

Cleves School

Newsletter- 11/07/25



saying goodbye to Cleves, we wish you and your families the best as you move into a new chapter of your lives.

We wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing those of you staying with us again in September.

The **Year 3** children returned from a successful residential trip to Sayers Croft, there has been lots of talk of the fantastic activities and many happy memories were made. The non-trippers also experienced fun and creative activities at school. In Maths, we've been working on the concept of time. We've explored reading analogue clocks to the nearest 5 minutes, understanding digital time, and converting between the 12-hour and 24-hour time formats. Time can be a tricky concept to grasp, but the teachers have been impressed with how hard the children have worked to solve problems related to it. In Literacy, we've started our final unit based on the delightful book "The Kapok Tree". We've read the story, sequenced the events, and begun to explore figurative language like similes, alliteration, and personification. This unit is a great way for the children to enhance and enjoy their creative writing skills. Our weekly Science lesson this week introduced the children to flowering and non-flowering plants. We have been actively exploring the flora around our school, identifying different plant species and their various parts. This hands-on approach really helps make their learning relevant and engaging. It has been another exciting week full of learning and fun and the Year 3 teaching staff look forward to spending the last week next week with Year 3. In **Year 4** this week, the children have taken part in Anglo Saxon day and Outdoor Learning. During Anglo Saxon day, the children made bread, filmed their Riddles and Kennings against a green screen and continued their fantastic weaving projects. For outdoor learning day, the children took part in minibeast hunts as well as building bug hotels. Well done to the children for all their enthusiasm, especially in such hot and humid weather.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 11/7 - PTA Summer discos - Y3, Y4 & Y5
- 14/7 and 16/7 Year 5 Fire Safety
- 15/7 - Year 6 Production 6pm
- 16/7 - Year 6 Production 6pm
- 16/7 - Y2 information afternoon 4-5pm
- 18/7 - Y6 Leavers Disco 6-8pm
- **22/7 - End of term 1.45pm**
- 3/9 - INSET day - children not in school
- **4/9 - First day of autumn term**

THIS WEEK

This week has seen the start of our events saying goodbye to Year 6. Yesterday, there was a Leavers Service in St Mary's church where children spoke of their experiences at Cleves and how it has helped prepare them for the next step. It is wonderful to see how these children have grown and developed over their 4 years here. Next week sees the highly anticipated Year 6 Production of Camelot!

As you may be aware, there has been a large number of wasps around the school site this week. We have taken various mitigating measures, including sealing off bins, spraying where possible and asking the children to eat their snacks in the classroom.

This will be the final Weekly Newsletter of the year and we would like to thank you for all of your support throughout the year. For those of you

This week in **Year 5**, the children have been sharpening their writing skills by exploring how to engage readers through a variety of sentence types and structures. Literacy has been focusing on persuasive writing with a very important goal: encouraging others to support endangered species. They've learnt how to use a range of persuasive techniques, including rhetorical questions, emotive language, strong opinions, repetition and facts and statistics to back up their arguments. The result? Some incredibly passionate and heartfelt first drafts that really pack a punch! In Maths, we've been consolidating our knowledge by reviewing key concepts we've covered throughout the year. It's been a great opportunity for the children to reflect on their progress, revisit trickier topics and celebrate just how much they've learnt. Our computing lessons have been particularly exciting this week. The children have been creating their own websites based on their favourite topic from Year 5. These websites are packed with creative content, everything from images and videos to quizzes and even interactive Scratch games! It's been fantastic to see their digital skills come to life in such imaginative and independent ways. Finally, in PSHE, we've been talking about recognising risks and staying safe, especially around open water during the hot weather. Through discussion and scenario-based learning, the children have developed a stronger awareness of how to keep themselves and others safe in different environments. This week, **Year 6** have been hard at work rehearsing for our upcoming production, and the excitement is building! We've been learning all the choreography, taking fantastic direction, and putting in a huge amount of effort to perfect our lines. Everyone has shown real dedication, and it's clear just how much care has gone into every part of the pantomime. Our costumes are looking amazing - some of us are even wearing wigs to bring our characters to life! We're so proud of what we've created and can't wait to perform it for everyone. After a busy and creative week, we hope everyone enjoys a relaxing weekend in the sunshine.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY\HOUSE REWARDS

Our final Celebration Assembly of the term will take place next Tuesday.

Please see below for cumulative house points:

Years	Accumulative Total
Windsor	14133
Arundel	13941
York	14112
Warwick	15657

Year 6

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and sadly will soon need to be saying goodbye to all our Year 6's. Before we do, please can you review your account; dinner monies, Early Risers, GAP, Trips and Residentials and ensure that there are sufficient funds and all payments have been made to cover costs for the remainder of this year. If you have any queries in regards to your account or wish to discuss your account balances, please contact mlockyer@cleves.co.uk.

ECO NEWS

Laughter!

Your body releases hormones that make you feel good when you smile. This then signals to your body that you're happy, and in turn, you feel happier. So tell jokes, create your own comedy sketch, watch a funny programme or play some games. Find things that make you laugh!



STATIONERY SHOP

Break-time Stationery Shop

The essential's stationery shop will be running next week:

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.

MUSIC

Last Strum for our Year 6s

Our Year 6s gave their last strum at Cleves in their last ukulele rehearsal of the year. Most have been in the group since Year 3 or 4 and will be sad to leave, but as we start the goodbyes over the last couple of weeks of term, we also look ahead to the musical opportunities around the corner.

Leavers' Service Starts the Goodbyes

This week saw the Leavers' Service at St. Mary Oatlands. It marks the start of the goodbyes to our wonderful Year 6s. We heard from several children with their memories of their favourite times at Cleves. We also heard from two Year 7s that came back and gave words of comfort and reassurance. Music played a big part with Sennen and Megan both playing piano solos as people entered and left the church. We also heard the Senior Choir sing for the last time of the year. They performed a piece called 'You Will Be Found' and sang from their hearts. Many of the children performing had been in the choir since week 1 in Year 3 so this was an emotional performance. All children performed and spoke with real conviction and confidence so a huge well done to all involved. (please see end of document for photos)

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Jack (6P) who was awarded an ABRSM Grade 2 qualification in Classical Guitar after taking lessons with Mr Cunningham. These exams are accredited within the UK's National Qualifications Framework.

VACANCIES

We have the following vacancies available. Perhaps you know someone who is suitable? If so, please direct them to the eteach/Indeed website or share the links below.

Gap Playerworkers [click here](#) to view application details on Eteach.

ABSENCE PENALTIES

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

THIS WEEK IN PHOTOS...

Y3 Residential







Y6 Photos - Leavers' Service & Last Strum

