

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This Week at Clifford Bridge

Welcome back! We've come to the end of our first full week and the children have settled in remarkably well and they look very smart in their uniforms and shiny shoes. They have been so excited to see their friends and there has been a wonderful buzz of excitement in classrooms and on the playground at break and lunchtimes. Our Nursery and Reception children have just started back too and they coped brilliantly with their first lunchtime yesterday. The staff really enjoyed the settling in sessions and having the opportunity to meet many parents and carers throughout the week.



I thoroughly enjoyed surprising year group bubbles with a selection of indoor play board games. The children (and the staff!) have had a lovely time learning how to play them and reigniting their social skills!

Reading books and diaries will be sent home on Monday and they will be changed on Friday. This is so books can be kept in isolation for 72 hours before being re-distributed. Therefore, children will not have a book from school over the weekend.

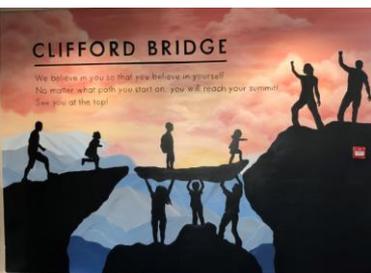


Our phase assemblies have been focused on E-Safety and the children have learnt how to stay safe on the internet, apps and social media. With our older children, we have focused particularly on never accepting requests from people you do not know whether it be via apps, gaming chat and so on. For further information on how you can keep your child safe, please click here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that it's 'business as usual' in school now so attendance is compulsory. It is important that your child is on time to ensure they are settled for a day of learning.

Please look out for an important letter today about entry and exit on the school site from Monday. From talking to you on the gate, I know there are some tweaks which may help so I would like to trial the arrangements explained in the letter.

Our Parent Handbook will be emailed today. You will find this a really useful document as it will tell you lots of information about school and our policies and procedures. Please look out for our curriculum letter too- it will tell you what your child is learning about this term.



We have had an artist in school this week and she has painted the most wonderful mural, showcasing our vision for the children at Clifford Bridge. We will be doing lots of work this term around our vision and values but I just couldn't wait to show you a sneaky peek at the new wall in our entrance area.

Don't forget it's Roald Dahl day on Sunday! The children had an assembly on Monday and learnt lots of facts about him, including where he used to write all his children's books. Take a look at the website for more information: <https://www.roalddahl.com/home/kids>

Have a super weekend! Mrs Morgan

Following the Prime Minister's update on the Corona Virus pandemic we are strongly encouraging all parent/carers when they drop off/collect their children, to wear face masks whilst on the school site.



18.9.20

First merit assembly

w/b 28.9.20

Teacher phone calls (an appointment will be made with you)

## KS2

What a start to the academic year it's been in KS2! The children have been so very successful adapting to the 'new normal' at Clifford Bridge and have settled in well with their new class teachers. It has been so good to feel that buzz of learning again in the corridors and seeing so many smiling faces—there really is nowhere quite like school at the start of September!

Both inside and outside of the classroom, we have enjoyed a variety of superb Thrive inspired activities and plenty of PE, PSHE, active Maths and reading already this term as part of our recovery curriculum. In Year 3, the children have been creating some incredible art work as part of their 'Journey of a pebble' stimulus. Year 4 meanwhile have been delving in to the 'Here we are' book - writing about the places and people who inspire them. In Year 5, the children have been exploring their feelings and emotions, representing this with images and words. Finally, in Year 6, the children have been getting up and active enjoying a variety of physical activities, including bench ball - which they seemed to particularly enjoy! We now look forward to the rest of



the academic year and all of the adventures and learning that will take place with great anticipation.

Finally, we know it's been a different start to the year for all of us, but I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support during this time, it really is appreciated.

Mr Brown  
Assistant Headteacher- Key Stage 2.

## KS1

Wow - what a brilliant start to the school year it has been. Year 1 and 2 have blown us away with their enthusiasm and excitement to be back in school, despite the changes. We have been so impressed with how quickly they have settled into their new routines and have thrown themselves into their learning.

As part of the 'Here We Are' unit of work, we enjoyed using Google Earth to explore our planet and were amazed at how beautiful it really is. We then created a guide for aliens telling them all about they would find on Earth if they decided to visit. It was lovely sharing ideas about the things we can do on Earth that bring us together.

Throughout the week, we have enjoyed playing lots of circle time games to get to know our teachers and classmates. It has been so lovely to see all of the children back together again and enjoying their friendships.



Miss Moore  
Deputy Headteacher- Key Stage 1

## Nursery and Reception

Reception and Nursery have settled at school beautifully as we welcomed them into school for the first time this week. They have taken everything in their stride and have particularly enjoyed the good weather.



Without a doubt, we have some budding musicians and athletes at Clifford Bridge! The superheroes and construction activities have been particularly popular!



Mrs O'Brien  
Early Year Lead

## 100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RD		3B	100%
RW		3T	100%
1P	93.33%	4O	93.55%
1S	100%	4J	92.73%
2A	98.08%	5E	100%
2G	100%	5M	100%
		6S	91.94%
		6H	93.33%

Whole School Attendance is 96.30\_%  
Best Classes 1S, 2G, 3B, 3T, 5E, 5M 100 %  
Well Done



Birthday Zone	Birthdays from 02/09/13/09/20	
		Alfie H
	Lexi J	Charlotte A
	Olly C	Xavier E