

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This Week at Clifford Bridge

What a busy week! We're in full swing now and I cannot believe we are already in October. We had a very exciting day earlier in the week when our outdoor classroom was built, it looks absolutely fabulous and the teachers can't wait to start using it. A huge thank you to YOU as parents and friends of the school, as this classroom was funded entirely by PTFA fundraising efforts and your generosity. We saved up our pennies for a whole year and what an amazing result! It goes without saying that our PTFA work miracles, and I am very grateful to each and everyone of them for the time they give to school. On that note, we have our first PTFA meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November in the evening. We desperately need some new recruits to share the ideas and jobs list with so I would be delighted to see some new parent faces on our team. Even if you can't commit to a whole year, just pop along to this meeting and see if you can give some of your time to an upcoming event.



Miss Moore is having surgery on her feet next week, so I know you will join me in wishing her a smooth and speedy recovery. In her absence 2M will be taught by Mrs J Ashley who has over 10 years teaching experience, with most of that being in Year 2. We are very excited to welcome her to our team, albeit for a short while. She has already been in school lots, getting to know the children. Whilst Miss Moore is recovering, Mrs Farrington-Smith will be the interim Phase Leader for Y1&2.

Can I please remind parents that the school gates **must** be locked by 3.30pm each day to ensure the safeguarding of our children in after-school clubs. Lots of children and parents are socialising on the school field and using the play equipment after 3.15pm and this is making Mr Whale's locking-up duty very difficult. Please make sure you have vacated the site by 3.30pm once you have collected your children. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

I am absolutely delighted to let you know that Mr and Mrs Farrington-Smith are expecting their first baby! Baby Farrington-Smith is due in Spring, and we will of course update you nearer the time as to the plans to ensure an excellent teacher holds the fort in Mrs Farrington-Smith's absence. The whole Clifford Bridge family extends our warmest congratulations. The children in 1FS will be finding out this news from the expectant mummy herself later on today!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, long may this sunshine continue!

*Mrs Amy Husband - Headteacher*

Merit Certificate	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		Keira-Leigh N	Harrison H	Ella P	Joe M	Freddie R	Harrison H
			Jessica L	Harry-James M	Zak J	Zaynab S	



9.10.2018	Dol-y-Moch Parents Meeting 5.00-6.00pm
12.10.2018	Cake Sale to Raise funds for Indonesia 3.15pm on playground - please support
12.10.2018	Year 3/4 Football match

## KS2

### Year 3 and 4

It has been another busy week in Years 3 and 4. Year 4 were practising hard for their Family Assembly which they really enjoyed sharing with everyone on Wednesday. As well as this, they have been learning how to round 4 digit numbers to the nearest ten, hundred or thousand. They then used this knowledge to make estimations to solve problems in real life situations, such as finding the cost of three different items in the supermarket.

**Year 3** have been exploring ways to add three digit numbers, using Dienes and numberlines, then beginning to record their calculations using the column method. They are also creating information texts. They looked at a variety of different books to identify the main features, then used iPads to scan QR codes which led them to websites containing information and videos about James Starley. They worked in groups to write notes about their findings and will now use these to create their own information texts about James Starley and the evolution of the bicycle.

### Year 5 and 6

*"Where shall we three meet again in thunder, lightning, or in rain? When the hurlyburly 's done, when the battle 's lost and won"*

*"Double, double, toil and trouble;  
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble!"*

Recognise those quotes? That's right. Year 6 are studying Macbeth for the next few weeks. We have condensed the whole story into a story map and can now retell the whole story with actions and scary witch voices! We can't wait to get going and act out some more of this story.

**Year 5** have been busy preparing for an indoor athletics event. They have been throwing, jumping, sprinting and bouncing around school all week! In science, Year 5 have begun an investigation into air resistance. What will hit the ground first, a bottle full of water or the same bottle, half full of water? What difference will a parachute make to this investigation and why? Will the size or parachute or type of material change the outcome? Lots of questions to be answered by Year 5, but they are up to the task!

## 100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RW	95%	3C	99.33%
RD	96.19%	3E	87.33%
1J	97.24%	4HJ	99.33%
1FS	92.14%	4T	99.33%
2M	98%	5O	98.28%
2E	97.93%	5Y	87.50%
		6S	98.62%
		6W	100%

Whole School Attendance is 95.95%  
Best Class is 6W 100%  
Well Done

### Skittles

This is Skittles our resident tortoise



Mr Whale is kindly making Skittles a holiday home in readiness for his vacations as his school residence is rather large to be moving around. We are looking for donations of lino if anybody has any spare or cut offs, please see Mr Whale or Mrs Tarka.

Can we please ask for donations of Harvest produce which will be being donated to Coventry Food Bank before next Tuesday.

## KS1

### Year 1

Money, money, money! Must be funny! Well... it certainly was fun when the children in Year 1 got to go shopping this week at the toy shop! We practised making amounts of money, reducing prices for things in a sale, and bought toys from the 'shopkeeper'. The children worked very hard indeed and had a super time, however we regret to inform you that there may be a handful of future shopaholics in the making.



### Year 2

**The Mystery of the Missing Toys - the plot thickens!** Year 2 have been working extremely hard this week and are now one step closer to finding the missing toys and the culprit! We have been recording our theories and using this mysterious situation as an excuse to write a dramatic and action-packed adventure story. Below is an extract from Avaani's (2E) version of events.

*'It was a bright, sunny and warm day when the children came into school. They were happily chatting but when they came into the bright, colourful classroom something was missing. OH NO! Our toys have been taken.'*

We have also been working our socks off in Maths this week, learning how to add using the column method. We have been using calculation mats to help us. Scan the QR code to watch Stanley's demonstration so you can learn how to do it too!



## Early Years

### Nursery

#### Dear Zoo

I wrote to the zoo and they sent me... thirty-eight excited Nursery children (with an appetite for story telling). What a zoo-tastic week we have had; enjoying the small world zoo and making our own play dough animals. We have been practising our snipping skills making giraffe food (in the form of fresh rosemary from our herb garden).

Next week, our book of the week will be 'The Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will be making some delicious space themed biscuits, creating some glittery pieces of art and learning all about our solar system.

I am told that the weather is set to turn colder over the weekend so wrap up warm, enjoy your special family days together and remember a warm coat on Monday morning!

*Miss Knibbs (NK Class Teacher)*

### Reception

Another adventurous week in Reception has passed. The children all put on their best smiles for their school photographs. The photographers were extremely impressed at how well they behaved. We received an unexpected visit from a grumpy dinosaur during the week who made a real mess in Reception. After our amazing detectives investigated, it soon became apparent that the dinosaur was grumpy because he was hungry. The children then decided to design a special lunch plate for him so that the school cooks could make it for him. He was a very happy dinosaur by the end of the week. *Have a lovely weekend everybody!*



#### **Birthday Zone**



#### **Birthdays from 30<sup>th</sup> Sept - 7<sup>th</sup> Oct**

*Penny H*

*Ben C*

*McKayla N*

*Isaac S*

*Sienna P*

*Anu A*

*Harvey H*

*Lyla K*

*Lauren C*

