

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 4/10/24



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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
- 16/10 - Y5 Hampton Court Trip - 5D & 5J
- 18/10 - Y5 Hampton Court Trip - 5M & 5S
- 18/10 - PTA Quiz
- 23/10 - Y5 Hampton Court Trip - 5H & 5N
- 25/10 6A Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45

## THIS WEEK

It was wonderful this week to celebrate Harvest with a special service in the church, led by 5D. The clear delivery and beautiful singing helped us to reflect on how lucky we are and how we can share our resources, time and happiness with those around us. On this note, thank you to everyone who gave donations for the Foodbank.

Today, we were also able to celebrate the community around us in the Year 4 Mini Olympics. Local schools joined us to take part in different sporting activities and everyone showed excellent sportsmanship, making it an excellent afternoon. Thank you to Mr Smith for organising this event.

Have a restful weekend.

What a busy week in **Year 3!** Our literacy unit ended with a Hot Task to write sentences that are correctly structured with punctuation, a subject and a verb - some children impressed us by also adding adverbs in their writing! In maths we have reviewed our number bond learning from Year 2, and explored how this can help us when finding number bonds to 100. We have also looked at fact families and how we use the inverse to complete missing number addition and subtraction calculations. Put those Sat Navs away, Year 3 are now expert map readers! This week we followed 4 figure grid references to locate different places on a map, we also had to use a key to interpret map symbols. In our PSHE learning this week we discussed how important 'family' is to us and how we help each other in order to be safe and happy. It is wonderful to hear how helpful some children are at home. On Wednesday we enjoyed a lovely Harvest Service at St Marys church delivered by some of our Year 5 children. Year 3 children walked beautifully and listened well during the readings. Another super week in Year 3! **Year 4** have had another excellent week of learning. In Literacy, we have moved onto a new unit of writing based upon a 'Warning Story'. The children are really enjoying this so far and have come up with some amazing vocabulary this week. In Maths, we are in our final week of Number and Place Value. The children have worked so hard with their learning during this unit and next week, we move onto Addition and Subtraction. In Art, some of the children have enjoyed printing their waterlily designs onto their canvas which they will eventually make into a bag! The rest of the children will have their printing lessons next week. In Science, we are continuing our 'States of Matter' topic and the children are really enjoying the practical investigations and are really getting stuck in with their learning which is great to see! We look forward to another week of fantastic learning next week! We hope you have a relaxing (and warm!) weekend, from all the Year 4 Team.

This week in **Year 5**, we had our first class assembly as part of our Harvest service. A huge well done to 5D for a brilliant performance. In maths, we have looked at both mental and written methods for addition and subtraction and in literacy, we are finishing our recount of the Battle of Bosworth. These have been action-packed and atmospheric - the children should be very proud of themselves. We look forward to them editing it and writing up in their special writing books next week. In science, children continue to experiment with different materials and this week investigated thermal conductivity. Our Tudor portraits are coming together well, with some classes starting on their 'big draw' or moving onto watercolour painting soon. **Year 6** has had another great week. In maths, we have been learning about multiples, factors, prime numbers and squared and cubed numbers as part of our new multiplication and division unit. Within literacy, the children are producing very impressive pieces of writing as the outcomes of our 'Pickpockets News Reports'. They have been able to successfully use formal and informal language and switch between past and present tense. In science, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about microorganisms which they made models of using sweets, biscuits and icing sugar! Finally, we have finished the week on a high with 6B, 6A and 6C enjoying the dry weather during their Outdoor Learning Day. Meanwhile, 6P, 6F and 6TS have experienced life as a Victorian child; learning about Victorian schooling, making jam tarts and playing a range of Victorian games.

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## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Your School Photograph is Ready!

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, you can still view by scanning the QR code on your Proof and

following the instructions. If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. For individual photographs you will need the pupil's admission number from the school database.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

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## PARKING NOTICE AWARENESS

We just wanted to draw your attention to the following sign that is situated opposite the main reception - on the church side.

It is very clear that cars should not be parked here during the times stated.

Parking here is hugely inconsiderate to the movement of traffic on the street and encourages children to run across the road - not utilising the Zebra crossing.

As a community we need to be better when it comes to the consideration of others and the safety of our children. I hope you will join with our school to address this issue.



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## SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are having an increasing number of children coming into school without a booked lunch or a packed lunch. 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.

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## PE/GAMES

### Year 6 Hockey Tournament

There is the opportunity for 15 Year 6 pupils to take part in a hockey competition on Thursday 17th October at Staines Hockey Club. This will take place during the school day with pupils arriving back at Cleves before 3.15pm. Children will be transported to and from the competition via the school minibus.

If you would like to register an interest in your child taking part, please complete the following form before midday on Monday 7th October. In order to take part, your child will require a gum shield, shin pads and long socks. Please do not purchase any of these items yet though until your child's place is confirmed. If we have more than 15 pupils interested, names will be drawn out of a hat.

The form to register your child's interest is here - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKftOZLT7bvWVWFQyXyW-TJj9ZkNyZ2r\\_wqAdehMNo4qv3cLg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKftOZLT7bvWVWFQyXyW-TJj9ZkNyZ2r_wqAdehMNo4qv3cLg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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## 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.

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## WELLBEING AWARD

We are delighted to inform you that we have again achieved the Wellbeing Award. This is an award that has looked at our improvement and continuation of mental health and wellbeing at Cleves. The assessor praised the children she spoke

to as they were very good at explaining how they can get support and how PHSE lessons help them with their understanding of emotions. It was also noted that the PTA have been very supportive of not only the children but staff wellbeing as well.

Moving forward we are delighted to have Mrs Tewksbury on board as our Home School Link Worker. She will be working across Cleves, Oatlands and Manby Lodge. Along with the Welfare Officer, Mrs Pyott and Wellbeing Lead, Miss Clarke, we will be working together to improve our provision for children, staff and parents.

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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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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

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

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



## On-line Gaming Concern

Please be aware that many online games are given an age rating much like movies. We would encourage parents and carers to be aware of the relevant Age limits of games that their children are playing and as a result the content of the games.

In addition It has been noted that children are using the open chat function, on these games when playing, with people that they do not know - this is clearly a huge safety risk and should be carefully monitored.

Please use the following link to see the advice from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) regarding online gaming and the associated risks.  
[CEOP LINK](#)

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## HOUSE POINTS

Please see below the accumulative house points for this term:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	6467
Warwick	5614
York	5513
Arundel	5745

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