

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 1/12/23



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2/12 - Christmas Fair (2pm - 4pm)
- 3/12 - Border League Cross Country
- 6/12 - Year 6 Dodgeball Competition
- 6/12 - Yr 4 Nativity at 6pm
- 7/12 - Yr 3 Nativity at 6pm
- 13/12 - Christmas Lunch
- 15/12 - End of term at 1.45pm

## THIS WEEK

It's beginning to feel like Christmas at Cleves this week as festive songs can be heard throughout the school as classes prepare for the forthcoming performances! Tickets should have come home for the performances. Please remember it is strictly only two tickets per child due to the spacing of the Church. They are sure to be magical evenings.

This weekend we have our annual Christmas fair. Do come along and embrace the Christmas spirit. Thank you in advance for supporting this event and well done to the children who are running stalls.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we have started our final literacy unit of the term based on the film and book, The Polar Express. We have been watching extracts of the film as a stimulus to help us write simple sentences

(containing a subject and a verb). We have also been choosing effective adjectives to create noun phrases and working as a class to produce a shared write full of ideas. We have also revisited speech and have been practising using inverted commas to punctuate dialogue between characters. In maths, we have started our unit on statistics and have been looking at different types of graphs and tables such as tally and frequency charts as well as pictograms and bar charts. In science, we have been learning about what fossils are and how fossils are formed; looking at the different stages. In our topic lessons, we have been looking at what the term climate means and the difference between climate and weather. We have also been looking at different types of climate around the world and what affects climate. In addition, we have been working hard on practising our Nativity songs and poems and have also started our sewing unit linked to Christmas stockings. Thank you very much to all of the parents who have already come in to help and offered help in upcoming sessions - we really do appreciate it!! We can't believe how quickly this half term is going! The children have been busy this week in maths focussing on times tables and applying their knowledge to word problems and real life contexts. In literacy we have started our unit on non chronological reports which will bring together everything **Year 4** have learned this term about rivers. Science this week has been investigating food chains and learning new vocabulary including producer, consumer and predator. During Computing lessons the children have continued to experiment with Garageband, hopefully creating the next generation of musicians and music producers. This half term our RE focus has been investigating Christianity and discovering what Jesus said about God's Kingdom. The lessons have evoked lots of in depth discussions about particular Bible stories. Final touches are being made to our poems and songs ready for the Lower School Christmas Concert next week.

Christmas has begun in **Year 5** this week! If you were to walk up and down the corridor, you would have heard each class practising their song and poem ready for the Christmas Concert in a couple of weeks time - they are sounding great. We appreciate any time you can spare at home by helping the children learn their lines. In maths, we have just completed a unit on statistics and the children have been interpreting and analysing different forms of data. In literacy, the children have completed writing up their letter from The Golden Hinde into their Special Writing Books and they have been enjoyable to read! We are coming towards the end of our history unit on The Tudors and have been discussing the benefits of naval exploration during this period of time. We have finished our science this week and the children have been fascinated by the different experiments we have performed. In past weeks, we have separated different solids and were left with a mixture of salt and sand. We then used water to split these two apart. **Year 6** have been super during the practices of our Christmas poems and songs. It 's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. In Maths, we have started learning position and direction. In Literacy, we have begun our narrative unit on Scrooge to teach how to intertwine description, action and dialogue. In History, pupils learnt about the Education Act and explored the realities of a Victorian classroom. The children then wrote a diary entry from the perspective of a Victorian student adding in the information that they learnt. In Science, we have been exploring evolution, seeing how a whale evolved from a four-legged land mammal.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Year 6 Boys Football

The Year 6 boys B team had their first game of the season this week with a cup fixture against Ongar Place on Tuesday. It was a very impressive first outing and a comprehensive victory against our hardworking opponents. Straight from the first whistle, we look to pass the ball and play with a high intensity. This continued throughout the game and resulted in an excellent 6 v 0 win. The boys now progress to the quarter finals.

The Year 6 boys A team were also in action on Wednesday in a Surrey County Cup match against Rutherford House in Egham. In a really tough and sometimes tense game, the boys emerged victorious with a narrow 2 v 1 win. They should be very proud of themselves as when others were losing their heads, they kept composed and deserved the victory.

### Year 5 Boys Football

On Wednesday afterschool, the Year 5 A were back in action against Hinchley Wood in the County Cup. The game kicked off and the battles across the pitch for possession were entertaining for the spectators. After relentless pressure in Cleves half, a quick counter attack from Cleves resulted in a goal just before half time. As the second half started, Cleves were fired up and ready to go again. A well worked change of play from both wings managed to create some space for a second. Not long after, Cleves moved the ball forward and more directly to find a third and fourth goal. Cleves saw the game out and it ended 4-0. A fantastic display from all the boys and a big congratulations to all those that played!

### Year 5/6 Girls' Football

The Year 5/6 Girls Football team had another convincing win this week, winning 6-0 against Stepgates in our first league match. Well done girls!

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## TRAVEL NEWS

### Travel Plan

In order to assist students with their visibility on the way to school we sell a number of items in our online travel shop.

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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## ECO NEWS

### This week's Eco Tip or Fact from the Eco Council



After paper has been recycled five to six times, it can still be put to good use in egg cartons, paints and even new road surfaces.

If you have a great Eco Tip for either Water, Energy or Transport then contact Miss Pisano or the Eco Council and your tip could be included in the weekly newsletter or on the Cleves radio.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Toby - 4LG, Sebbi - 4W and Sebbi - 4C have all received their new belt grades in their Kickboxing class. Toby and Sebbi (4C) are now blue and white belts and Sebbi (4W) is a blue and black belt. We are all very proud of what they have achieved. Well done!



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH - DEADLINE



The deadline for ordering Christmas lunch is next **Wednesday 6th December**. Please note that there will only be 2 options available on this day, A - Turkey or B - Vegetarian.

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## HOUSE POINTS

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	24559
Warwick	23326
York	20705
Arundel	20464

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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Government statistics have revealed that phishing scams were the most common cyber security threat in 2022, targeting both personal and work emails, phone calls, and text messages. This week's guide shared ideas and advice on protecting yourself from phishing scams online.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.

