



Headteacher's Update - July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

After Covid, a summer heatwave and a visit from Ofsted last academic year we might have expected this year to be calmer but it has been the busiest yet which has simply flown by. I would like to finish this term by thanking you all for the part you have all played in our success.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all of our pupils for their hard work, progress and achievements. I am delighted with each and every child's end of year report and effort. Throughout the year we observed outstanding teaching and learning across the school in all subjects and it was a pleasure to regularly pop into lessons to see the children at work. Our pupils are interested and enthusiastic to learn, exceptionally well behaved, supportive and collaborative and a pleasure to teach.

Our year really could not have been any better, culminating in another set of truly impressive SATs results (see below) achieved by our current year 6 pupils, who deserve a special mention. As our oldest year group the year 6 pupils set the whole tone at Cleves and their behaviour has been exemplary. They have been excellent role models for our younger pupils. They move on to the next phase of their education, well prepared as polite and confident young adults. This was exemplified perfectly in the end of year production which ranks amongst the best we have ever seen. I have no doubt the parents who attended will agree it was an event none of us will ever forget.

	Achieving the expected standard	
Subject	Cleves	National
Reading	94%	73%
Writing	92%	71%
SPaG	94%	72%
Maths	96%	73%
Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	86%	59%

We are proud of every single pupil, all of whom contribute and make Cleves such an amazing school.

My second thanks is to you as parents for the support, energy and effort you contribute year after year. Whether it is supporting your child with homework, attending performances, coming into school to volunteer or going on a school trip we could not do all we do without your considerable support. The many constructive ideas that you offered through our self-evaluation surveys or parent forums will all guide our next steps and there are many exciting plans I look forward to sharing on our return in September.

I would particularly like to thank Mrs Dury and the parents association for the hours and hours they spend putting on events and raising funds. Their tireless work continues to allow us to offer our pupils an exceptional curriculum and their work makes a real difference. Your support as a parent community helps make Cleves such a positive and productive experience for staff and pupils alike and we do not take it for granted.

Finally, I would like to add my thanks to the entire staff for their efforts in this extraordinary year. Having worked or advised in many schools over the years I can tell you the Cleves team are exceptional. There are a few individuals we sadly say goodbye to and they will all be missed but I would like to offer a particular thanks to Mrs Kent and Mrs Read who have both worked at Cleves for over 20 years. In their time they have helped and supported literally thousands of Cleves pupils and families and it will not be the same without them.

I cannot let the opportunity pass without one final thank you which is to Mr Smith who is NOT leaving Cleves but is stepping down as Deputy Head to move into the sports coach post. Mr Smith and I have always operated more as Co-Heads than Head and Deputy and he has been pivotal to all our success. It has been a genuine privilege and pleasure to work with him and his decision to move away from school leadership is a loss to the profession. It may not surprise you to hear he has been approached and encouraged many times to move into headship but always resisted because of his commitment to Cleves. We will all miss his input, guidance and support but on the bright side our sporting offer will no doubt grow even further under his influence. The Deputy headship will be advertised next year but they are very big shoes to fill.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September when we have yet more planned and much more to look forward to.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C Hodges".

Mr C. Hodges
Headteacher