

# Cleves School

Newsletter - 08/12/23



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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 12/12 - Yr 5 Christmas Concert at 6pm
- 13/12 - Yr 6 Christmas Concert at 6pm
- 15/12 - End of term at 1.45pm
- 2/1 - INSET Day
- 3/1 - Start of term

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## THIS WEEK

If you are a Year 3 or 4 parent we hope you enjoyed the nativity performances in the church this week - they were well attended and fantastic evenings! Thank you for helping your child to learn their words and preparing costumes. Everyone looked and sounded great! Next week it is the turn of Year 5/6 to perform. Thank you also to those of you who supported our Christmas Fair last Saturday. It was again extremely well attended and raised valuable funds for the school. Another MASSIVE thank you to everyone who donated a present for a child on the Truly Giving website.

Have a good weekend - not long to go now!

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we are continuing to enjoy our literacy unit based on The Polar Express. Pupils have been planning their hot task and drafting a paragraph to describe the Polar Express arriving at the North Pole before uplevelling it. They have also been practising using a thesaurus to look up synonyms for a variety of words. In maths, we have been revisiting objectives we have previously covered and have been

recapping on column addition and subtraction with and without exchanging. In science, we have been learning about soil including the different components in soil and the four processes of soil formation. In topic this week, we have been learning about renewable energy and the difference between this and non-renewable energy as well as discussing the advantages and disadvantages of these. We have also been working really hard on sewing our stockings and want to say another thank you to all of the parents who've been coming along to help - it's much appreciated! We also want to say a HUGE well done to the pupils for their amazing Nativity performance last night - they were brilliant!! We are fast approaching the end of term and what a busy one it has been! In **Year 4** this week in maths we have started our unit on Area, where we have been learning what the area of the shape is and what different methods we can use to work it out. We have also started a festive literacy unit focussing on the Letters to Santa by J.R.R Tolkien, we hope they inspire the children to write some creative narratives. Year 4 are continuing to sew their bags in DT and next week you will see all their hard work when they bring them home. And of course we must mention the Christmas concert. The children did incredibly well performing their poem and songs both to year 5 in our dress rehearsal and to parents and families in the evening. We are so proud of them and want to thank all parents/carers for your support with learning lines, providing costumes and coming along on the night to watch. We hope you all enjoyed the concert!

In **Year 5** this week our highlight was making the pottage on Wednesday. The children peeled, chopped and prepared vegetables before they added them into the mixture and cooked their soup - the children worked fantastically well within their team. Thank you to everyone at home that brought ingredients and prepared them for the children - it was much appreciated by us all! We have continued practising our Christmas songs ready for next week - the children are excited to show it off. In literacy, we are coming towards the end of our unit on penguins - the children have fully immersed themselves in everything to do with Emperor Penguins. Did you know they poo every 20 minutes? In RE, we have been discussing the importance of light at Christmas within Christianity

and for other religions. Another busy and full week in **Year 6!** Sewing the Victorian Samplers is in full swing and pupils have also designed their keyring that is being printed on the 3D printers! This has caused great excitement literally watching them being made. Year 6 have also started their Victorian Christmas enquiry using their research skills to inform. Well done to all pupils at their practice rehearsal for the Christmas show, we are looking forward to seeing the real thing on the 13th! We have moved onto position and direction in Maths and children are now editing their writing outcome based on the 2019 Excitable Edgar John Lewis advert.

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## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On the last day of term (15th December) children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper instead of their Cleves jumper or cardigan. There is no donation required and this is optional; there is no need to go out and buy a Christmas jumper just for this occasion. Aside from the jumper, pupils must wear their normal school uniform on this day and it is not a mufti day.

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## HOUSE POINTS

Years	Accumulative total
Windsor	24559
Warwick	23326
York	20705
Arundel	20465

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## SPORTS NEWS

We will provide a fuller round up in our end of half term sports newsletter but here is a roundup of events which have taken place this week.

### Border League Cross Country

Congratulations to all the runners who took part in the Border League Cross Country competition at Stoke Park on Sunday - you were all brilliant! There were some very strong performances from our

runners which saw many top 20 finishes. Well done particularly to Bert and Sebbi who finished 2nd and 3rd in the under 9s boys race and contributed to winning the team competition in this category.

### Dodgeball

Well done to the Year 6 pupils who took part in the dodgeball competition at Woking College on Wednesday. It was a fiercely competitive tournament which saw the Cleves team win two, draw one and lose two. This wasn't quite enough to make the semi finals but the team showed great commitment and determination and are certainly better dodgeball players as a result.

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## RUNNING CLUB - SANTA SPECIAL!

Next Tuesday (12th December) is the last running club of 2023. To celebrate, your child is welcome to attend wearing a Santa hat or other Christmas accessory. If your child doesn't normally attend but would like to do so next week, please complete the registration form by [clicking here](#).

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## TRAVEL NEWS

  **Cleves Travel Shop (online) - The perfect stocking filler**  

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

Aerosol bottles, like deodorant and hairspray, can be recycled into new aerosols and used again and again. They can also be



used to make completely new products like mobile phone parts and even dishwashers. The steel used to make aerosol cans contains about 25 percent recycled metal.

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Megan (5M), pupil of Lauren Twilley who took her Step 2 Piano exam recently.

Megan achieved a Merit which was very well deserved.

Great work Megan!

Congratulations to Georgia Chapman (5S) who received her Gold Award at 1st Oatlands Brownies on Tuesday. She has also done all the 18 Interest badges, which is a huge achievement.



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## INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

This week's guide is all about smart speakers.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.



## THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have pictures from Y5 Pottage making.

