

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

Welcome back! The Summer Term has started really well, and we've even had a lot of sunshine to prove it! The children have settled into their final term with a sense of purpose and determination. It has been great welcoming them back to school and hearing about all their adventures during the Easter break. There were a fair few sun-tanned faces on Monday morning, and lots of children brimming with anticipation who were desperate to tell us all what they had been up to. I had the pleasure of spending the morning in Mr O'Sullivan's class on Wednesday, and year 5's understanding of fractions blew me away. They are making excellent progress and I was very impressed with their maths books. It is evident that our Singapore Maths (Maths No Problem) is working wonders, and the children are developing creative methods and concepts for tackling some tricky problems.

Poor old Dylan (year 2) had a nasty start to the week with a broken wrist before the school day even started! Dylan's injury was a really unfortunate accident that could not have been avoided, but it reminded me to ask you all to take extra care in the mornings (before 8.50am) and after school (after 3.15pm) when there are no staff on duty. Supervision of your children outside of these hours is parental responsibility. We have some fabulous equipment on our playground and field, but it is only safe if used properly. During school hours we have strict rules about who can use the equipment, how it is used and how many children can play on it at any one time.

Early Years have now had our annual delivery of chicks! The children have been excited to see them hatch, and the chicks are adored by everyone in school; we even caught Mr Whale sneaking in to school at 9.30pm to "check they were doing ok"... AWWW!

We have been blessed with some lovely weather this week, I am optimistically hoping it will continue! Can I remind parents that on such days it would be helpful if you could provide your child with a sun hat/cap and make sure they have their water bottle in school. We advise that you pop on an all-day suncream at home in the mornings, as it's impossible to help 450 children put their suncream on before breaks and lunchtimes. I am likely to have tempted fate now and will be writing my newsletter about wrapping up warm next week! As we are now in April, your children are welcome to switch to summer uniform, however this is not compulsory, just be guided by the weather.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend

Amy Husband

Head Teacher

Birthday Zone



Birthdays from 6th April 2018 - 22nd April 2018

Emmanuel C	Ella P	Willard Y	Emilia P	Avin F	Ratshiha T	Noah O
Kian J	Kaiden W	Jasmin G	Eva H	Alicia M	Rosie M-S	



Wednesday
25/4

Reception Hearing Tests
Group Photos, Sports, Music &
1J Class Photograph

Thursday 26/4
Friday 27/4

13:30 Swimming Year 4
13:30 Swimming Year 3
15:30 Football Match v St Johns

Years 3 & 4

What a lovely end to our first week back. The sun is shining and everyone is smiling! Year 4 took the opportunity to make the most of the beautiful weather this week to put a bit of drama in to our lessons. While reading the Butterfly Lion by Michael Murpurgo, we are taken back in time to hear about the life of Bertie, a young boy who grew up out on the African veld. Although the heat probably wasn't up to African standards, we felt it was close enough to have a story under the shade of the school trees and then re-enact the scene out on the field.

We are all very excited for our big launch of our fantastic new topic - The Tudors! Years 3 and 4 have been busy preparing for a re-enactment of the Battle of Bosworth! Students have chosen their sides. Some are fighting for the Lancastrian Red Rose and fighting for Henry Tudor (MRs Tarka and Mrs Every) while the others are fighting for their reigning monarch and the Yorkist white rose of King Richard the Third (Mrs Elliott and Mr Woods) Important note: No children will be harmed in the re-enactment of this battle!

Years 5 and 6

Welcome back to everyone!

The whole phase have settled back in as if we were never away. As a phase we have launched our Theme, 'Britain at Play' by exploring a range of different leisure and popular culture elements from the sixties. We've also started some brilliant pop art style portraits that will take pride of place on our display boards and Theme front covers.

Year 5 have also been tackling all things fractions. They've been looking at a range of methods and how they can choose the most efficient method for different problems. As well as this, they have been analysing different biographies ahead of their upcoming Theme linked writing. Year 6 on the other hand have been exploring the opening few scenes of Shakespeare's classic, Macbeth. They have described both the initial battlefield setting and the witches around their cauldron. In addition to this, they've also been completing their final round of practice SATs which they have handled brilliantly.

Class % Attendance

RK	99.13%	3E	96.25%
RW	97.84%	3EV	95.69%
1C	91.25%	4T	96.67%
1J	72.5%	4W	98.21%
2M	98.33%	5O	92.92%
2FS	97.92%	5Y	99.58%
		6A	97.27%

Whole School Attendance is 94.9%

Best Class is 5Y - 99.58%

Well Done

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons will start for Years 3 & 4 on Thursday and Friday of next week. Please make sure that children bring with them all items for swimming

School Photographs

On Wednesday afternoon the school photographer will be in to take sports groups, music groups and to take Year 1J class photograph (now that 12 children are back from the chicken pox virus!)

Please find Parents Diary Dates attached

PTFA News

Some exciting news following on from last nights PTFA Meeting.

Sports Week - Military Mud Run

During Sports Week, week beginning 25th June Reception to Year 6 will be able to take part in a military mud run along with other sporting activities going on during the week. **Circus**

We have been lucky enough to secure a visiting circus! This is a one off instead of our usual Summer Fayre. More information, links and ticket information to follow very soon!

KS1

Year 1

It's been a super first week back at school. In English we listened to the poem "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright. We worked in groups to discuss the descriptive language used in the poem and then began to think about what we would put in our own Magic Boxes. Next week we will be creating new poems using our ideas.

We have also been making the most of the lovely weather. We went outside and looked at the trees to see the new buds growing on the trees. We were surprised to see how many different shapes and colours there were. We then used a tree guide to try to identify what each tree was.



Year 2

What a sunny welcome back we have had this week! The children have been working extremely hard and have loved getting stuck into our English unit on the story 'The Jungle Book'. As a class we read the story, discussed any tricky vocabulary and made a story map. The children then enjoyed taking part in a 'hot-seating' activity where Eleanor from Year 5 acted as Mowgli. The children asked Mowgli lots of inquisitive questions in order to learn more about his personality and character. We have then rounded the week off by writing a short character description of him. Miss Moore and Mrs Farrington-Smith are so impressed with the positive learning attitude that the children have come back to school with and can't wait to see all the amazing things that they are going to achieve this term.



Early Years

Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely week back at school! The children have been thrilled to come back after the Easter break. They have quite literally had a spring in their step, learning all about Spring. The children spotted a range of clues and ticked them off on their sheets as we went on our Spring Hunt around the school grounds. They spotted daffodils and various other flowers, birds, bird's nests, leaves and seedlings starting to grow, and even a queen bee! However, no lambs were found! More importantly, the sunshine made everybody smile.



Reception

Hatching Chicks!

Welcome back to school! What a wonderful week filled with all things spring (and even a sprinkling of summer too). Many of you will have noticed that we have had some visitors in Mr. Wilson's classroom this week in the form of ten tiny chicks. The eggs arrived in the incubator on Monday morning and by Tuesday afternoon the first chick had begun to hatch. By Wednesday morning all ten eggs had hatched (eight girls and two boys). The children have been very kind, caring and considerate of the chicks who are growing rapidly, much like our Reception bunch!

