



# Cleves School

## Learning Together

### **Headteacher's Update – February 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Though it has been a very short term, it has continued to be busy and productive with plenty of exciting additional opportunities such as sporting events, the Young Voices concert at the O2 and the Year 6 trip to see the Lion King. As we also mark Children's Mental Health Week with a 'true colours' mufti day, it is lovely to see children expressing themselves and being proud of their individuality.

#### **Extra curricular activities**

At Cleves, we are committed to ensuring that our children receive a broad and balanced curriculum that is enriched by meaningful and purposeful opportunities that expand their horizons. This half term, one of our three choirs has performed at the O2 in an inspiring Young Voices performance, where they experienced the euphoria of performing collaboratively as one of the largest massed choirs in the world. We have had numerous sporting fixtures and opportunities that allow children to represent the school and play competitively against other schools. Something special about our school is the varied sporting competitions that take place where everyone in a class competes together or leads opportunities like our panathlon, taking responsibility for events, giving them the leadership opportunities that will aid them in their future lives. We have also had a group of children make the STEM finals at Guildford College, competing to carry out challenges collaboratively in a set amount of time with a set amount of resources. Additionally, we have had an array of different inspiring speakers that put our values into real life situations and successes, such as Gladiator Steel talking about keeping mentally and physically fit and the Wildlife Trust talking about how we can care for our local environment.

#### **Building Works**

This half term, we have completed our additional room. It is situated by the sensory room near the Sports Hall and will be used as an additional teaching group room as well as a space that will be available for letting purposes. We are very grateful to Surrey County Council for the funding to carry out this project through their CIL bid and are also very grateful to the PTA for funding all the furniture, equipment and

fittings to make this space into an effective and welcoming learning environment. Thank you to everyone who has donated money to the PTA or supported their work, as it provides opportunities to enrich our children's experiences in ways such as this. An extra thank you goes to Mrs Thomson and Mr Forsey for organising and overseeing this work, whilst also ensuring that the school continues to run smoothly. We are also undertaking building works on the Year 5 toilets that we hope to complete soon.

### **Road Safety**

We have had a number of issues where parents have parked or stopped on zig zag lines or yellow lines which have caused potential near misses. As always, please park safely and considerately when dropping off or collecting your child, to ensure the wellbeing of everyone in our school community. Please remember to have your say on the proposed changes to Oatlands Avenue on the Surrey website.

### **Skipping takes over the playground!**

A very successful workshop this term has been our skipping workshops. Pupils loved learning basics and tricks in their workshops, but the highlight was the sense of pride in each other's achievements. One of the highlights of this term was in the presentation assembly when children showed genuine amazement and support for each other's achievements and showed it with such enthusiasm. This embodied our values of perseverance, collaboration, respect and high aspirations and showed what an inclusive, supportive school should look like. This excitement has continued in recent weeks with us now having a specific area of the playground for skipping as it has become so popular, which is a fantastic outcome for both physical and mental health. Thank you to Miss Childs for organising this.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I hope you enjoy a restful half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 23rd February.

Best wishes,



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Acting Headteacher