

Cleves School

Newsletter - 09/12/22



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 14/12 - Yr 5 Christmas Concert at 6pm
- 15/12 - Yr 6 Christmas Concert at 6pm
- 16/12 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 16/12 - End of term at 1.45pm
- 3/1 - INSET Day
- 4/1 - Start of term

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 certainly well attended! Thank you for helping your child to learn their words and preparing costumes. Next week it is the turn of Year 5/6 to perform and we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday/Thursday evening. 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.

Have a good weekend - not long to go now!

It's been another action-packed week in **Year 3** and we have been continuing our literacy unit on the Polar Express. Pupils have been planning and writing their creative description by using their senses and effective vocabulary to describe the Polar Express arriving at the North Pole and the children being surrounded by the excited elves before the appearance of Santa! On the subject of

Christmas, the children's stockings are really taking shape and they are working really hard at their sewing and decorating - continued thanks to the parents who are helping in our sessions!! We also want to congratulate the children on all of their efforts preparing for our Nativity Performance - they were absolutely brilliant and we are all really proud of them! In geography, we have been learning about the difference between climate and weather and learning about the climate in the UK and the factors that affect it. What a fun and exciting week **Year 4** have had! Christmas has well and truly arrived! Not only did we have the most amazing time performing for everyone on Tuesday at our Nativity, but it seems like everything at school now has a bit of extra magic about it! In Literacy, we have started a brand new unit, based on the book, 'Letters from Father Christmas' by J.R.R Tolkien. We are going to be writing our own Christmas story in the perspective of one of the characters; the North Polar Bear. During Maths this week, we have been learning all about finding the perimeter of polygons and we have been deepening our understanding of the 7 times tables! In R.E we have been looking at different artists around the world, seeing how a variety of people celebrate Christmas and show this through art. It is now our turn this weekend, to create our own creation using all our knowledge gained from the last two weeks learning about the symbols and key events in the story. In P.E we are continuing to practise our strategies and tactics in Badminton, as we all become great players of the game. Finally, in D.T our bags are starting to take shape, as we are beginning to sew up the sides and the handles. Have a well deserved rest this weekend everyone and well done!

It's hats off to the chefs of **Year 5** this week as we dived into the cookery room to make our pottage. Most seemed pleasantly surprised by their soup and enjoyed the flavours that they added but there were a few who decided it wasn't their cup of tea! However, we had a lot of fun and are keen to make soup again one day, perhaps with a few changes to the next recipe though! In Literacy we have finished our letters to 'home' from the perspective of sailors on the Golden Hinde and presented them onto some themed paper ready for our special writing books. We've written what it was like to eat, sleep and work on the ship as well as some of the situations that sailors at the time would have had to

endure such as superstition, diseases and punishment on board. In Maths we have begun looking at position and direction using coordinates - just in case any of our Year 5 pupils are tempted to become sailors after our work on exploration and the Golden Hinde! We'll continue to look at this next week to make sure no one ends up in the wrong part of the ocean on their future travels. It has been a busy week for the **Year 6** pupils, our rehearsals for the Christmas show are well underway and we can't wait to share what the children have produced with you next week. As well as the rehearsals, we have been continuing our literacy unit on Scrooge with a focus on speech punctuation. We will then apply the skills we've learnt to a Christmas narrative based on the John Lewis advert - Excitable Edgar. We are coming to the end of our Victorian history topic and our Science topic of Evolution so the children have completed assessments which have showcased everything they have learned and they have learned so much! The children have also been continuing their Victorian Samplers. They have shown some fantastic sewing skills, which we are sure you can make use of at home! The children will bring these home at the end of term and we're sure you will be as impressed as we are. We hope you have a wonderful, peaceful weekend before we enter our final week of the Autumn Term.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On the last day of term (16th 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.

HOUSE POINTS

Warwick	2367
Windsor	2291
York	2281
Arundel	1721

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5 Football

Last Friday, the Year 5 team played Burhill in a league game. The watching parents were treated to an explosive start from the Cleves boys with them racing into a 4 v 0 goal lead by half time. The intensity of the football was great to watch combined with some clinical finishing. We knew Burhill would be stronger in the second half and they didn't disappoint with a determined display. This saw them score two quick goals and for a moment we were looking vulnerable. However, we managed to steady the ship and despite chances at both ends, the game finished 4 v 2 in the favour of Cleves. Well done boys!

Year 6 Football

Last Friday afterschool, the Cleves boys football team had their final league game before Christmas against a tricky Burhill team. The highly anticipated game kicked off with the boys determined to end their 6th league fixture with a win to stay undefeated in the competition. Cleves started off on the ropes and conceded an early goal after an unusual mixup at the back. Fired up, Cleves struck back at Burhill quickly and held on to see out the half at 1-1. Cleves came out in the second half focussed and were able to move the ball around a lot quicker. The boys soon managed to find the back of the net a second and third time to see out a 3-1 win. A fantastic performance, particularly in the second half! Well done to all the boys and huge congratulations to them for finishing top of the league and undefeated!

Year 6 County Cup vs Busbridge

On Wednesday afterschool, the Year 6 team were back in action for the final time before Christmas! With their place in the county cup on the line, the Cleves boys were fired up and focussed on the fixture against Busbridge School. The boys started the game with some confident and creative plays down the wing. Not long before half time, Cleves struck first with a great shot from distance and saw out the first half at 1-0. Fired up and wanting to push on, the boys battled away in the middle of the pitch and managed to find a second goal. After some nervous counter attacks, Cleves managed to hold onto the lead and saw out the game at 2-0. Huge congratulations to all the boys involved!

Border League Cross Country

Last Sunday, we had over 60 runners take part in the second cross country meeting of the season at Lightwater. Despite it being cold, it was perfect conditions to run and once again our athletes were fantastic - performances that were full of real grit and determination!

Well done to Roland who won the Under 9s race and Etienne and Luke who were 1st and 3rd in the Under 11s race. On top of that we had many top 10 finishes and even more athletes who demonstrated great progress in their placings since the first event.

In the team event, the position were once again outstanding

- Under 9s Girls - 2nd
- Under 9s Boys - 1st
- Under 11s Girls - 3rd
- Under 11s Boys - 1st



RUNNING CLUB - SANTA SPECIAL!

Just a reminder, the final running club of 2022 will be a Christmas special! On Tuesday 13th December, children are welcome to run with a bit of Christmas sparkle attached. This could be a Santa Hat, Christmas hairband or tinsel. As long as it's festive it's allowed!

If your child doesn't normally attend and would like to, please sign them up here -

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSchSuSyNp9PfNo5CzYaKT-EkInWmJEvmn-6eSA7iDK2JO5TvA/viewform>

TRAVEL NEWS

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

As the nights are now drawing in it is the perfect time to look at visibility of children on their travel to and from school.

We have a number of items available in the Cleves Travel Shop which are now available to purchase.

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

Blue Peter Green Badge

The BBC have a new and exciting way for you to apply for a Blue Peter Green Badge and become a Blue Peter Climate Hero. It is super easy and would be a great achievement to have, especially if you are part of the Cleves Eco Council.

Anyone can apply. If you do apply, please let Miss Pisano know as she would love to hear all about it.

Click here to find more information.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-pete-r-apply-for-a-green-badge>

CONGRATULATIONS!

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who donated a present for a child on the Truly Giving website. All the children were picked and once again, it was bigger than last year, 1,494 children will be receiving gifts that wouldn't normally!



Well done to Nyla in Y3 who helped to sort and organise all the presents. She was brilliant, helpful & the youngest helper there!

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers; enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding

strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, send private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as contact with strangers, dangerous challenges and intrusive features.

Please click on the image below to read the guide.

THIS WEEK IN PICTURES

This week we have pictures from Y5 pottage making.

