

# Cleves School

# Newsletter - 31/1/25



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 3/2 - Children's mental health week
- 3/2 - Year 6 football fixture
- 4/2 - Year 5 football fixture
- 5/2 - Y6 Lion King trip
- 10/2 - Year 6 football fixture
- 13/2 - Girls' football fixture
- 14/2 - End of Term at 3:15
- 17/2 - Half Term
- 24/2 - Back to school
- 25/2 - Year 5 Football 3-4
- 26/2 - Year 5/6 Football Festival
- 28/2 - Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition
- 4/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4FA and 4L)
- 6/3 - World Book Day
- 7/3 - 5M Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45
- 7/3 - Y3 Mini Olympics
- 11/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4W and 4R)
- 13/3 - Year 4 to Butser Farm (4E and 4M)
- 14/3 - 3M Class Assembly 1:30 and 2:45

## Important Reminder

This is a polite request in regards to childrens' water bottles. These should be plain water bottles. Stanley Cups/Air Ups etc. are not appropriate for school use. We really appreciate your support on this.

Could we also ask that all equipment and uniform including water bottles, snack boxes and pencil cases is properly labelled with your child's name.

We have an increasing amount of lost property and without labels it is difficult to ensure it returns to its owner.

Finally just a note on Air Tags. It was brought to our attention recently that some children on a school trip had air tags on them. Air Tags have an anti stalking device on them that alerts iphone users close by as to their presence and by clicking on them this shows where the air tag has been. This is a safeguarding risk and while we review our policies in regards to this technology we are asking that, just as with mobile phones, children do not have Air Tags on them during school trips.

Many thanks for your support on this.

## THIS WEEK

This week we have been very lucky to invite a literacy consultant into school to look at where we are in Literacy and discuss how we can further develop the learning experience of our children. It has been fantastic to show what we do and to celebrate our excellent teachers, as well as have open discussions about what lies beyond 'outstanding'. It is testament to our teaching staff that they constantly want to look at new opportunities and research that will increase the opportunities for each and every one of our children. Thank you to them all for their dedication and openness, and thanks to Mrs Smith and Mrs Cannell for all their work in leading this visit.

Today, we also bid farewell to Mrs Clements, our School Business Manager. She has been an invaluable support as we joined the school and her knowledge pool knows no limit! She will be missed by many here, and we wish her all the best in her relocation. We are also lucky to be able to share that Mrs Thomson, our Finance Officer, has been successful in the role of School Business Manager and has already started taking on the role.

Have a restful weekend.

We have had a busy and exciting week of learning in **Year 3**! In Literacy, we've just finished our unit on instructions and have been writing them up in our special writing books, making sure to include all the features of instructional texts. In Maths, we've moved on to a new unit focusing on measurements of length, where we've been practising how to convert and compare measurements between mm, cm, and m. In Science, we've been using our pattern spotting skills to investigate how the size of a shadow changes with distance. In Computing, we've been putting our coding skills to the test by creating our own algorithms. In RE, we've continued our exploration of Islam, learning about the significance of Rak'ah in Islamic prayer. Finally, in Design Technology, we've been busy creating our own posters for kitchen safety in preparation for cooking our own falafel next week—everyone is so excited! Everyone has been working hard in **Year 4** this week to finish their final drafts of Theseus and the Minotaur. With the Hot Task write up session on Monday, who knows who may receive the next pen passport? In Maths, we've pushed ourselves to complete challenges involving dividing three digit numbers, and we're now set for the next big unit: FRACTIONS! We continue to enjoy learning about the Ancient Greeks and we cannot wait to find out what happens in the final chapter of The Iron Man next week...

This week, **Year 5** have started to write their voiceover about the Apollo 11 moon landing in Literacy. Relating to Space, the children have been learning about the different phases of the moon in Science. In Maths, the year group has started fractions, which will be the focus over the next few weeks. In Computing, three classes have programmed a LEGO rover using Ipads and code. The other half of the year group will start this next week. **Year 6** have had a creative, hands on and fun week! We have been looking at analysing the features of a recipe and then followed these instructions to cook our very own yummy pizzas in DT. We have finished off our Spooky Stories unit in Literacy, which we have thoroughly enjoyed and am sure the teachers will be having nightmares after reading! And finally, in Computing, we have been tinkering and learning how to use Adobe Express.

## SPORTS NEWS

I wanted to start this week's round up by apologising for cancelling our lunchtime clubs that take place on our field this week. Due to the recent rainfall, the field is in dreadful condition and just when we have a couple of days of dry weather, it then rains torrentially again like it has done today. Essentially the field needs a long period of rest and investment spent on it - both of which are not possible given that we are a school. The weather looks better for next week so hopefully some activity will be able to return.

### Year 4 Football Festival

Last Monday saw us host the local Year 4 Indoor Football Festival at Cleves which was attended by Grovelands, Holy Family, Ongar Place, Walton Oak and St James. The five a side format saw everyone play 6 minute games against everyone else with all participants taking away a medal at the end of the afternoon. The Cleves boys played some excellent football winning three games, drawing once and losing a very close encounter against Holy Family in the final game of the day. Well done to everyone who took part.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL AND HOUSE REWARDS

Please see below for the accumulative total:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	33227
Arundel	35381
York	31684
Warwick	34586

## 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.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

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.

Please [click here](#) to see a separate letter from the headteacher.

## TRAVEL NEWS

### **Cleves Travel Shop (online)**

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.

## ECO NEWS

### **Respect Ocean Wildlife and Habitats**

Whether you're exploring the ocean by diving, surfing, boating or by relaxing on the beach, be sure to show your appreciation and clean up after yourself. Keep your distance from sea birds, mammals and other ocean wildlife so that you don't disturb their feeding or nesting grounds.



### **January Rethink Waste Scheme**

Cleves has been accepted onto the Rethink Waste Donations Scheme again for January, which started on the 6th January. By subscribing to the scheme, residents of Surrey watch the on-line videos, play the games, challenges and quizzes to learn about ways to reduce waste. By doing so, you collect points which you donate to your chosen school (Cleves please!) and the total number of points goes towards monetary prizes. At the end of the schools donation fund period, we will be allocated a portion of £3,000 depending on how many points we receive. The funding is going to be used to purchase some benches with green canopy roofs.

Please continue to spread the word to friends and family by [clicking here Step by step guide](#). It literally takes 2 mins! Thank you for your support.

## MUSIC

### **Cleves at Young Voices**

This year we took a record number of children to the O2 Arena to take part in our Young Voices trip. It is always one of the highlights of our year and is truly inspirational. Once again, we had an amazing position being really close to the stage. So close, in fact, that it meant Mr. Kilhams was able to grab the attention of Craig McLeish the Musical Director and ask them to give a shout out to Tilly and Annabel

whose birthdays it was. We've never got a shout out before so this was quite special.

The children performed brilliantly throughout the long rehearsal and evening concert. They really did sing their hearts out and danced away. They were particularly good in Little Blue as we had come up with our own actions for this that no other schools did so really stood out! They never cease to amaze all the teachers how they can memorise thousands of words! Everything from Bob Marley through to a Hairspray (The Musical) Medley.

The children got the opportunity to perform with stars such as MC Grammer, Tommy Blaize and Souparnika Nair, not to mention the incredible live musicians who have worked with all the big names in the industry.

Everyone should be immensely proud of their performance and well done for another successful year!

Mr. Kilhams will be sharing a performance video as soon as it has been finished.

## THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS ....

Our amazing trip to Young Voices.



## STATIONERY SHOP

### Break-time Stationery Shop

This term the Year 5 & 6 school council members will be running an essential's stationery shop.

Break time: Tuesday for Lower School and Thursdays for Upper School by 4L

Prices:

Glue sticks £1

Whiteboard pens 30p

Rulers 20p

Pencils 20p

Rubber 10p

Friction pen £1.50

If your child is short of stationery, please send them into school with change so they can refill their pencil cases at break time. They will only be allowed to purchase one of each item at a time.

