



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting our 'Bring-a-thing day' last week for Summer Fair and Soccer Aid and Father's Day lunch etc. etc.!!! There is so much going on we do understand how difficult it is to keep track of everything. The children are certainly getting Article 31 the *Right to Relax and Play and join in with a Wide Range of Activities'*



## **Our very own Mrs. Hilton – receives a Silver Award in the Pearson National Teaching Awards!**

Did you see the amazing news on our app and on Twitter? Our very own Mrs Hilton is one of just 68 teachers across England to receive a Silver Award in the Pearson National Teacher Awards 2019! We are absolutely delighted for both her, and our school, to receive such a special recognition. Judges from Pearson scrutinised thousands of nominations and shortlisted finalists to visit in their schools. The judges came here last week and spoke to staff, pupils, parents and colleagues from outside agencies, as well as watch Mrs Hilton teach her class.

It was only on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – national 'Thank a Teacher' day - that the news was broken to Mrs Hilton. Hannah, who made the initial 'thank-you' nomination, presented the award at school. As well as an invitation to tea at The House of Commons in July and the Gold Award Finals in October – which will be televised, she also received the Pearson Silver Trophy, winners certificate, bottle of bubbly and of course a cake.

We all wish her the very best of luck for the finals...fingers crossed!

## **Summer Fair – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 6pm**

'Bring-a-thing' day was a huge success last week! Thank you so much for your support. We have a great tombola stall to look forward to on Summer Fair night. Further donations for the tombola or any other stall are always gratefully received and they can be brought to school anytime. It's always one of our most popular attractions! Cakes for the cake stall however would need to be brought in on the morning of the fair please.

Raffle prizes have been coming in but we are always grateful for more. If you think your employer or yourself could donate a raffle prize, then please pick up a letter from the office.

Children should have already brought home a poster advertising our fair – please can they be put on display in homes or local shops. Poster competition winners will be announced and prizes will be given on the night of the fair.

The name draw is well underway with Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Slater going around classrooms each morning collecting entries – children can enter their names for just £1, as many times as they like, right up until the day of the fair. The prize is £50!

## School Organisation September 2019

I know the children will already be thinking about their class and teacher for next year and 'move-up' morning will soon be upon us – 2<sup>nd</sup> July. I would therefore like to confirm with you who will be teaching each year group in September.

Nursery	Mrs. Finch
Reception	Miss Richardson
Year 1	Mrs. Hilton
Year 2	Mr. Blood
Year 3	Miss Daglish
Year 4	Mr. Haswell
Year 5	Mrs. Atkinson
Year 6	Mrs. Claydon and Mrs. Brentnall



## 'Goodbye and good luck'

Although there are still 4 weeks of term to go, I am sure that you may have noticed that Mrs Dixon's name is missing from the school organisation list for September. She is sadly leaving us at the end of term heading for pastures and challenges new! We would like to wish her the very best for the future.

Keep in touch  
Mrs D!



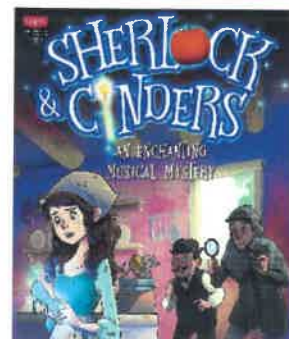
## End of Year Show – 'Sherlock and Cinders'

Rehearsals have begun for the end of year show, led by Year 6, but everyone from Reception onwards are included. As you know, performance days are the **10<sup>th</sup> (2pm and 6pm) and 11<sup>th</sup> July (9.30am and 6pm)**. Tickets go on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> July 8.45am in the main hall. Please don't forget to get tickets for the evening performances as soon as possible as we do tend to run out. Tickets are restricted to two per family for the evening shows on the first day of sale, but after that any remaining are freely available. Mrs Hardy will go around classes each morning after 2<sup>nd</sup> to collect any money and ticket requests from the children.

We do ask for your full support in returning the children to school to enable us to put on the evening shows – it's never the same if children are missing from their class performance.

I would also ask that you obtain tickets for one of the 4 performances when you are able to stay for the whole show. It is disappointing for the children who have worked hard to put on the performance and also causes disruption for other members of the audience when people leave at different points during the show.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## Amanda Coulson visit – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June

For our final visit from Amanda as part of the Inspire Project she is going to do some boxing with all classes in the morning and then give out the medals for the 'Quad Kids' competition. The children have really enjoyed Amanda's visits throughout the year and she has certainly inspired us with her determination and resilience!

## Careers Fair – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Thank you to parents who volunteered to come and talk to our Y5 and Y6 children about their jobs. We are just so busy at school that I was unable to squeeze it in in June. If you would still like to come along and share your experiences about your current role (or old job if you'd prefer) then please contact Mrs Brentnall. The session will run during the afternoon 1.30pm – 3pm.

**BIG PLAY**  
FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019

## Big Play Event

All of the children enjoyed taking part in the 'Big Play' this afternoon. They joined over 15,000 other children around County Durham who all had a musical themed day. We learnt the song 'Dancing in the Street' and shared some of our favourite songs with each other and what they mean to us. Check out twitter/website for photos.

## Armed Forces Flag Day – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

I am hoping that our school council will attend the flag raising ceremony next Saturday in the Town Hall Gardens at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to view the ceremony from outside the garden area.



## **Sports Update**

There are lots of sporting events coming up over the next few weeks and checking the app regularly for updates will be vital. All children need to make sure their PE kit is in school as classes will be taking advantage of the weather (fingers crossed) to do additional PE and practice.

### **Upcoming events:**

**W/B 24th June – Quad Kids** Each class will be taking part in different sporting activities throughout the week so please ensure PE kits are in on Monday and remain in school throughout the week.

**25th June - Primary Olympics (9:30am – 2:30pm)** A selection of KS2 pupils will represent the school at this event. Those children who have been chosen to represent the school have already been informed.

**3rd July - Year 5 Cricket Tournament (9:30am - 2:30pm)** Year 5 will be going to Tudhoe Cricket Club and taking part in a competition all day. They need to bring a water bottle to school and come to school in a tracksuit.

**5th July - Year 5 and Year 6 OAA Day (All day)** Year 5 and 6 are lucky as they will be going to Stanley Forest to take part in an Outdoor day. Further information about this will be sent out on the app.

**12th July - Go run for Fun -** Further information about which children will be involved will be sent out next week on the app.

**16th July – EYFS (Reception Class and Nursery) Sports Day**

**17th July – Sports Day (Year1 – Year 6)**



## **Summer School Holiday Clubs**

We are delighted to be able to offer some holiday provision again this summer – this time through the Sedgefield School Sports Partnership's multi-sports camp. The cost is £12 per day or £30 for all 3 days. Bookings can be made through their website at

<https://sedgefieldssp.org.uk/>

The days at Cleves Cross are Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9.00am – 3.00pm. You will see from the SSP website that 9 further days are available at local schools – and these days are open to all children.

We are still trying to organise some additional provision here at Cleves Cross, however it is proving hard to secure!

## **SNAG – School Nutrition Action Group**

Our next meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July here at school. We would love some new parents to join us. The meeting is very informal and gives you a chance to shape any changes to our food in school – breakfast, lunch, snacks etc. Children, staff, our cook and our school meal providers make up the group. Why not join us? Please just

## **Holiday in term-time**

Summer term is always a time when requests are made for approved absences for holidays and I know that you are all aware of the fact that these can only be approved if there are 'exceptional circumstance' involved.

Can I just remind everyone that once unauthorised absences hit the 14 sessions (7 days) parents are issued with a fine from the local authority. This is meant to be a deterrent and a reminder that absence in term-time has a negative impact on pupil achievement. Once parents have had a fine issued and further unauthorised absences occur, then the likelihood is that a formal interview, under caution, is the likely outcome. It really isn't something we want to pursue, but policy is clear and to ensure fairness to all, this is what is followed.

This is also a chance to remind everyone that attendance is key and monitored carefully in school. Unauthorised absences that amount to 10 sessions within a rolling 12-week period will also result in a formal attendance warning by letter from the local authority attendance team.