

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Christmas has certainly come to Clifford Bridge and it was magical to see the children's faces as they arrived on 1st December. The elves have been busy decorating the school and it looks fabulous! A huge thank you to all the families who have donated to the 12 days of Christmas food bank appeal, we have had an incredible response so far.

Christmas Cards

Due to GDPR reasons, I'm afraid it's not possible for us to send home class lists. If your child would like to send Christmas cards, then they can pop them into their bubble's post box by Friday 11th December.

Christmas in the Community

The children have been busy creating superb decorations for our local community. Classes from Year 1 to Year 6 will be delivering decorations next week, following our risk assessment. One class at a time will be accompanying members of staff, who will be posting decorations through letterboxes, to bring Christmas cheer! We are really excited about this.

Christmas Jumper Day

We are encouraging children to come to school dressed in their Christmas Jumpers on Friday 11th December. A donation of £1 would be greatly appreciated to support the charity, 'Save the Children'.



Changes in assessment from the government

You may already have seen on the news that the government have announced their assessment plans for this academic year. Year 2 SATS will not be taking place and teacher assessment ^{Key stage 2} will replace this. Year 6 SATS will be taking place in Reading and Maths but they have cancelled the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper. Year 6 writing will be teacher assessed as usual. Year 6 SATS will be administered in May. Phonics screening for Year 1 will happen as normal in June.

Date	Activity
Monday 10 May 2021	English reading
Tuesday 11 May 2021	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Wednesday 12 May 2021	Mathematics paper 3

Remote Learning

Just a quick reminder that if your child is self-isolating and they are well, there is an expectation that they will continue with their learning at home remotely. Please access this via our website and upload your child's work onto Class Dojo. Our school office staff explain this when you inform us of the absence, and you will receive a phone call from your child's class teacher during the period your child is self-isolating too. <https://www.ietrust.org/introduction/>

Social Distancing

Please remember that it is important that we adhere to the 2m distancing rules when on site. We are working together to reduce the risk of infection.

Teacher Training Day- Monday 4th January 2021

We break up for Christmas on **Friday 18th December 2020** and children return back to school on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

I know the weather is getting a little colder and the evenings are getting a little darker, but I hope you enjoy the weekend, and you have the opportunity for a well-deserved rest.

Stay safe,
Mrs Morgan





The School calendar

Don't forget to check
Twitter for regular updates



7th/8th December	Year 2, 4 and 6 Science Enrichment Days	14th/ 15th December	Year 1, 3 and 5 Science Enrichment Days
8th December	Parent workshop 'Recognising and Managing Mood'	15th December	Parent Workshop 'Understanding and managing your child's emotions
10th December	Year 5 Bikeability	15th December	Christmas Dinner Day
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day	15th December	School to watch Nursery's Christmas Video
11th December	School to watch Reception's Christmas Video	16th December	School to watch Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production (virtually)
		17th December	Virtual Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk

Nursery and Reception

Nursery have thoroughly enjoyed 'Stickman' this week and have enjoyed the range of activities on offer to them, including making their own Stickman out of toilet rolls, sticklebricks and natural materials.

We also read another stick related book called 'Not a Stick' by Antoinette Portis. We went on a stick hunt and the children came up with some really creative and imaginative ideas about what they could turn their stick into including a butterfly, a shark and a magic wand! The classroom looked a little bit different on Tuesday as the elves had been busy at work on Monday night decorating the classroom ready to start our Christmas celebrations over the next few weeks. Nursery have been busy writing cards, making decorations and wrapping presents at our present wrapping station. We are now learning to only wrap the presents instead of unwrapping them once we have placed them beneath our Christmas tree!!



Christmas came to Reception this week! Santa's elves paid us a visit on Monday and sprinkled their magic dust. It was a delight to see the awe and wonder on the children's faces on Tuesday morning. Amongst the children's reactions were "wow!" and "it's the best". The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring Santa's sleigh and flying around the world. They have been perfecting the art of wrapping presents in Santa's workshop and playing with the Polar Express trains. The highlight of the week was discovering the 'special snow' that came all the way from the North Pole. It even glistened in the light and the children felt like the luckiest children in the world!

KS1

Year 2 have had another busy week! We've been working so hard on our assessments and Miss Griffiths and Mrs Allen have been so proud of how hard everyone has tried! When we've not been doing assessments, we've been creating some beautiful Christmas decorations and Christmas cards to get us into the holiday spirit. Of course, we are still acting our hearts out, getting the Christmas play ready. The toys are coming to life every day, preparing to dazzle you in two weeks' time! During the last week of term, you will be sent a link on Class Dojo, where you will be able to see the recording. We hope you are as excited as we are!

In Year 1 this week, we have been busy wowing Mr Peet and Miss Payne with our super learning! We have completed some special quizzes in our Phonics and Maths to show how fantastic we are and how much we have learnt already in the Autumn term. In Maths, we have been continuing to build upon our understanding of subtraction by using our number lines to help us with our working out. In English we have started looking at information texts and practised our retrieval skills by searching through texts for our answers. We found out lots of information about old toys. Did you know the oldest toy in the UK was made over 2000 years ago?! On Wednesday afternoon, we continued our theme learning and compared old and new teddy bears. We looked at the similarities and differences we noticed and decided we much prefer our colourful, soft teddy bears we have at home! We have also continued our rehearsals for our dances for the Christmas play, 'A Christmas Toy Story'. We can't wait to share these with you soon!

KS2

Year 3 have had a great week despite it being our assessment week. The children have all been fantastic and we are immensely proud of how hard they have worked in each test. As well as this we have made our Christmas cards (so no peeking in the window to have a look!) and they look great. On Friday the corridor was filled with the heavenly scent of melted cheese as we made our sandwich toasties as part of our Theme. The children are great little cooks and seemed to enjoy cooking. We have also been painting our clay baubles which will be delivered to the local area next week. We are still awaiting the return of the bauble sent home, so if you have been creative and completed a bauble, then please bring it back to school by Monday.

Year 4 have powered through assessment week incredibly well! We are so proud of the way they have tackled each task, even with a smile on their faces! On Thursday, we had a great time making toasties as part of Theme. After carefully designing our perfect services snack, we spent the afternoon creating and cooking our final product. It's safe to say we were all full by the end! Well done Year 4!

We've been engulfed by a wave of learning in Year 5 this week, where we have been researching the natural phenomena that is the tsunami! If you need to know something about a large wave, Year 5 is the place to be! It has been great to see the children enthused about their learning during a week of assessments and even making a link between their reading and the environmental impact of plastic waste!! Well done Year 5, you can all be very proud of yourselves!

It's been a busy old week in Year 6 this week, where not only have the children been completing assessment week, but also writing a short story in English with the added challenge of only being able to use 100 words! To lighten the load a bit, we then enjoyed some music as part of our theme sessions and evaluated a song which centred around saving the planet. Finally, we fully immersed ourselves in the Christmas spirit by creating decorations ready for our special Christmas delivery next week! Well done Year 6 - you should all be so proud of yourselves for what you're achieving at the moment! :)

100% Club Attendance

Whole School attendance is 97.80%
Best Class 2A - 100%
Well Done!

Class % Attendance

RD	93.70	3B	97.81
RW	99.12	3T	97.78
1P	99.63	4O	98.61
1S	98.96	4J	99.29
2A	100	5E	99.00
2G	98.53	5M	99.00
		6S	95.97
		6H	92.48



Birthday Zone

Birthdays From 30th November to 6th December

Ashleigh A	Mya C
Alarna-Rae D	Louis S
Amelia-Rae G	Emily B
Haya K	Lucie P
Maximus R	Alfie D
Elanie M	Kaydon S



Head Boy

Game of the week

This weeks game of the week... is Long Jump.

Two or more teams (2 more players on the teams) compete for a minute trying to get the longest length.

If you play on the small playground (or the 5/6 playground) use the circles round the basketball hoop. For the hoop with the number 1 round it (in the middle, next to the hoop) that will be worth 5 points. Then the next hoop (number 2) will be worth 4.

If you play on the small playground, simply count the length. Largest length at the end of the game wins.

Now let's HOP to it...I know that was a rubbish joke, but I could not think of another one!

Have a great week,
Joe



Head Girl

Game of the week

The game this week is...what is the time Mr wolf.

Get a group of around 5-6 people.

Choose a Mr wolf.

Then the people playing will ask what is the time Mr wolf and the wolf can choose any number between 0-10 so for example he/she could say 6 o'clock and the players would have to move six places forwards.

After the wolf has had enough they could say dinner time and usually they would chase the players but as we can't touch each other they would just choose who they want to be on. The same person can not be on twice. If you are playing at home then get ready to run and tag someone.

Why don't you play this in your bubble.

From your head girl Lauren

