



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2010

- 12th Y5 Sensational Science
- 13th Discos
- 15th **Half term starts**
- 19th **Half term finishes**
- 22nd Take One Picture Week starts
- 24th Y5 Apache Indian visit
- 26th Take One Picture Week Ends

March 2010

- 1st PTA Meeting 8.00pm
Y6 Block
- 2nd Y3 Residential Visit Eve
7.30pm
- 6th PTA Quiz Night
- 9th Take One Picture
Presentation 7.30pm
- 14th Mothers Day Service
- 17th Governors Meeting
- 19th **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Parent Consultation Day
- 23rd Y4 Residential Visit Eve
- 30th Easter Service – Pupils
- 31st **INSET DAY**
- 1st April Easter Holidays start
- 16th April Easter Holidays end

Dear Parent

Half term is looming and quite a memorable half term it has been as far as weather conditions are concerned!

STAFFING

Mrs Kinsley has taken Mrs Baker's place and it seems as if she has never been away. She teaches Mrs Reynolds class for one day and gives each Year Leader a day on a rotation basis so that each Year Leader has 1 day out of the classroom a month for Year group Planning.

INTERNET SAFETY

Many thanks to those of you who attended one of these seminars. Attendance was much better than it has ever been before and feedback was very positive. Teresa Hughes from the Lucy Fairfield Foundation is like an old friend to the school now. She is an excellent presenter who listened to feedback and gives strategies to help as well. We are hoping to arrange seminars for Year 3 and 4 as the Learning Platform is rolled out to those year groups. These will be adapted to be suitable for the age group.

PTA

The PTA meets regularly to discuss their future events. There is a Quiz Night coming up on Saturday March 6th and a Fashion Show planned for Friday 26th March. The next meeting is on Monday March 1st in the Year 6 block if you want to be part of an expanding group. All funds raised will go towards equipping the Sports Hall.

NB: Apologies but the date on our recent email asking for help for the Fete in the Field – gave the wrong date – it should be 18th May and not 15th May.

If you are able to help please email: Alan.Sadler@gs.com

THE VOICE EDUCATION TRUST – was launched officially on Wednesday January 27th at the Chequered Flag room in Brooklands Museum. Child and adult representatives from each of the schools were present as were the partners with who we are linked:

- Proctor and Gamble
- CFBT
- Esher College
- The Link Centre
- RC Sheriff Trust

We outlined our hopes for the future and the children took part in some musical activity to demonstrate collaborative working.

The results of our first efforts were seen on Friday January 29th when the four schools – Cleves, The Orchard, Burhill and Chandlers Field – participated in a performance which was the culmination of a week long drama residency with the theme of 'High Aspirations'. The performance was very enjoyable and the children obviously loved working and performing together.

CURRICULUM

Year 3 have just been for their annual visit to the British Museum. The children really enjoy this visit which complements their Egyptian Studies. The children have been studying mummification through making a cartoon strip on the process with the Apple Macs and have been making Canopic Jars. They have been studying hieroglyphics and writing play scripts with an Egyptian theme. The topic will end at half term.

Year 4 are studying India. They are comparing life in Chembakoli and Bangalore with life in England. They are touching on children's rights in Personal Social and Health Education by looking at the carpet weaving industry which often employs children. They are discussing whether or not we should buy cheap carpets.

In Science the year group are finishing their work on Magnets and Springs and moving to Solids and Liquids. In Literacy they are studying Haikus – a form of poetry – on a rainy theme – not the rain in England but the monsoons of India!

Year 5 had a fantastic Decades Day – the first but I'm sure not the last. Each teacher took a theme – Fashion, Food, Transport, Headlines, Music – and the children rotated round so that they had a session on each aspect. Everyone dressed up and there was a bubbly ethos around the school! In PE the children are doing Decades Dancing learning disco dancing and the Hustle from the 70's.

Alongside this runs the Earth and Space topic. In addition to the Planetarium experience there is a Sensational Science Day – a practical demonstration of scientific theories. The children are writing non chronological reports in connection with the Space Race.

Year 6 have been to see the Lion King and lots of work will come from this stimulus including; Artwork based on the Lion King; Characterisation and soliloquy; Script writing.

The Year 6 children are also studying the political and social geography of Africa and are selecting personal projects – a project chosen by the children on an aspect that interests them.

MUSIC

Forthcoming Music Events

Music Assembly on 9th March – I already have a number of participants but there is room for more! Please drop me a note with your name, class and instrument if you would like to sing or play.

Mayfield House Concert – on 17th March. The choir has been asked to sing again at our local old people's home as we went down a storm at Christmas. Our number has to be limited to 15 singers this time though so we don't squash the residents. It was a magical return to school after our first visit as we walked back through gently falling snow. I need 2 parents to walk with us – any volunteers?

The Big Sing – organised through the Elmbridge partnership, 5 Cleves children have been chosen to be involved with a similar number from about 20 other schools. They will have a session with Judith Royle, from Surrey County Arts who *'takes the children through different songs/clapping actions in a way that is quite hard to describe!'*

Mother's Day Service at St Mary's Oatlands on Sunday 14th March, Cleves choir to sing along with the St Mary's choir. Mothers (and any family member actually) are invited to be part of the Service and get the chance to meet the new Vicar of St Mary's.

Easter Service at St Mary's on Tuesday 30th March at 9.30am. The whole school will take part in this special service.

Gospel Workshop – 30 choir children have been chosen to be part of this in the Summer Term.

Exam Results

Well done to Georgina McMullen of 6M, for passing her Grade 1 Clarinet Exam with Merit and also to Annabel Niven for passing her Grade One Piano exam.

Special events at Yehudi Menuhin School.

Cello Master Class – free event open to all cellists and those interested in the instrument on Friday 23rd April 2 – 4 p.m. Call 01932 504407 for further details.

Children's Opera for Years 5 and 6 on 7th February 2010, at 5 p.m. Libretto (words) have been written by popular poet and author Nick Toczek. It is called The Jailer's Tale and will be performed by the Finchley Children's Music Group. If you would like tickets please contact the YHS box office directly on 08700 842020 - open between 10 and 3.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Charlie Norton Year 6 - Grade 2 ISTD Ballet - Merit

SPORT

Football - On Friday 22nd January, Cleves finally got their first league fixtures of the football season underway, and both teams made a great start to their campaign. Playing away against Bell Farm, the Year 6s won 5-2 and the Year 5s won 6-0.

The Year 5 team totally dominated the game and went from strength to strength as the game went on. The Bell Farm crossbar and posts still quake at the thought of the punishment they received on that wintry day – the score might have been higher.

The Year 6s were more tentative in their victory and the 5-2 score line doesn't accurately reflect the game. The Year 6s went a goal down within the first minute, only to equalise thirty seconds later. From this point, the spectators knew they were in for a great match. Cleves then scored again, only for Bell Farm to equalise. The goals then dried up. As the second half progressed, the supporters grew anxious about whether or not Cleves would be able to create a winner. When they did, the flood gates opened and two more Cleves goals followed.

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On Monday 25th January, The Year 5 and 6 football teams got a bit of a rude awakening with regard to the standard of other teams in their league. After a very successful trip to Bell Farm, where both year groups won well, this home result was a bit of a disappointment. The Year 6 team suffered a crushing 6-1 loss, while the Year 5 team salvaged a draw.

The Year 6s were the first to score in their match but went into half-time at 5-1 down. The second half brought about a change in Cleves and greater resilience was shown. The players report that they played well and 100 % effort was given.

The Year 5 team's draw with both sides sharing the possession and chances. St Paul's took the lead, with Cleves equalising in the second half with a goal that luckily deflected in. Cleves did well to move the ball quickly but at times their positional sense was lacking. They should hope to improve on this.

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Most recently the Year 6 football team took part in the ERPSSA 5-a-side indoor competition at the Excel. They competed extremely well and were only beaten in extra time of the final. In the 5 group matches, Cleves won 4 and drew 1 of their games, meaning they were guaranteed to reach the final. This final, against Cardinal Newman, saw the best two teams of the tournament contesting for the prize. After full-time, the match remained goalless so injury time was needed. Cardinal Newman eventually broke the deadlock with a well taken shot from a narrow angle. The disappointment was all too obvious on the Cleves player's faces and there was insufficient time to mount a comeback. The match could have gone either way but it was Cardinal Newman who won the match and deserved to take the trophy.

CHARITY

We have put a link to the Rett Syndrome website on our website. Here you will be able to see a picture of members of our School Council presenting a cheque for £4000 to Charlotte Egelnick, an active member of the group. The money raised is from the proceeds of the Christmas Production – the Aristocats



A Sure Start Children's Centre

Update from the Weybridge Sure Start Children's Centre

Weybridge will soon have its very own Children's Centre because refurbishment work has started on the pavilion. It is scheduled to be ready by the end of April, hopefully in time for a grand opening scheduled for early May.

This is very exciting for the whole community; there will be a central room where activities will be held for children under 5, an office for meetings, a small kitchen and café area as well as a 'snoezelen' room. Snoezelen is a term made up of 2 Dutch words combining smelling and snoozing and this term is used for sensory rooms.

The staff team can't wait to move in and welcome all local families!

Meanwhile we continue our usual programme of activities, with new bookings for the 'Parenting Puzzle' programme, a 10 week course to enjoy family life more, now being taken. Please contact us with any feedback, for more information or to book on a course. We look forward to hearing from you.

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PARKING...again!

I'm sure you are as fed up hearing about this topic as we are receiving complaints from local residents but we received a complaint this week from the over 60's club who use the church on a fortnightly basis – they were blocked in the Church Car Park by Cleves parents who shouldn't have been parked there in the first place. When asked to move they encountered verbal abuse and swearing in some cases by parents in the car park (with children in the car) and those double parked opposite the church entrance – making it impossible for them to pull safely out of the Car Park. Once again we would ask parents to be considerate of others and not to act this way in front of their own children and the local community.

In the same vein – in the Cleves Car Park this time – yesterday a parent chose to drive in through the 'Out' gate at speed just before 3.15pm nearly knocking over a group of children leaving the Special Needs room - Abandoning their car to go and pick their children up Blue Peugeot – V154 ONH. Parents should not be in the staff Car Park at this time of day in any case and let alone driving through the 'Out' gate. Please remember that the children's safety is paramount at all times and allow yourself time to park, even if at a distance, and walk back to school so that children do not have to witness the events described above.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Thamesmead Sports Centre, Shepperton will be running a sports and arts and crafts club from Monday 15th – Friday 19th February with options of a short, standard or extended day. This is available for 5 – 12 years. For further info please visit our website at www.blueleisure.com or call 01932 260050.

REMINDERS

Welfare – we have had a sickness/tummy bug doing the rounds recently and would ask where possible that you give your child 24 hours after they get better to clear the bug from their system – before returning to school.

Welfare – Long Hair – a reminder that both girls and boys need to have their hair tied back when at school, not just for PE.

School Lunches – if you haven't yet paid for the next half term please can you do so - £51.30 takes you to the Easter Holidays. You can do this on line or send a cheque payable to 'Cleves School' to Mrs Williams. If you are changing from school meals to packed lunch please remember we need half a terms notice or a £10 charge becomes payable. Thank you.

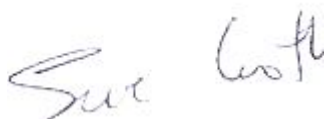
School Closure – Our Parent Consultation day is approaching on Friday 19th March – for those of you who are new to Cleves the school is closed on that day. Slightly longer Parent Consultations are organised for you and your child to attend together to discuss progression and plans for the future. No after school clubs run on that day either.

SPORTS HALL

As you will have seen the steelwork for the Sports Hall has gone up very quickly this week – how exciting! We are right on schedule with the works and after half term the plans will be on display in reception for anyone to come and have a look at.

And finally..... most teaching staff will be spending their half term writing Annual reports and then we launch into our Take One Picture Special Week. Never a dull moment.

Best wishes



Sue Croft

