

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 25/10/24



that were able to attend the welcome or Harvest services at St Mary Oatlands.

The academic year has got off to a wonderful start with children already showcasing their singing talent and performance skills through the class assemblies and choir. Already Mr Smith & Mr Mulea have coached various teams to victory and both lunchtime and after school clubs have started. I very much enjoy leading the badminton club with Year 6 on a Wednesday lunchtime.

We have already had trips in Year 4 to a local river as part of their geography learning and Year 5 have visited Hampton Court as part of their Tudor topic. Year 6 have enjoyed their Victorian Day and Year 3 have had their outdoor learning day.

The PTA Spooky Discos were a joy to attend - although only one year group managed to get me doing the Macarena. Thank you to the team for the PTA Quiz night which I hope was enjoyed by all who took part.

A massive thank you to the wonderful PTA committee for all their hard work fundraising for the school. These efforts are going to become evermore important as we face the challenges of increasing costs. To this end I urge as many of you as possible to support these events by volunteering. Without volunteers these events simply won't take place. It's not too late to sign up to help with the PTA fireworks after half-term.

Given the increasing pressure on finances, the Chair of Trustees and I will be writing to parents and carers in order to garner thoughts and suggestions as to how we can ensure the incredible provision at Cleves can continue unabashed.

Thank you again for the lovely welcome for both myself and Mrs Green. Have a lovely half-term break. You can find an extended version of this message in my half-termly headteacher update. Warmest regards - **Mr J Usher**

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 3/11 - PTA Fireworks Event
- 4/11 - INSET Day - School closed to pupils
- 8/11 - Y3 Mini Olympics
- 12/11 - Y4 Science Museum trip - 4L, 4M, 4R
- 15/11 - Mufti Day in support of Great Ormond Street Hospital
- 19/11 - Prospective Parents' Evening
- 22/11 - Y4 Science Museum Trip - 4W, 4E, 4FA
- 30/11 - PTA Christmas Fair
- 6/12 - PTA Wreath Making Workshop

## THIS TERM

I can't believe it's already been half a term. On behalf of myself and Mrs Green, I'd like to thank everyone for their wonderful welcome to the Cleves Community. As I'm sure you're already aware, the staff are incredibly talented and dedicated. I have been struck by how the needs of the children are central to all that goes on here.

The children have been equally welcoming and it has been a joy getting to know as many of them as possible. I'm still getting to know everyone's names and so I apologise if I've made any mistakes on this front.

It was lovely to meet those of you that were able to attend the parent information evenings at the start of the term. It was also lovely to see those of you

## THIS WEEK

It was lovely to meet lots of parents this week at our Pupil Parent Consultation Evenings. Thank you to everyone that came; it was lovely to meet so many parents and celebrate the children's achievements so far. We look forward to seeing you again at the PTA Fireworks Event on Sunday November 3rd!

Next week is half term, followed by an INSET day on Monday 4th November where the school is closed to children. Though it has been a long half term, it has been highly successful, with children making an excellent start to their new school year. We'd also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff and families who have made us feel so welcome in our first half term. It is an absolute pleasure and honour to work at Cleves with your children and we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all these past weeks.

Have a safe and restful half term. We look forward to seeing you on [Tuesday 5th November](#).

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## MESSAGE RE STAFF CAR PARK

Under 'no' circumstances should parents use the staff car park. This applies at any time during the school day or after school hours, even if collecting from an after-school club. The car park is strictly for STAFF ONLY. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please also note that car park gates should not be used by pedestrians either.

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## SCHOOL LUNCHES

The start of a new term is often a time when people forget to book lunches during the holidays. Please remember to book school dinners on Scopay [at least 72 hours in advance](#) and discuss choices with your child so that they are happy with what they are eating. If your child has not got a booked lunch, we will expect that you will provide a packed lunch on that day.

## SPORTS NEWS

On Tuesday, the Year 6 boys A team played in their first competitive game of football for the new season. The Hythe school travelled over for the first round of the league cup. The highly anticipated fixture kicked off with a fast start from the Cleves boys. After several attacks down the wing and a relentless pressing, Cleves took the lead and added a further few goals before the end of the first half. The second half continued in a similar manner and the boys proceeded to score more goals, whilst still holding strong in defence. The game demonstrated a fantastic effort from each player and some well worked team goals. The game concluded with a huge 9-0 win in the first round and a massive congratulations to those that played in the fixture. A very promising start before a flurry of competitions and fixtures in the upcoming months.

### Year 5/6 Football Friendlies

The year 5/6 boys football teams travelled to Ashford yesterday to play The Echelford School in a couple of friendly games ahead of the competitive season really kicking in after half term. It was an excellent afternoon of football with both Cleves teams playing some excellent football and running out comprehensive winners in both games. Thank you to the Echelford School for hosting such an enjoyable occasion as we continue to build the partnership between both schools. The game was played in excellent spirit with all boys conducting themselves superbly.

Please [click here](#) to read the latest Sports Newsletter, reporting on the many events, competitions and news from the last half term.

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## WELLBEING

With half term approaching, it is important for adults as well as children to look after our Mental Health. Remember the five ways to wellbeing apply to the whole family.



pleasure. Signing up to the library is free, and comes with access to the Libby app that provides free ebooks and audiobooks. For a slightly higher cost, [The Week Junior Book Festival](#) is also taking place in the Barbican Centre in London on 29th October with a lineup of authors such as Michael Rose, Joseph Coelho, Cressida Cowell and A.F. Steadman and twelve interactive workshops to choose from, book signings and a marketplace. The [London Literature Festival at the Southbank Centre](#) also has some events for families, including Kiran Millwood Hargrave talking about her new *Geomancer Trilogy*. Happy reading!

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## APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance to the Welfare Officer via [absence@cleves.co.uk](mailto:absence@cleves.co.uk) and Class Teacher. Where possible (emergencies being the exception) such appointments should be kept to a minimum as many doctors and dentists offer surgeries outside of school times. However, if appointments have to be made during school hours, it is expected that the pupil will return promptly after the appointment. If for some reason this is not possible, parents should contact the Welfare Officer to discuss before making the decision not to return to school.

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## HALF TERM READING OPPORTUNITIES

Reading is fundamental to children's future outcomes and half term is a great time to explore reading for pleasure opportunities. Children should be allowed to explore the types of texts that interest them and use them to relax, empathise and find out interesting facts that they are interested in. Opportunities to extend this are plentiful during holidays: [Walton Library](#) is hosting a free event on Monday about animation and a free create a creature workshop about endangered animals on Friday. [Staines Library](#) is hosting a production of *Mrs Armitage on Wheels* with a pay what you can afford tariff. Simply taking your child to the library to explore a range of books is a very cost-effective way of opening opportunities for reading for

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## PARKING

We have received a report this week from a parent and local resident regarding a child almost being hit by a car at the end of the school day due to some parents parking illegally during pick-up. Surrey Parking Enforcement have been contacted in regards to parking at both the start and end of the school day. Please ensure that when doing pick-ups and drop-offs that you park both legally and considerately, even if that means parking further away and walking the remaining distance.

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## ZONES OF REGULATION

We have recently revisited the zones of regulation approach that we launched across the school last year and this has included refresher training for both teachers and learning support assistants. Zones of regulation is a simple approach which helps children to develop an awareness of their emotions, to develop self-regulation and practise managing difficult emotions. Self-regulation refers to the best state of alertness or energy for a given situation. The zones of regulation aims to teach children strategies to help them acknowledge and cope with these feelings so they can get back to feeling calm and ready to learn. In school, staff have recapped (or introduced for Year 3s) the four different coloured zones and the emotions associated with these as well as discussing different strategies that could help them when they are in each zone. Each class



ZoR

has a zones of regulation display and, after half term, we are introducing daily check ins at the start of and during the day to encourage pupils to think about how they are currently feeling and what might help to move into the green zone (which is the best zone for learning) in a supportive, non-pressurised way. If you'd like to know more about the zones of regulation, this short video has more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZ9X-d3oZvQ>

You might like to talk with your child at home and discuss when they feel they are in the different zones.

## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored phones and how to talk with your child about their device. This week's explores social media and includes a summary of the most popular apps.

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



## HOUSE POINTS

Please see below the accumulative house points for this term:

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	11704
Warwick	12261
York	11234
Arundel	12430

## VACANCIES

### Learning Support Assistant

We currently have a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant. If you know anyone who might be interested, parent/carer, a neighbour, friends or even a gap year student, please share the link below.

Please see link below for further information and details on how to apply.

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=14092>

School Name	Points
Grange Community Infant School	149,250
Wray Common Primary School	128,025
Esher Church School	42,075
Bletchingley Village Primary School	28,525
Ashley CofE Primary School	26,760
Epsom Downs Community School	23,375
St Pauls Infant School	20,625
The Weald CofE Primary School	12,450
West Byfleet Junior School	7,445
Cleves School	5,275
St Mark and All Saints Primary	2,875
St James CofE Primary School	2,475
Godstone Primary And Nursery	2,000
Town Farm Primary School	1,700
Buckland Primary School	1,090

Sign up - All you need is to put your name and address to prove you live in surrey.

[Click Here!](#)

Once you are logged in, you will see how many points you have at the top right hand corner of the page. You get points each time you log in and for completing games and quizzes etc.

Scroll down to where it says 'spend points' and click on the Surrey School Autumn Donations 2024 Scroll down until you find cleves and enter in how many points you wish to donate. Thank you!