

Cleves School

Newsletter - 03/12/21



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 5/12 - Border League Cross Country
- 6/12 - Yr 6 Football Competition
- 10/12 - Christmas Mufti Day
- 14/12 - Christmas Santa Running Club
- 14/12 - Christmas Lunch
- 17/12 - Last day of term - 1.45pm finish

COVID UPDATE

As you are no doubt aware from several updates I have sent recently, COVID numbers continue to rise at school with over 35 cases this week spread across our year groups. Driven by our safety first approach we have considered what measures we should put in place to better ensure staff, pupil and parent safety in these last few weeks of term.

I have contacted Public Health England several times over the last week to keep them informed about our case numbers and to seek advice. We have been advised by PHE to move to enhanced safety measures and therefore agreed that, for the rest of the term, we would move to an enhanced risk assessment and a range of proportionate control measures in order to keep everybody safe and minimise the spread of the virus.

Essential measures include:

- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene. Enhanced cleaning arrangements in place.
- All staff and visitors to wear face coverings in communal areas.

- All non-essential visitors will not be entering the school site.
- In year groups where case numbers are high, mixed class intervention groups and booster lessons will stop. Desks will be forward facing and in rows.
- Early Risers and GAP to be split into year groups.
- Indoor lunchtime clubs to temporarily stop.
- Lunchtime clubs that take place outside are unaffected.
- Clubs outside of the school day by external providers to continue as normal.
- Play times to continue as normal
- Lunch service for years 3 and 6 to continue as normal at this stage. Years 4 and 5 to have lunch in classrooms and then go straight out to play.
- Christmas performances to be filmed as per our communication earlier in the week. We realise that this is disappointing to many of you but, given the situation, we cannot currently identify a practical and manageable alternative.
- Library to still be used by all but the scanner should be wiped before use - years 4 and 5 to just change books then depart rather than hold a whole session.
- Staff to wash hands before and after handling books when marking.

Wherever possible, we will be keeping the children in class bubbles. We will also be minimising movement around the school and avoiding all large gatherings such as assemblies. Again, wherever possible, staff will only work within year groups and not across the school

Should your child develop symptoms of coronavirus, you must notify the school and they must stay at home. The symptoms include a high temperature (37.8°C or above), a new continuous cough (this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours) and a loss or change in sense of smell and taste.

Parents must arrange for a PCR test and the results of the test must be shared with school in a timely manner

I hope you understand that by introducing these new measures and working together as a school

community, we will be able to slow the spread of the virus before the Christmas holidays. We very much hope and intend to return to normal routines in the New Year.

Mr Hodges - Headteacher

THIS WEEK

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we are really enjoying our creative description literacy unit based on 'The Polar Express'. We have been watching clips from the film and have been using these to help us write a description of the setting using powerful adjectives and similes, working as a class to produce a piece of shared writing and practising using inverted commas for speech. In maths, we have been focusing on statistics (previously called data handling) and have been drawing and interpreting data from pictograms, tally and frequency charts as well as bar charts. In geography, we have been learning about agricultural and geological resources and talking about examples of these as well as the difference between non-renewable and renewable resources. In RE, we have been continuing our unit on 'Why do we give presents at Christmas and what might Jesus think about it?' by looking at the symbolism behind the gifts from the three wise men. We've been listening to the carol 'We three kings of Orient are' and how this links to the Nativity. In addition, we've been learning about Epiphany and why it's important for Christians and how it's celebrated in different countries. In DT, our sewing practice is continuing in earnest in preparation for our Christmas stockings so we'd be very grateful if you would continue to practise threading a needle and tying a knot so children can do this in class. This week, the **Year 4** children have been writing their non-chronological reports on the River Thames. Already with so much prior knowledge, the children have used this whilst learning how to structure a report to produce some high quality pieces of writing. In Science, the children have continued to look at teeth and how we should look after them, whilst in Geography they have learnt about pollution levels in both the River Thames and River Ganges - continuing to compare and contrast. In PE, we continue to practise our badminton skills, looking at serving as well as using our backhand as well as forehand and in art we have begun sewing together our expressionist-inspired eco-bags.

This week in **Year 5**, we have been very busy continuing on with our Literacy unit on the Twelfth

Night. We have learnt a lot more about play script writing and have even been adding in some Shakespearean language too! Within Maths, we have worked hard on solving problems involving perimeter and then have started looking at Area and how to calculate the space inside of some tricky shapes. History this week saw us complete a very exciting task on the Ipads. We have been learning all about the benefits of exploration and the journeys that some of these brave men took to discover new treasures. After gathering all our new knowledge, we were then able to use the Ipads to record ourselves speaking over the top of a puppet! During Computing, we have continued on with our Scratch projects, adding in more detail and have even tried to discover how to put in a timer or a new level to our games! This week, **Year 6** have been finishing off our character development writing inspired by the 'A Christmas Carol' narrative. In maths we have finished our Fractions unit, and in Computing we have been learning about networks, and how digital devices can be connected to the internet and each other. In Science, we have been deepening our studies on evolution and inheritance by looking at how whales have ancestors that were ancient land mammals. A combination of History and DT has also seen us learn about Victorian Samplers - learning what they were and how they were used. This is the first part of the unit where we will be designing and then creating our own samplers for Christmas.

SANTA RUNNING CLUB

We are excited to announce that on Tuesday 14th December, we will be holding a very special running club. By making a donation to the PTA, your child is welcome to come dressed in festive wear to run in. This can be as simple as wearing something red, a Santa hat or as adventurous as coming in a full Santa costume. We absolutely encourage creativity!

If your child doesn't usually attend running club but wants to come along on 14th December - please sign them up here -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSco-9U6Ua9qijlHmsR9ADED5Fn2aVX491_I72VRZWqoA6Zgqw/viewform

Donations can be made in the buckets that will be available on the morning of 14th December or online here -

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/santarunningclub>

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5 Football

On Monday afternoon, the Year 5 football team travelled to Bell Farm school to play another league fixture. The game started with an early goal to Cleves with some fast attacking play down both wings. The game continued on with Cleves dominating the possession and seeing out the first half of the game 4-1 up. As the light continued to fade, the Cleves boys kicked on and looked to increase their tally for the afternoon. With some strong covering at the back from the defenders, the Cleves boys pushed further forward and were able to show some lovely link up play close to the opponents box. Cleves managed to find the back of the net a further three times in the second half as a result of the fantastic teamwork on display. The game ended 7-1 to Cleves and they now sit comfortably at the top of the league table. Well done to all the boys involved and now for a well deserved rest until after Christmas!

Year 6 Football

The year 6 team also played Bell Farm on Monday and recorded a comfortable 9 v 1 win to end the year on a high. For long periods of the game, they returned to the high intensity, quick passing football that was successful at the beginning of the season. With the score 7 v 0 at half time, we switched things around a bit in the second half but still were in full control throughout. Well done to the boys, a very pleasing first half to the season which sees us fighting for the top spot.

Year 6 Netball Match Report

The Year 6 Netball team played their second match of the season last week away against Grovelands School. This was a very fast paced and physical match with Grovelands fighting hard from the outset. With a crowd of supporters cheering them on they took an early lead, finishing the first quarter 1-0 up. Cleves however gained in confidence with Florence and Lucy scoring fantastic goals to take the score to 2-1. After half time, it was a very close match with both teams playing great netball. Sadly, Grovelands scored two more goals and so the match ended 4-2 to Grovelands. The team should be very proud of their

performance in a very tough match. Well done to Anais N, Lucy R, Paige M, Kitty R, Suna H, Florence D, Lani B and Emily B.

Y6 GIRLS MATCH CANCELLED MONDAY

Mr Woods has sent a letter home today to advise you that the cup game against Sayes Court on Monday has unfortunately been cancelled.

INTERNET SAFETY

According to research carried out by the British Board of Film Classification, last year 60% of children had to talk to their parents after viewing something online that had left them feeling uncomfortable, scared or confused. One in seven (13%) teens said that watching content online that they later wish they hadn't seen is a daily occurrence.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, more than half of the content reported by children featured either violence, hate speech or explicit sexual material. Social media often acts as a gateway to this material: trending topics tend to be seen whether they were searched for or not. This week's guide examines this and other sources of inappropriate online content.

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



TRAVEL NEWS

Travel Plan

We are delighted to have been awarded the Modeshift Silver award and are currently looking to arrange a date with Surrey CC to run a Travel assembly to share this success with the children and staff. Clearly in the current environment this is not possible and we are looking at a date in the New Year. As part of our support from Surrey we have restarted our use of the WOW Travel Tracker (from December) which will give us a clear indication of the methods of travel that we use. I look forward to sharing our progress with you.

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.

IMMUNISATIONS

Has your child missed out on their flu vaccination at school?

If your child has missed their flu vaccination at school, please contact your local immunisation team to book an appointment at a catch-up clinic. You'll find contact details for your local immunisation team on the Children and Family Health Surrey Immunisations webpage. The Children and Family Health Surrey Immunisation team is responsible for the planning and delivery of the school-age [immunisation](#) programmes in Surrey. The

vaccination programmes are primarily carried out in schools, although they also offer clinics in other community settings for home-educated children and other children depending on their individual needs.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to James Y4 who helped to plant the bulbs in the local area for Weybridge in Bloom. The local community will really enjoy seeing the flowers in bloom next spring.



HOUSE POINTS

The weekly totals as of Friday 3rd December 2021 were:

- 1st - Arundel **974**
- 2nd - Warwick **860**
- 3rd - York **773**
- 4th - Windsor **714**