



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

With Harvest celebrations almost upon us, our Rights Respecting thought for this newsletter is **Article 24 the Right to Nutritious Food and Safe Drinking Water**. We are very thankful for the food we receive and want to support other children who may not always get their right.

'Scout-ed' FREE Holiday Club in October Half-term

Thanks to Approach Too and Big Lottery Funding, we are pleased to be able to offer a free Bush Craft Skills, Play and Adventure Holiday Club to our pupils on Monday 22nd and Tues 23rd October. The activities will be held here at school and will be provided by Scout-Ed, an outdoor education company. The day will run from 9am until 3pm and will include den building, woodland art and outdoor games. Children will need a packed lunch and suitable clothing for playing outside. As places are limited, they will need to be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child would like to attend, please indicate which day they would prefer and return the application form to the school office as soon as possible.

Requests can be made via the school app or form can be collected from the school office.



National Libraries week

This year, to celebrate National Libraries week, we have decided to hold an 'Emoji Book Quiz', which is open to everyone across school. Can you work out the titles of the famous books using only emoji symbols? Quiz sheets will be available from the school library on Monday. Returned quiz sheets will be put in the draw to win a £5 book token. Good luck!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We want to say a huge thank you for your fantastic support at last week's coffee morning. We had amazing donations of cakes and definitely the biggest turnout ever. We raised around £470 for this worthy charity and it was thoroughly enjoyable. The winner of the guess the length of the 'sausage roll' was Joanne White with a guess of 42cm. The actual length was 49cm.

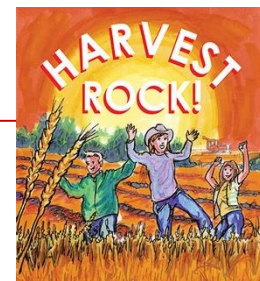


School Trips – annual Panto!

I am sure you will agree that trips and visits enhance our curriculum substantially as well as being great fun. We try to give our children the best possible experiences, and through our School Fund, we do subsidise all trips. Even though we do have our own mini buses, we often still need additional transport and of course many activities/places charge for admission. We do therefore need to request parental contributions and without these contributions the trips could not go ahead. We do try to spread out the visits during the year and term for each class, although sometimes opportunities arise out of the blue!

Thank you for your continued support with this and if any contributions are difficult please speak to your child's class teacher or myself and we will be happy to help when we can.

This year's Panto trip is already booked and the whole school – from Reception Class to Year 6 - will again visit the Gala Theatre on Thursday 6th December at 10.00am. The total cost including admission and transport will be £10 per child which you can pay online at <https://schoolcomms.com>. If you have never used Schoolcomms before please follow this link to login and then - parent login, new user and enter your mobile number and email address that we have for you at school. You will then be sent a pin to your phone. It's very simple to set up. Payments can be made from next week up until 31st October.



**Y1 – Y6 Harvest Festival- Harvest Rock! Friday 12th October 9.30am and 2.30pm
And The Royal Horticultural Society ‘Big Soup Share.’**

Tickets have now been distributed for the School Harvest Festival Celebration. If you haven't yet sent in your contribution, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

We will be collecting both fresh and tinned produce from Monday 8th October to add to our Harvest collection. If you are able to donate a food gift, please send your gift into school that week. Tins, packets etc are very much welcomed and fresh produce can also be donated close to the day if you wish. Raffle donations are also greatly appreciated as we will hold a raffle at each of the presentations. Raffle proceeds will go to support our school gardening projects and the food collected will be redistributed to St Luke's Food Bank. Thank you for your support and I look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate Harvest with us.

Can You Help the Community?

Volunteers are wanted to help with the local Community Speedwatch. Community Speedwatch (CSW) is an initiative where members of local communities join together with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Speeding vehicles are then referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. The training takes about an hour and volunteers can go out 2 at a time for approximately 1 hour. Anyone interested in helping can pick up a form from the FerryDec shop in



**Tickled Pink Disco – Thursday 18th
October 6.00pm – 7.30pm**

Our end of half term disco will again this year have a pink theme to support the 'Tickled Pink' Charity. All children from our school are welcome, including younger brothers and sisters if parents stay too! Admission will be £1.00 for everyone and children are asked to wear something pink for the occasion. Pink drinks and refreshments will be available to buy. I am sure we will manage to raise some significant funds for this charity that does some excellent work with many people in need in our community.



Sports Update

Football - Well done to the Y5/6 football team who won both of their matches this week: 10-0 and 2-1. Their final matches will be next week - fingers crossed for some more good performances.

After school football will be on as normal like this week and Mr Lambert will run this.

Cross Country - A group of 23 children from Y3-6 represented the school well at the Cross-Country festival this week. A particular mention for Freya Cook who managed to come 1st in her race out of over 100 runners! Well done Freya and everyone else too.

Y3 Multiskills - This afternoon, Y3 enjoyed attending a multiskills event where they took part in a range of different sports.

Bikeability - Year 5 continue to take part in their Bikeability sessions and have enjoyed going out on the road and improving their confidence too.

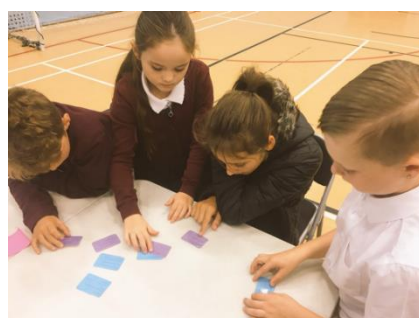
SSOC Training - 4 children from Year 5 and 6 attending some training and have formed a 'SSOC' - School Sports Organising Crew at school. They are looking forward to getting involved in sports organisation throughout the year!

Upcoming Events

October 9th - Football fixtures at Greenfield (3:45-5:00)

October 16th - Tag rugby tournament (Children to receive information regarding this next week)

October 19th - Bikeability final session for Year 5 children





Reception Class and Nursery Harvest

On Wednesday 10th October at 2.30pm we are very excited to be hosting an EYFS Harvest Festival. Both Nursery and Reception children have been working very hard to prepare a Harvest performance and they can't wait to share it with you! As space is limited we ask that you reserve any remaining tickets via the app. A £2 contribution per ticket will add considerably to our Harvest collection and is warmly welcomed. Morning Nursery children should return to Nursery at 2pm wearing their school uniform. We look forward to you celebrating Harvest with us.

Friends of Cleves Cross School

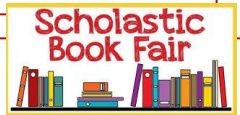
Help! We really need some willing volunteers to keep our Friends of School group up and running. We do very much value the work that has been done in the past. Children have enjoyed discos, Magic Shows, Cinema Nights, Christmas Fairs etc. etc. And all funds raised have come back into school for those extra special treats for our children.

Can you help at all? It can be anything from coming along to a meeting (very informal and friendly) and sharing ideas, helping out at an event or writing newsletter updates for parents. Every little helps! We have sent out an app notification to ask when anyone would be best able to meet up. If you are interested, please can you respond and we will arrange a meeting at the most convenient time for everyone. Thank you!



Parent/Teacher Discussion Opportunities

Early next week, all parents will receive an invitation to make an appointment via the app, for a discussion about their child's progress when we return to school after half term. Please complete your appointment request no later than Friday 19th October. Actual appointment times will be sent out the first week back after half term. The after-school session will be on Monday 5th November and run from 3.20pm to 5.50pm. Each class will have a different afternoon session which will run from 1.15pm until 5.30pm. We do aim to speak to all parents, so please let us know if you are unable to make the time/date suggested as we will be pleased to make alternate arrangements if necessary. These sessions are intended to be informative and supportive, discussing your child's general progress and targets. We do aim for 10 minutes per appointment and try our best to stick to this to avoid lengthy waiting times for anyone. If you feel you have more to discuss, then we would be happy to arrange an additional follow-up appointment if necessary.



School Book Fair

The school book fair was well supported again this year and takings were the highest ever – thank you! Not only does it mean that we raised just over £500 in book commission for use in school, it also tells us that our children are enjoying their reading even more! Brilliant!

Further Diary Dates for the rest of this term

18 th Oct	EYFS Stay and Play -1.30pm
19 th Oct	Y6 Durham Museum and half term break begins
30 th Oct	School returns
1 st Nov	Green Peace Talk Year 6 Reception Parent's afternoon
2 nd Nov	Y5 Parent's afternoon
5 th Nov	Grinton Residential Year 6 (week)
5 th Nov	Parent's evening meeting all classes Y6 Parent's afternoon
6 th Nov	Y1 Parent's afternoon
7 th Nov	Y2 Parent's afternoon
8 th Nov	Y3 Parent's afternoon and 6pm meeting for residential trip info.
9 th Nov	Y4 Parent's afternoon
12 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
14 th Nov	Police Station Reception Class Visit
19 th Nov	Road Safety Week Carousel
4 th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Journey
6 th Dec	Gala Theatre whole school (ex nursery)
10 th Dec	School Performance 2 pm & 6pm
11 th Dec	EYFS Performance time tbc
12 th Dec	School Performance 9.30am & 6pm
13 th Dec	EYFS Performance time tbc
PARTIES – week commencing 17 th December - more details later	

School Closed – Monday 29th Oct

Don't forget our second teacher training day of this academic year is the Monday after half-term. School re-opens for children on Tuesday 30th October. Our third training day is Monday June 3rd.