

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

Happy New Year! It was lovely welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday morning. We kicked the year off with a whole school assembly where we had a chat about what we got up to over the holidays and talked about new year's resolutions. There were lots of great ideas including walking to school more often and keeping bedrooms tidy. I have set the children a resolution of taking better care of their belongings such as jumpers and coats (we had 6 black sacks of lost property last term)! They may ask you to write their names on labels if they aren't currently named to support them with this.

On Wednesday we were visited by Dean from Help for Heroes who shared with the children some of the great work the charity does to support and advise ex-servicemen and woman who have suffered both mentally and physically whilst serving our country. He spoke powerfully with first-hand experience as an ex-soldier himself about the challenges that can face those who have served in the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force once they return to civilian life, often facing the prospect of huge adjustments to the nature and scope of their lives. We were impressed with the children's interesting questions.

Don't forget that if you would like to volunteer to come into school to listen to children read, there is a meeting on Thursday 16th January. We are hoping that there will be some parents/grandparents/carers who would enjoy coming into school for the first 30 minutes of the morning, however if you would like to volunteer for an afternoon, that would be great! We really appreciate your support.

The internet is essential in 21st century life for education, business and social interaction. As children move up through the school, their access to various types of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too. The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives but children, schools and parents all need to be aware of various online risks. As a school, we try to prepare the children by teaching them about e-safety and about what is and isn't appropriate use of the internet. A parent has raised concerns about a website (Omegle) which facilitates talking to strangers and I felt it was important to bring it to your attention so that you can safeguard your children from it. Please see the logo below.



If you would like to share any information or require any further support please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend,

Beki Moore, Head Teacher

Just a quick reminder that the Sun newspaper is running a fantastic books giveaway, with schools reaching the target of 3,500 vouchers, able to claim a free box of around 100 children's books worth over £600. These are all books from the highly regarded Collins Big Cat reading scheme and would provide a really welcome boost to our library. We have registered with the scheme and would be very grateful for any vouchers that you collect. We have quite a way to go, so please spread the word to friends, neighbours and colleagues and bring your tokens into school each week. Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Moore



The School Calendar

Don't forget to check
Twitter for regular updates

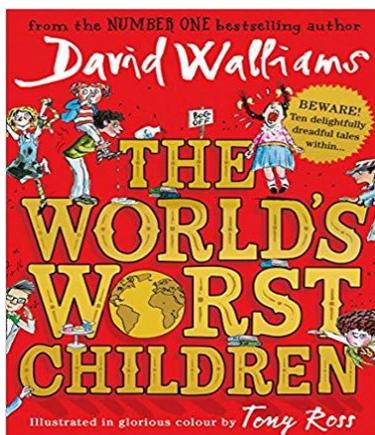


13.1.20	Year 3 & 4 Food Testing
14.1.20	Choir starts at lunchtime
14.1.20	Boys football match at home -v- Willenhall
15.1.20	Primary Admissions deadline
16.1.20	Parent Readers Meeting 9 -9:30
17.1.20	Australia and Pet Day (non uniform) cake sale.

KS2

Year 3 and 4

Year 3 have had a lovely, enjoyable first week. In R.E., they have started looking at the topic of 'Why People Pray', with a focus this week on people who help us. In English, they have been writing a letter in reply to one from Valerie Bloom who has expressed how delighted she is to hear that her poetry is being studied. In maths, they have been challenging themselves to use and apply their multiplication and division skills to solve word problems with a real world focus. Year 3 will be moving on to look at 'measure' in their maths next week and would welcome any donations of packaging that have the weight of the contents printed on the outer box.

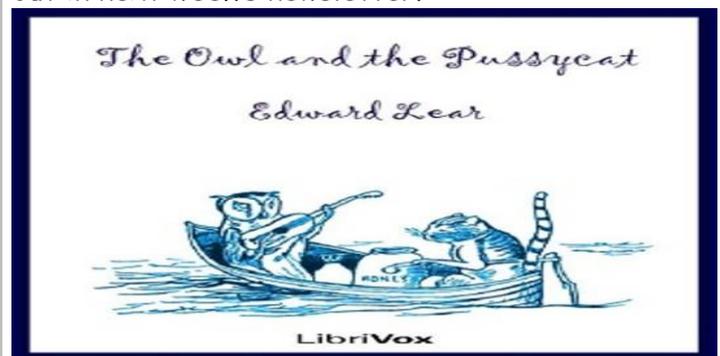


KS1

Year 1 and 2

It was lovely to see all of the children after the Christmas break and to hear all of their news. This week we have been focusing on poetry. Year 1 read Zim, Zam, Zoom - a fun poem with lots of adjectives and descriptive language. They practised it and then performed it before creating their own version, using a range of different adjectives. Year 2 have been looking at the classic poem, The Owl and The Pussycat. They learnt the poem and then recited it to the other class using lots of expression and actions. They then adapted the poem to create their own version using two different animals, going on another adventure.

We have also been doing lots of art based on our new Theme of Flight, to decorate our classrooms. We will be having an exciting launch next week - keep an eye out in next week's newsletter!



Early Years

Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been sharing all our exciting news about what Father Christmas brought us and enjoyed drawing a picture and writing our name on it.

We have also been learning all about Winter and have been busy making snow hats, snowflakes and snowmen made out of our names!

We have also started our phonics this week with the children and we have been busy learning our first sound 'm'

Take a look at our fabulous Winter display which Mrs Newsome whipped up over the week!



Reception

Reception have had a great week back at school. The children have had so many wonderful stories to tell us about their experiences during the Christmas break! We still haven't heard them all yet. They have returned to school healthy and reenergised, with a spring in their steps. They have loved going on their own adventure with the Gruffalo's Child and have immersed themselves in role-playing the story. They have been eagerly creating pictures from the story, as well as creating realistic models from playdough. They know that they have nothing to fear with the Gruffalo or the Big, Bad Mouse! Have a lovely weekend everybody.

In another exciting week, Year 4 have been reading stories about the 'World's Worst Children'. Although they were disappointed not to find themselves within the pages of David Walliams book, they have taken great pleasure and derive great benefit from inferring meaning from the text and preparing to write a diary from the point of view of one of the children. In maths, they have been using and applying their growing multiplication and division skills to solve word problems with a real world focus. In theme, they have been getting increasingly excited about the prospect of beginning the new topic of 'World Kitchen' and are eagerly awaiting their food tasting afternoon next Monday.

Year 5 and 6

Welcome back to Year 5 and 6 for the Spring term in 2020! We hope you and your children enjoyed the holidays. Our phase has been launched into space for our theme work this term! The children have taken part in a number of physical, mental and social challenges in order to become a Space Cadet. They have had to prove their fitness ability, problem solving skills and that they can work as a team in order to pass. It has been a really exciting start to our learning and the children are buzzing with questions about life as an astronaut!

This week we have sent out a letter detailing our trip to the National Space Centre later this half term. This will be a key part of our learning and we would love all the children to come. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the Year 5 and 6 team.





Birthday Zone 	Birthdays from 6th - 12th January	
	<i>Daya A</i>	<i>Rhiannon R</i>
	<i>David K</i>	<i>Oliver H</i>
	<i>Noah K</i>	

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that After School Clubs start next week. You need to sign up on line and if you manage to sign up on line for school clubs it means a place is available. Paying by Sims Pay is the most secure way for all clubs and trips. If you have not got a code or having any trouble, please contact the office and we will do our best to help you.

The clubs will run for 10 weeks so finish week beginning 23rd March.

We are pleased to confirm the following clubs for this term.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Times	Cost
	Dodgeball	3/4/5/6	15:15 - 16:30	£20
	Design club	5/6	15:15 - 16:15	£10
	Netball	4/5	15:15 - 16:30	£10
Tuesday	Boys Football	5/6	15:15 - 16:30	£10
	Band	Separate letters to follow		
	Drama	4/5/6	15:15 - 16:30	£20
	Football	1/2 - separate letters to follow		
	Multi-Sports	1/2/3	15:15 - 16:30	£20
Wednesday	Tennis (8 - 11:45am)	3/4/5/6 separate letters to follow		
	Football	3/4 separate letters to follow		
	Girls' football	3/4/5/6		£10
	Cooking	5 - separate letters		
Thursday	Netball	6	15:15 - 16:30	£10
	Circuit training	3/4/5/6	15:15 - 16:30	£10
Friday	Gymnastics	2/3/4	15:15 - 16:15	£20
	Football	5/6 Separate letters to follow		

Rags to Riches

After last years successful collection we have decided to do this again. You should have received a flyer and a bag in readiness for our collection on Wednesday 29th January.

Unfortunately due to space can we please ask that you do not send in any bags until Monday 27th January.

A good excuse to tidy up the wardrobes etc.



Communication

At the start of a new term can we please ask you to make sure that the office know of any change of circumstances, house moves, telephone numbers and family circumstances to help us as a school to maintain our standards of communication.

Some of this information can be updated on line via Parent App. If you have not got a login please ask at the office and will send you a code.

Please find attached Spring Term Diary Dates

