

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This Week at Clifford Bridge

Wow, what a busy week we have had here at Clifford Bridge! Our Theme topics are now in full swing and the children's books are starting to fill up with beautifully creative work. Years 3 and 4 have been hard at work learning all about where our food comes from, whilst Years 5 and 6 have begun learning all about space! Early Years have been celebrating Chinese New Year and Nursery have even had a go at making spring rolls. Years 1 and 2 have started their topic on Flight (which was a favourite of mine when I taught in Year 2 a number of years ago).

Sadly, today is my final day at Clifford Bridge before I say farewell for now, and embark on my next exciting adventure of becoming a mummy. Thank you to everyone who has shared your kind words of advice, ranging from, "Enjoy a long bath before she arrives" to "Never leave the house without wet wipes". Staff, children and parents have all been so supportive and Nursery have been very inquisitive about my growing bump. Over the past three years I have learnt so much about the parent I want to be from meeting you all. As you all know, I adore Tapestry, which gives me a sneak peek into your lives and the wonderful things you do with your children. Our children at Clifford Bridge are so privileged to have parents and staff who care for them so deeply. They are a credit to you all, and I have loved getting to know each and every one of them. I can only hope that when my little girl is ready for her own school adventure that we are able to send her to a school as special as Clifford Bridge!

As I say goodbye (for now), I will leave you with one of my favourite quotes. This feels quite apt considering I've got a year ahead of me which I hope to fill with all sorts of fun and play: 'Play builds the kind of free-and-easy, try-it-out, do-it-yourself character that our future needs'. Whether your child is in Nursery or Year 6, play is so incredibly fundamental - it is always a good use of time!

Have a lovely weekend and I will be back to visit when Baby Dainty makes her arrival!

*Mrs Dainty*

We all wish Mrs Dainty and Baby Dainty the very best and yes we cannot wait to meet her and welcome her when she arrives in a couple of weeks time.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Beki Moore*



## The School Calendar

Don't forget to check  
Twitter for regular updates



29.01.20

Rags to Riches clothes collection - Bring your bags of clothes in from Monday

06.2.20

PTFA Meeting and AGM 3.30pm Everyone Welcome

Merit Certificates 	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Scarlet T	David K	Alphane A	Jasmin A	Sarah M	Jay B
	Dexter C-T	Harper-Rose P	Ibraheem M	Alfie N		Harry M

### Early Years

#### Nursery

#### Chinese New Year



This week in Nursery we have been celebrating the festival of Chinese New Year.

We started off the week by looking at where China is on a map and talked about how we might get there.

Then for the rest of the week we have been doing lots of Chinese related activities. We made Chinese lanterns, we wrote the first sound in our name in Chinese and to finish the week we made spring rolls which we have taken home to cook and enjoy.

We have also decorated a plate each using lots of red things, as in China they believe red is a lucky colour. We are going to construct a life size Chinese dragon to hang up in Nursery; we will take a photo when he is up!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

#### Reception

Reception have had an amazing week learning all about Chinese New Year. The children have learnt about the story of twelve animals all competing to win the race and why each animal takes their turn to have a year named after them. The children have been engaged in lots of animal role-play and have brought in a wonderful array of dragon models. We have decorated our classrooms beautifully with the children's creations, as well as some traditional Chinese lanterns. The highlight of this week has definitely been tasting different types of Chinese food and opening our own fortune cookies. The children were very excited to find a message inside. We wish you a wonderful Chinese New Year and hope it brings you all a lot of happiness and good luck.

### 100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RD	94%	3H	99.33%
RW	99.67%	3T	98.67%
1J	97.92%	4O	98.28%
1P	98.33%	4P	94.67%
2A	98.67%	5E	95.81%
2C	97.33%	5M	98.67%
		6S	99.33%
		6H	95.67%

Whole School Attendance is 92.31%

Best Class RW 99.67%

**Well Done**



Birthday Zone 	Birthdays from 21 <sup>st</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> January	
		Charlotte M
	Scarlett T	Benjamin K



## KS1

### Year 1 and Year 2

This week Year 1 have been writing their own version of the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. They thought carefully about the main events in the story and wrote them in order using adjectives to make their stories more interesting.

Year 2 have continued to enjoy listening to 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and wrote their own character descriptions of Mr Twit.

It has been lovely to see the photos that the children have brought in of their holidays. They all enjoyed having the opportunity to talk about where they had been and then finding their destination on a map of the world.

## KS2

### Year 5 and 6

In Year 5 this week, the children have been learning about tenses in their English grammar work. They have covered some very tricky and complex work whilst showing lots of resilience! In theme, they have begun to compose and perform a musical piece to represent the different planets. This is linked to music by Gustav Holst. We are really looking forward to their final performance! In Year 6, we have been exploring how astronauts live in space and the differences that occur when being weightless. This is in preparation for writing a detailed and entertaining information text on 'Living in space'. Thank you for attending our SATs information evening. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher. Although this is a busy term, we want to ensure the children are not worried about their upcoming tests.

### Year 5 and 6 Art Competition

Mrs Dhillon is extending the deadline for the Art Competition to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Years 5 and 6 are invited to draw and colour entries towards a 'British Values' display in our school hall.

## Year 3 and 4

Year 3 they have had another fun-packed week. In English, they have been using inverted commas to mark the direct speech of characters. In maths, they have been challenging themselves to use their knowledge of 'partitioning by place value' and the 'expanded column method' to calculate multiplication problems. Their Theme lessons have been fascinating when looking at where in the world our food comes from and the distance it has travelled to get to us here in Coventry.

In another exciting week, Year 4 have been researching the life and work of children's author David Walliams, and writing and publishing a biography about him. In maths, they have been using and applying their multiplication skills to solve word problems and extending the scale of those problems into multiplying 3 digit numbers. In theme, they have greatly enjoyed investigating where the food we eat come from around the world and have shown great artistic skill by drawing very lifelike still lives of a colourful bowl of fruit.



### Holiday Club

During February half term Alan Higgs are running a Holiday Club with an excellent offer for early booking

9.00am - 3.30pm £10.00

8.30am - 5.00pm £15.00

Contact Alan Higgs direct

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