What a year! I can’t believe I am writing the last newsletter of the academic year already. It’s incredible how time flies when you’re having fun! We have had an awesome week of celebrations, including our annual Music Extravaganza led by Mr Wilson and Mrs Collett. The evening was a roaring success yet again, and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children come to life on the stage. We have some phenomenal talent here at Clifford Bridge, it’s always a great evening and this year did not disappoint. On that note, I’d like to say a huge thank you to the staff team for the magic that they create here in school. I’m so proud to work with them all, and appreciate the enormous amount of love and energy they plough into your children every single day. Working in a school is never “just a job”, and we are blessed to have such a fantastic team of dedicated people who give so much.

This week our school band and some of our choir members went over to Walsgrave Academy to perform in Mrs Docking’s leaving assembly. As you’ll know from previous newsletters our Executive Principal and CEO, Mrs Docking, is retiring at the end of this year. It is pretty difficult to sum up her journey in one short newsletter, but I wanted to say a personal thank you to her for taking a leap of faith all those years ago and agreeing to federate with Clifford Bridge at a time when the school needed a helping hand the most. As this cohort of incredible Year 6’s leave our doors as the very first two-form year group, we are so proud of the education they have had, and of the people they have grown into. Who knew that all those years ago, Mrs Docking’s simple act of faith and hope would end in such a successful way? On a personal note, Mrs Docking has made a huge impact on me too and I will miss her greatly. From every single person, the big ones and the smaller ones, we wish Mrs Docking a lovely retirement and look forward to hearing about all her adventures as a lady of leisure.

This brings me nicely on to our Year 6 leavers 2019. What a year group! I am beyond proud of you all. Each and every one of you have smiles on your faces, shoulders poised with confidence and a heart full of kindness. Never have I known a Year 6 team as ready for secondary school as you. Usually, the summer term of Year 6 is a little fraught with emotions, friendship troubles and general anxiety about next steps. Not you lot... you have conducted yourselves with maturity and integrity right to the very last second and I could not be more proud to send you off to your secondary schools with a ‘Clifford Bridge’ mark next to your names. Good luck in your new chapters and keep on sparkling, my darlings.

Lastly, thank you to YOU. I feel very lucky to have a parent and family community as wonderful as you lot and I appreciate the continued support you give to me and my team. We’re all in it for the same reason; to give your children the very best start in life.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school and hearing about their summer adventures on Wednesday 4th September.

With warmest wishes

Amy Husband, Head Teacher
Gold Merit Certificate

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Reception</th>
<th>Year 1</th>
<th>Year 2</th>
<th>Year 3</th>
<th>Year 4</th>
<th>Year 5</th>
<th>Year 6</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kendrick R</td>
<td>Amaiah M</td>
<td>Lily H</td>
<td>Devidas D</td>
<td>Aarav A</td>
<td>Amelia J</td>
<td>Matthew S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maya C</td>
<td>Rosie H</td>
<td>Kian Mc</td>
<td>Grace R</td>
<td>Jasmine G</td>
<td>Dylan G</td>
<td>Conor C</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**GOLD MERIT**

Award For Kindness - Anya M - Year 1
Award For Curiosity - Louis S - Year 2E
Award For Bravery - Laila-Rae B - Year RW
Award For Independence - Olivia M - Year 2M
Award For Sport - Charlotte D
Creativity Award - Hollie-Rebecca W - Year 6
Award For Science - Zayd S - Year 6
Academic Award - Joshua H - Year 6
Head Teachers Award - Eleanor R - Year 6

---

**January at Clifford Bridge**

Don’t forget to check Twitter for regular updates

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>04.09.2019</td>
<td>Children return to school Year 1 - 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>05.09.2019</td>
<td>Reception children am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>06.09.2019</td>
<td>Reception children am and lunch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>08.09.2019</td>
<td>Year 6 to DYM</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**Birthday Zone**

Birthdays from 15th July 2019 - 1st September 2019

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Abbe C</td>
<td>Zara J</td>
<td>Maya C</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sophia E</td>
<td>Seth H</td>
<td>Samuel M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kiera E</td>
<td>Zachary K</td>
<td>Aryan L</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ella R</td>
<td>Jacob S</td>
<td>Eden M</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thomas S</td>
<td>Jacob K</td>
<td>Fiona H</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rosie H</td>
<td>Olivia D</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

AND TO ALL OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAY CHILDREN

---

**PTFA**

We can now reveal that the total raised from the summer fayre was £1,612.40 with a further £123 raised from refreshments at the music extravaganza and Year 6 leavers performances.

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped, donated cakes and tombola prizes or came along and spent their hard earned money.
**KS2**

**Year 5 and 6**

We had a lovely morning down by the river as a phase this Tuesday. We sailed our rafts that we designed and built and we delighted to say that they all survived the journey... although maybe not all in one piece! It was such an enjoyable morning to see the whole phase spending quality time together at the end of what has been a very busy and productive year.

More great news form the 5/6 corridor is the success of Ava, Beth, Amelia and Sophie winning this year’s Clifford Bridge Has Talent competition. Congratulations girls, you were superb!

---

**Year 3 and 4**

Years 3 and 4 had a great time completing their Theme work this week with a focus on Native American Instruments. They researched the different types of instruments used and the materials that they were made of, then created designs for their own instruments using similar features. Once they had chosen a design that they were happy with, they used a variety of recycled materials to make their own, using different joining techniques to attach the pieces together. The results were fantastic and Year 3 particularly enjoyed bringing their theme to a close by having a parade around the playground to try them out.

---

**KS1**

**Year 1 and Year 2**

What a jam-packed last week of term! Year 1 and 2 have enjoyed lots of Theme activities including drama, arts and crafts and junk modelling. We also enjoyed watching Clifford Bridge’s Got Talent and were extremely proud of the acts representing Year 1 and 2.

The Key Stage One Team want to say thank you for all the hard work and efforts that the children have put in this year, and want to thank the parents for their support. We have had a great year and we are so proud of everything that the children have achieved. We hope you have a fun and relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September.

---

**Reception**

Reception have had an amazing last week together. They have made the most of enjoying their classrooms before they go into Year 1. We were so proud of the children that were awarded the Gold Merit on Wednesday and they were excellent role models for all of the children. The highlight of this week was our Reception party! There was fun, laughter, games and a lot of dancing! We have had a fantastic year with the children and are very sad that they are now leaving us. We would like to thank all of the parents for their continued support this year and for allowing us to teach your awesome children! We wish them all the best for Year 1 and hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday!

---

**Nursery**

Our final week in Nursery has come to an end, and what a week we have had! On Tuesday we had our Nursery parties which went down a storm. The children led a conga line through Nursery and out the corridor - a great time was had by all! Mrs Newsome, Mrs Brain, Mrs Bennett and I would like to say a huge thank you to all the Nursery parents. Your children have been a delight to teach and we will be so sad to say our final goodbyes at 3.15pm today. Have a wonderful summer!