each day for one year group at a time
- Start learning interventions, boosters and support groups

If we have an outbreak in a class we may have to restrict the interactions of children in that class but will always look to limit the impact of any additional measures and target them to the affected groups rather than restrict a whole year group.

It is hard to predict what will happen over the coming weeks and months but it is a reassuring and positive start to 2022.

Mr C Hodges  
Headteacher

## MESSAGE FROM MR HODGES

The start to the Spring term has gone smoothly and it is lovely to see the children back at school and settling straight back in. I wrote to you at the start of the week to explain that we intended to make a cautious start to the term to gauge Covid case numbers and I am delighted to say they are low. Although we may have to adapt and change our measures if cases increase, we do intend to relax some of our measures.

### We will continue to:

- Ask staff to wear masks in communal areas
- Allow staff to wear visors in class
- Ask parents to wear masks on site and at collection times
- No large gatherings therefore, no assemblies or year assemblies
- Maintain good ventilation weather permitting
- Allow children to wear an extra fleece in class
- Use the Dining Hall at lunchtime
- Allow children to play freely at break and lunchtimes with NO zones or bubbles
- All after school and lunchtime clubs can continue with the exception of choir. We will send out further information about a possible re-start date for choir w/c 18th January.

## THIS WEEK

We have had an action-packed few days on our return in **Year 3** and have been fully immersing ourselves in our new topic on Ancient Egypt. We have been learning about the archaeologist, Howard Carter, and how his amazing discoveries have helped us understand what life was like in this ancient civilisation - we have also been talking about how his perseverance (one of our school values!) really paid off! In addition, we have been learning about some of the different gods and goddesses as well as what the Ancient Egyptians believed about the afterlife, including the weighing of the heart ceremony. In geography, we have been using atlases to locate Egypt, learning about its climate and the River Nile. In art, we have been collaborating with others to paint and decorate

different Egyptian gods and goddesses. Our new RE topic is 'How did it all begin?' and we have been exploring some different religious creation stories. Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about creation stories from different cultures and civilisations, including the Ancient Egyptians, as well as learning about the role of science and the big bang theory in shaping our understanding. In literacy, we have started our narrative unit based on Oliver Jeffers 'Lost and Found' and have been sharing the story and talking about what the characters might be thinking and feeling. We have also created story maps to show the main events and sequence them in order. In maths, we have been rounding numbers to the nearest ten and hundred and have been practising applying the rule for rounding. **Year 4** have settled back really well after the Christmas break. We've launched straight into our Ancient Greece topic and are already beginning to write a narrative based around the myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. In maths, we've started a unit on fractions and in science we're looking at electricity, in particular electrical safety. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe Christmas break and we look forward to continuing learning about the Greeks as the term progresses.

**Year 5** have had a great start to our new term. We have launched into our very exciting SPACE topic which is also linked this half term to science where we have learned about the shape of the Earth. In maths we have been focusing on developing and cementing our understanding of the column multiplication method. The children are excited about writing their own Rollercoaster poems next week which is the outcome to our new poetry unit and we have started reading the fantastic Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman in whole class reading. In addition to all of this, the children have been introduced to our POP art unit of work where we will be focusing on artwork by Andy Warhol and Year 5's Active 30:30 challenge this half term is to complete as many double footed skips in one minute! This is an excellent exercise and there were some surprising results already! **Year 6** have come back refreshed and ready to learn - well done for settling back in so quickly after the holidays. We have enjoyed getting straight into our new Geography topic by learning about the different oceans and seas on the Earth, and the countries near them. In Maths, we have started a new unit

looking at decimal numbers, and in Literacy, we have been starting to consider how to write a spooky story, using suspense writing techniques.

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## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

We are pleased to confirm that both indoor and outdoor school run clubs will resume next week.

The clubs that will continue from the autumn term are as follows:

### Monday

- Lunchtime: Year 5/6 Girls Football Squad

### Tuesday

- Before School: Running Club
- Lunchtime: Year 5/6 Boys Football Squad

### Wednesday

- Lunchtime: Year 3 Football
- After School: Cross Country, Year 5 Netball

### Thursday

- Before School: Year 6 Indoor Athletics
- Lunchtime: Year 4 Football, Yoga
- After School: Year 6 Netball

### Friday

- Lunchtime: Year 5/6 Football Non Squad

If you would like to join one of the above clubs, please contact Mr Smith - [csmith@cleves.co.uk](mailto:csmith@cleves.co.uk)

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We are pleased to announce that the following new clubs will begin the week commencing 17th January

### Monday

- Lunchtime: Girls football (all year groups) non squad. Girls are still welcome to join their year group session if they wish.

### Tuesday

- After School: Year 6 Basketball (3.30-4.20pm)

## Wednesday

- Lunchtime: Year 4 Basketball

## Thursday

- Lunchtime: Year 5 Dodgeball

If you would like to sign your child up for either of these sessions, please [click here](#) to complete the sign up form. Deadline for completion is Thursday 13th January 2022.

Physifun Club will also begin for years 3 and 5 and parents who signed their children up in the autumn term will be contacted directly regarding arrangements for this.

Finally, we plan to restart the mountain bike sessions for years 3 and 6 after half term and when the weather is warmer. We will be in contact shortly with arrangements.

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## IT CONTRIBUTION

Thank you to those parents who have already made their termly voluntary IT contribution. We realise that things may be difficult at the moment but if it's just a case that you've forgotten to do it, you can make this payment via your child's ScoPay account. If you wish, you can also set up a standing order, requesting a £30 payment to be taken each year. Mrs Read ([lread@cleves.co.uk](mailto:lread@cleves.co.uk)) will be happy to assist with this.

For those parents who already have a standing order set up, there's nothing more you need to do apart from to remember to cancel this when your child leaves Cleves at the end of Year 6.

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## SEND DROP-IN SESSION

### SEND DROP-IN SESSION - TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY

If your child receives a SEND Support Plan, this is a reminder that there is a 'drop-in' session between

4.00-5.00pm next Tuesday 11th January, when the class teacher will be available if you wish to talk about the plan/classroom strategies or have any specific questions.

Due to the current COVID climate, discussions will take place by telephone. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher please email them by 3.30pm on Monday (10th January) and give them the best contact number for you. You will then be telephoned between 4.00-5.00pm on Tuesday.

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## INTERNET SAFETY

This week's free online safety guide focuses on the very popular game Fortnite.

Fortnite is one of those rare titles which breaks through from the gaming world to create a wider cultural impact. This success was swiftly monetised, of course, leading to Fortnite action figures, plush toys, branded clothing, stationery, bedspreads and the like. The nature of these products hints at a sizeable proportion of the game's fans being below the recommended age limit of 12.

So how much of a danger does Fortnite pose to its younger players? For starters, the game is fundamentally about using an array of weaponry to eliminate a stream of enemies. As this week's guide outlines, however, on-screen violence is far from the highest concern – with potential issues over in-app purchasing, scams and toxic behaviour from other players.

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



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## HOUSE POINTS

The end of term totals were as follows:

1st - Windsor **20033**  
2nd - Warwick **18030**  
3rd - York **17666**  
4th - Arundel **16670**

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Amy van der Hoven (4F) who took her Grade 1 ballet exam on 8th November at the Royal Academy of Dance. She did really well and passed with merit narrowly missing a distinction by only two points. Well done Amy!



Arjun Clair 5F found out just before Christmas that he had passed his Grade 3 guitar exam. This is an amazing achievement as he only sat his Grade 1 exam in July. Well done Arjun!

Congratulations also to Lizzy 6A who passed her LAMDA grade 2 acting exam with high merit in December. Well done Lizzy!

Well done to Brooke Halgryn in 6N for passing her grade 2 ballet exam with merit in December. Congratulations!