

Cleves School

Newsletter - 13/09/24



thinking of other people's feelings. You may wish to discuss the importance of this value in your own lives to support your child's understanding and to reiterate a joint message.

Have a restful weekend.

What a great start our new **Year 3** pupils have made to life at Cleves! Children are settling well and we are very impressed with how they are quickly adapting to our classroom routines. Poetry has been high on the agenda in our literacy lessons this week. Children have explored a wide range of different types and some were even brave enough to perform to their class. We hope to use what we have learnt to help us write our own pieces of poetry next week. Our maths has begun by exploring place value using a range of different concrete resources. To start our 'United Kingdom' topic we have explored maps of our local area from different periods in history as well as a most recent version. We were shocked to see how much the area around Cleves has changed! We have practised logging on to the Cleves Hub using our new details, so are all ready to start our first homework! **Year 4** have had a very successful and busy first whole week back. The children have enjoyed getting stuck into their learning and have really enjoyed starting our new topic of 'Rivers'. We have been focusing on the different features of a river as this is what we will be looking at on our upcoming river trip! In Literacy, we have been focusing on describing a setting and the children have written some wonderful pieces. In Maths, we are continuing to work on place value and the children particularly enjoyed taking a lesson in the Dance Studio where we explored magnitude of number. The Year 4 team are incredibly proud of all the children and the positive start they have had to Year 4.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16/9 - Flu Immunisation
- 16/9 - Year 4 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 17/9 - Swimming starts (selected pupils)
- 18/9 - Welcome Service - 2pm
- 18/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 1 (4W & 4R)
- 19/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 2 (4L & 4FA)
- 19/9 - Year 3 Information Evening - 6.00pm
- 20/9 - Year 4 River Walk - Trip 3 (4M & 4E)
- 23/9 - Photograph Day
- 2/10 - Harvest Service 1:30 and 2:30

THIS WEEK

Welcome back! The children have settled well into their new classes, showing an excellent attitude to their learning. It is also lovely to see them excitedly catching up with their old friends and building relationships with new faces in their classes. We would particularly like to congratulate our new pupils, especially in Year 3, who have made a brilliant start on their Cleves journey.

This term we are focussing on our school value of respect. We have thought about how we can show respect at school and what a school might look like without respect. We have discussed showing respect through our actions, such as speaking politely, listening to others, being honest and

The **Year 5** children have made an excellent start to the year and are enjoying our first unit of literacy. Our aim is to write a contrasting setting

description of a megacity and the countryside. For maths, we have started by reviewing place value and numbers up to a million. For the Tudors topic, we're learning about the different monarchs, timelines and important events such as the Magna Carta and the Bubonic Plague. For our unit on portraiture, we have started with recapping on how to draw a face in proportion alongside learning more about famous Tudor artists. In science, we have looked at properties of materials and comparing and grouping them. Earlier in the week, the whole year group were out on the field together getting active in our pace judgement lesson. After some fun warm-up activities and stretching, they completed a range of running tasks which culminated in a race against the clock to reach a target of shuttle runs. Thank you to those who were able to attend the 'meet the teacher' and information evenings this week. If you were not able to make it, all the information will be shared on our website. **Year 6** have had a fantastic start to the term, launching straight into our new topic about the Victorians. We have completed a timeline of the monarchs of the Stuarts and Hanover eras, thus bridging the gap between our knowledge of the Tudors (Year 5) and Victorians. We have also enjoyed learning about key events during these periods including the Gunpowder Plot and the Great Fire of London! In maths, we are busy revising place value and securing our knowledge through developing our reasoning and problem solving. We have also started our new literacy unit based on the book 'Street Child' by Bertie Doherty about a Victorian boy called Jim Jarvis. We used the text to help create impressive vocabulary banks and phrases for describing the workhouse and looked at emotive language, including show not tell to describe how our main character would have felt. We will be using these next week to write our first hot task! In addition to all this, each class is busy reading and voting for their best book in our 'World Cup of Books' challenge - we will announce the winning book from each class next week. We have started our new science 'All living things' unit, looking at how to classify different common characteristics in the three main categories of animals, plants and microorganisms. In art, the children have been introduced to the works of William Morris and we are enjoying our new badminton unit in PE. The children have already

surpassed our expectations with their learning behaviours and have shown they are all ready for the exciting challenges of Year 6. We wish you all a well deserved restful (and hopefully warmer) weekend! Year 6 team.

MORNING DROP OFF

The morning drop off has certainly become less frantic and calmer as the week has gone on. Thank you for your support with this. Please can we ask that all children enter the school on their own from Monday 16th September. It has been great to see so many Year 3s doing this already. Children can enter from any of our three gates in the morning and all will have a member of staff available to answer any questions you may have.

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Our Information Evenings are an excellent opportunity to find out more about the year ahead. During the evening you will hear from the year leader and other year group staff where they will give information about the curriculum, expectations, homework, trips and the residential at the end of the year. The dates and times are shown at the top of this letter.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Throughout the year, each class will perform and present an assembly and parents are welcome to attend. To view when your child's class assembly will be, please [click here](#).

There are performances at 1.30pm and 2.45pm and you are welcome to attend either (or both!).

CLEVES HUB VIDEO GUIDE

We have put together a short video guide on how to navigate and sign into our Cleves Hub. This may be particularly useful for our new Year 3 parents. The guide can be viewed by clicking here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7f6BHaEtfP0>

PE/GAMES

Year groups have already started teaching PE and Games so please ensure your child has a pair of indoor and outdoor trainers in school. These will remain in school during the half term. The children are expected to wear shorts when inside but can wear a tracksuit when outside during the colder months.

LUNCHTIME & AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Just a reminder to sign your child up for one or more of our lunchtime/after school clubs. All the details can be found by [clicking here](#).

WELCOME SERVICE

Our annual Welcome Service will return this year and will take place at 2pm on Wednesday 18th September. This service is open to any new parent/carer who has joined our community this year and will take place in St Mary Church, opposite the school. Children in years 3 and 4 will also attend this service.

INTERNET SAFETY

Pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 have been resetting their passwords in school this week. Please make sure you ask your child to share their new password so you can help to keep them safe when using the Internet. TOP TIP - Why not add your child's email address to your phone so you can keep an eye on the emails they are sending and receiving?

UNIFORM AND EARRINGS

Just a reminder that earrings are not part of our school uniform. If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer holiday and can't yet take them out, they should be covered with tape before they come to school. Once safe to be removed, earrings should not be worn.

Also, a reminder that all hair bands should be navy blue or black. Thank you for your support

MEDICATION

Thank you to all parents who have brought in their child's school medication. If you still need to bring this in, please drop it into reception.

Please note that all medication must be in the original box as dispensed by the pharmacist.

You will also need to complete the necessary forms.

SNACKS

Please remember we have asked that neither snacks or packed lunches should not contain nuts or sesame, which includes hummus. I understand it is a great healthy snack but we have children severely allergic to sesame.

If your child would like a snack at breaktime it must only be fruit or vegetables.

APPOINTMENTS

All medical and dental appointments should be notified in advance to the Welfare Officer via 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.

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

In the past couple of weeks, all year groups have been logging into their google accounts and changing their passwords. The children can use their google accounts to access key areas on the Hub, such as the google classroom, their Drive and email. The children may be using a range of devices to access this, including tablets.

Below is a parent and carer's guide on tablets. It includes conversation starters and top tips. To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Two of our Y6 children have created a lovely poster for us to share. Please see attached.

CONGRATULATIONS on a successful start to the term!