

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

Wow! What a term! We have managed to squeeze a lot into the last fifteen weeks including five trips, a residential, a family assembly, two Christmas nativity plays and... an Ofsted inspection! The fun certainly didn't stop this week; we kicked the week off with a fabulous Gold Merit Assembly. Mrs Husband and I really enjoyed hearing about all of the wonderful reasons why the children had been awarded their certificates and trophies. Sitting in that merit assembly made me feel really lucky to be part of such a special school!

It was that time of year on Wednesday when the whole school exits en masse and heads to the pantomime. The children behaved fantastically and really did Clifford Bridge proud. They boomed and cheered in all the right places and enjoyed being transported into a world of glitter and sparkle.

Also this week, Key Stage One took to the stage as they performed their Christmas play, 'Lights, Camel, Action'. The children absolutely shone; they spoke confidently and clearly, sang beautifully and danced with real sass. Well done to all involved and a big thank you to the staff who have worked so hard to put it all together.

To finish the term off with a bang, we held our annual PTFA Christmas fayre on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting the school and enjoying the activities and stalls. The PTFA did a fantastic job organising the event; a big thank you to Bev and Dale! In the new year, we will let you know how much money was raised and what exciting things it will be spent on.

Rebecca Male has made the decision to step down as Chair of Governors. Rebecca has been in this role for several years and has been integral in the school's journey over these last few years. As you know, the role of a governor is a voluntary one and we would like to extend our most sincere thanks to Rebecca for her time, hard work and passion to see the children of Clifford Bridge succeed.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU to Mrs Husband who is leaving Clifford Bridge today. As Head Teacher for the last 3 years, she has really taken the school from strength to strength, leaving trails of sparkle wherever she goes. It's really hard to sum up in a few words the difference she has made during her time at Clifford but I know that she will be missed by children, staff and parents. Luckily, she isn't going far and will continue working for Inspire Education Trust, so we will see her from time to time. I know she will be desperate to pop back and see how everyone is.

I hope that you all have a fabulous Christmas break and are able to spend lots of time with your family and loved ones. I look forward to seeing you in school on Tuesday 7th January and hearing all about your Christmas adventures.

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas,

Amy Husband and Beki Moore





20.12.19

Autumn Term Ends at 3:15pm (return back to school TUESDAY 7th January)

7.1.2020

Children return to school Tuesday 7th January 2020

KS1 GOLD Merit Certificates 	Reception	Year 1	Year 2		
	Jacob M	Sophia M	Zaakir S		
	Iqra A	Serena M	Reuben C		
	Kindness	Curiosity	Bravery	Independence	
	Keira N	Iyla P	Timothy B	Kartar S	
KS2 GOLD Merit Certificates 	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
	Afrah K	Nancy A	Emily B	Miya-Grace M	
	Kaydon S	Jeevan S	Eva Z	Zia J	
	Sport	Creativity	Science	Academic	Head Teacher
	Rhiannon R	George A	Alfie P-E	Isaac S	Theo E

KS2

Year 3 and 4

Year 3 have had a busy week in their Tomb Raiders theme lessons



designing, making, painting and evaluating their very own canopic jars. They have looked at images of authentic Canopic jars from the Ancient Egyptian civilisation, and remembered the jars they saw at the Birmingham Museum, and created some wonderfully ornate and beautifully coloured versions of their own.

In another exciting week, Year 4 have been looking at some lovely examples of winter poetry, showing their understanding of the effect the language has on the reader and then creating their own poems about snow. They also became deeply involved in solving a mathematics mystery centered on the secret Christmas cake thief.

100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RD	94.87%	3H	96.50%
RW	95.15%	3T	96.77%
1J	95.72%	4O	95.79%
1P	95.68%	4P	94.32%
2A	97.21%	5E	94.85%
2C	97.01%	5M	96.23%
		6S	97.11%
		6H	94.19%

Whole School Attendance is 95.82%

Best Class 2A 97.21%

Well Done

Reception School Applications

Can we remind all parents that have children due to start reception class in September that the deadline for applications is fast approaching. Please can you make sure all applications for school places are completed as soon as possible.

Year 5 and 6

The final week before the holidays has been packed full of fun! Going to the Panto and our end of term parties have been particular highlights of the week. The children have had an awesome time celebrating with their friends. We are so proud of them for all their hard work in the Autumn term. It has been a pleasure to teach them and get to know them.

Also, a goodbye (for now) and big thank you to Mr Urquhart who has been working in Year 6 in the first term of his training to be a teacher. We are so grateful for all his hard work and the children have had a brilliant time with him.

From all of the staff in the Year 5 & 6 phase, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy time with your little ones (well, not so little now) these holidays. We'll be ready to greet them back in 2020!



Birthday Zone	Birthdays from 21 st December to 5 th January	
		<i>Nancy A</i>
	<i>Ava N</i>	<i>Isabella R</i>
	<i>Ionatan C</i>	<i>Beth T</i>
	<i>Evie C</i>	<i>Selma A</i>
	<i>Kendrick D</i>	<i>Ethan K</i>
	<i>Harry-James M</i>	<i>Laila-Rae B</i>
	<i>Emma W</i>	<i>Rayan L</i>
	<i>Leah M</i>	<i>Natalie N</i>

KS1

Year 1 and Year 2

KS1 have had a wonderful week. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the pantomime on Wednesday and they all had great fun at their Christmas parties. The highlight of the week was the performances of 'Lights, Camel, Action'. The children were amazing and we were so proud of them. Thank you to all the parents and carers for providing the costumes and helping them to learn their lines.



Early Years

Nursery

Today our first term in Nursery draws to a close which has left me feeling very nostalgic; thinking about the wonderful times we have shared over these past 15 weeks together. When I cast my mind back to those early summer days, when we visited you all at home and met our lovely cohort for the first time, I can barely believe these are the same group of children. Our Nursery cohort has blossomed into a confident, bubbly and excitable bunch who love coming to school each day, and can't wait to embrace every challenge that we give them. It has been a real pleasure to get to know them all, and learning about their special quirks and unique differences which make them all so special.

Reception

Reception have had another busy week and have all done amazingly to keep going. There is a lot of winter illness around at the moment and the children are ready for a rest. The highlight of this week was our Christmas party. The children played a range of party games, including musical statues, musical chairs and 'Best Dancer'. They had a fantastic time and were thrilled to finish with a special visit from Santa! They created some wonderful memories of their first Christmas in Reception. We wish you a Merry Christmas and we hope you all enjoy your well-deserved time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



