

Cleves School

Newsletter - 27/09/24



sure that your child has a suitable coat to wear outside.

Have a restful weekend.

Year 3 children have been working really hard this week creating their own sentences and thinking about what a sentence must include. We used a video clip about a little bird called Piper to inspire our writing. Children came up with some wonderful adjectives to add description to their sentences. In maths we have continued with our place value work and looked at how we can compare numbers and explain our reasoning behind this. We are very proud of how our children have conducted themselves during our baseline assessments in maths and english. They sat beautifully, focused on the questions asked and tried their best. In our topic lesson we have been exploring maps and looking at the counties that surround Surrey - We wonder if children can remember any to tell you at home? Our science has continued by focusing on magnets and investigating if the size of a magnet has an impact on its strength. Year 3 are settling well into their new classroom routines and we are really pleased with the effort that most are demonstrating. Keep it up Year 3! Another busy week for **Year 4!** The children have continued their learning with place value and have been working hard to understand rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. In Literacy we have been finishing off our Play script writing. The children have really enjoyed writing a scene taken from the story of 'The Boy Who Saved a Bear'. In Geography this week, we revisited our River Walk map and located where different places were using grid references. In Art we are starting to design our waterlily stamps that the children will use to print with on their canvas bags. The children have continued to work really hard this week and the Year 4 team wish you all a restful weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2/10 - Harvest Service 1:30 and 2:30
- 4/10 - 5S Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 4/10 - Year 6 Outdoor Learning/Victorian Day
- 4/10 - Year 4 Mini Olympics
- 7/10 - Year 3 Outdoor Learning (3HM, 3J, 3A)
- 9/10 - Year 3 Outdoor Learning (3LG, 3M, 3H)
- 10/10 - World Mental Health Day
- 11/10 - 6P Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 11/10 - PTA discos
- 18/10 and 23/10 - Year 5 Hampton Court Trip

THIS WEEK

This week started with bright smiles and smart uniforms as the children had their photographs taken. Thank you for your support in ensuring the children look smart and have pride in their school appearance by wearing the correct school uniform. Your child should have come home with a QR code for you to view these when they are released. If you register online, you will be notified when the release happens.

Harvest is approaching as the weather takes an autumnal turn and we look forward to 5D leading us in celebrating our harvest festival next Wednesday in St Mary Oatlands Church. As the weather becomes more autumnal, please make

Year 5 had a fantastic start to the week with our reenactment of the Battle of Bosworth as part of our new literacy unit. Each class joined an army - King Richard, Henry or the Stanleys (who hadn't decided whose side they were on!). The children showed an excellent understanding of the events of the battle by getting into character as archers, knights and fleeing soldiers, whilst also being sensible and following our instructions. In maths, we finished our unit on place value and have started looking at different methods of adding. Some classes have explored a chapter of the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' in our reading sessions and conducted experiments on the 'stretchiness' of different materials. To finish the week, we have spent our last day trying to avoid the worst of the rain to learn more about worms, which is linked to our next homework task. This week in **Year 6**, we have started our new 'Pick Pockets' literacy unit during which the children will write a news report about a pickpocketing incident in Victorian London. In maths, we are extending our knowledge of addition and subtraction by solving reasoning and word problems. We have continued learning about the British Empire, looking at why it was so successful and the benefits and negatives it produced. In art, the children have carefully and thoughtfully designed their repeated pattern tile based on the works of William Morris and in science we have learned about invertebrates. Our Victorian immersion days start next Friday with 6P, 6F and 6TS while 6B, 6A and 6C have their outdoor learning day. Have a great weekend, the Year 6 team.

FAREWELL, MRS CANNELL

Friday this week sees the wonderful Mrs Cannell depart for maternity leave. She is a brilliant member of staff who will be missed not only by the senior leadership team but the staff as a whole. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing her the very best for the birth of her child and that we look forward to seeing her during her keeping in touch days. Maternity leave often feels like it has gone by in a flash, so I'm urging her to enjoy this precious time.

She has supported Mrs Green and I a great deal (along with Mrs Flaherty and Mr Thomas) over the

course of our start at Cleves and her presence will greatly be missed.

Rebecca, I hope everything goes well with the birth, enjoy your time with the new arrival and make sure you bring them in for cuddles.

Warmest regards and love from the Cleves Team.

CAR PARK & PARKING

The safety of our families are of primary concern at Cleves. With this in mind, please do not use the car park, including when they are shut for clubs. When exiting clubs, please use the main entrance rather than walking through the car park. Additionally, please do not pull on gates that are shutting as this breaks the mechanism.

It is vital that we maintain good relations with our neighbours and to this end we must ask, again, that all parents & carers ensure those doing pick up and drop off are considerate when parking or stopping their vehicles in the local area. Many thanks for your support on this matter.

CLEVES HUB VIDEO GUIDE

We have put together a short video guide on how to navigate and sign into our Cleves Hub. This may be particularly useful for our new Year 3 parents. The guide can be viewed by clicking here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f6BHaeTfP0>

PE/GAMES

Junior Biathlon - 8th October 2024

Guildford High School are hosting a biathlon on Tuesday 8th October and is open to pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

This will take place after school from 3.45pm until 6.15pm

Year 3/4 pupils will swim 50m and then run 400m, whilst year 5/6 pupils will swim 100m and then run

800m. Competitors will come out of the pool after their swim, walk to the transition area where they will put on their school PE top and trainers and then complete the run.

If you would like to express an interest in your child taking part, please complete the form below by midday on Monday 30th September.

Please note, your child must be able to competently swim 50m/100m of a pool where they are out of their depth. This is an important entry requirement.

We hope to be able to take the school minibus but will require parental support with transportation if numbers exceed 15. Parents are welcome to come and watch and support.

To register your child's interest, please complete the following form -

<https://forms.gle/YycLDDGH9rRUqDuSA>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me - csmith@cleves.co.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival donations will be going to Walton and Hersham Foodbank as in previous years. We would kindly ask for any donations to be brought in on Thursday the 3rd October 2024. Please leave all donations outside reception on the tables provided on the day. We will not be able to take donations at school before or after this date.

Items needed:

- Noodles
- Pasta sauce or pesto
- Tins of tuna
- Peanut butter or jam
- Ketchup or Mayonnaise
- Deodorant
- Washing up liquid
- Shampoo
- Shower gel
- Laundry capsules

Please only donate ambient food with a long best before date. No fresh, out of date or open food, no bottled water, alcohol, bleach, mouth wash, hair colour or medicines.

For more information visit

www.waltonhersham.foodbank.org.uk.

If you would prefer to donate money, see link below:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/20877#!/DonationDetails>

Thank you very much in advance for your support.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If your child was absent on Monday for the school photographs, they have the opportunity to have an individual photo in March when the photographers visit for group photos. If you do wish for your child to receive this, please notify Reception in Spring Term. The photograph will not be taken automatically; you will need to inform the school.

UNIFORM AND EARRINGS

Just a reminder that earrings are not part of our school uniform. If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer holiday and can't yet take them out, they should be covered with tape before they come to school. Once safe to be removed, earrings should not be worn.

Also, a reminder that all hair bands should be navy blue or black. Thank you for your support.

SNACKS

Please remember we have asked that neither snacks or packed lunches should not contain nuts or sesame, which includes hummus. It is a great healthy snack but we have children severely allergic to sesame.

If your child would like a snack at breaktime it must only be fruit or vegetables.

APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance to the Welfare Officer via 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.

correct clothing as we are aware of some items accidentally getting swapped.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Last week's guide explored laptops and how to talk with your child about their device. This week's explores games consoles. It includes conversation starters and top tips.

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	4248
Warwick	3470
York	3515
Arundel	3582

LOST PROPERTY

There is already a collection of lost property building up, most of which can be found in the large plastic boxes near the GAP entrance. Could we ask that all parents ensure items are labelled and check that your children have the