



Cliffe Woods Primary School

26th March 2021

Well, this term certainly started and ended quite differently, didn't it! It has been so, so amazing to have the children back – there really is a sense of normality creeping back into school for sure. We have started to plan some exciting things, so fingers crossed we can tell you more about them soon – watch this space!

Drop Off and Pick Up



Sorry to start with a moan, but there have been several occasions where we have witnessed dangerous driving at drop off and pick up times. The speed that some people are driving past the school is bad enough, but some are also driving too quickly in the car park. Please, please, please watch your speed, the last thing we want is for someone to get seriously hurt because of someone else's thoughtlessness.

On the same theme, the zig-zag lines at the front of the school must be always kept clear. Again, this is for the safety of the children and their families. So, if you are dropping off on the zig-zag lines, or indeed have stopped in front of the school to just 'quickly' drop off your children, please stop.

Coffee Box

The Coffee Box has been a great success and we hope it will continue to raise funds for the school which we can then spend on some exciting things for the children. That being said, can you please stop your children from playing on the artificial grass next to the Coffee Box; there are people with hot drinks in this area and we want to avoid accidents.

We are expecting a delivery any moment of some benches to go on this area so that hopefully, very soon, you can sit and enjoy a drink!

Phones In School

We have an increasing problem with mobile phones being brought in to school. For children in Year 6, we understand the importance of learning some independence before starting secondary school, however phones *must* be handed in to their class teacher at the start of every day. If children fail to do this, the phone will be confiscated and the parent will be required to come in to school to collect the phone. For children in every other year group the message is quite simple – please do not allow your child to bring their phone or any other electronic device in to school.

Absence From School

If your child is going to be absent for any reason, could we politely request that rather than messaging the class teacher on SeeSaw, you let us know by ringing the absence reporting line before 9.30 am on the day or, if it

is a planned absence such as a hospital appointment, that you email the school office on admin@cliffewoods.medway.sch.uk This will ensure that the right people have the right information at the right time – many thanks!

Your School Lottery

We are hoping as many of you as possible will help us raise some money for the school by supporting our school lottery. For further information and to sign up, please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Cliffe Woods Primary. Our first draw will take place on **Saturday 24th April**, so fingers crossed one of our school community will hit the jackpot!

Hip, Hip **NOT** Hurray!

Some of you may have seen me wobbling around for a while now with a limp. To cut a long story short, unfortunately I have got to have a hip replacement. I have waited about a year for a date for my operation and it has finally come round...April Fools Day, can you believe it!? Starting on Monday, I will have to self-isolate so will not be at school. I am hoping to return soon after the Easter break, but let's see how it goes...

In the meantime, in my absence you will still have the same amazing team running the school. However, there have been some slight changes in the leadership team: Mrs Connolly and Mrs Robins are now the school's Deputy Headteachers and Mrs Burrows is now the school's Assistant Headteacher. I am sure that most of you know who they are but just in case:



Mrs Connolly



Mrs Robins



Mrs Burrows

As always, please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns in the first instance, but this team are also there to support as needed.

As I say, hopefully I won't be off too long. I will miss the children dearly... they have only just come back!

And Finally...

I will finish my letter as I started it. It really has been wonderful to see and hear the children laughing, enjoying themselves and getting back into their learning. They are a real credit to the school and their families, we are incredibly proud of them.

I am sure Term 5 will be even better, especially with what we have planned. It is going to be a busy and exciting end to the year!

Please continue to stay safe!!

Mr T Muggridge
Headteacher