



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school and a special welcome to our new pupils and parents. I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break and that everyone is looking forward to the challenges and enjoyment of the school year ahead. As always, we have lots planned and I know we will have our usual busy year ahead. We do our very best to keep you fully informed of what is going on here at school through fortnightly newsletters - every other Friday, which is distributed through our school app. If you haven't yet managed to download the app, and are not receiving email updates, please don't hesitate to call in at the office and we will have you up and running in no time!



New Starters

All staff, governors and pupils would like to wish a warm welcome to Cleves Cross to our new starters this year - both to school and nursery!

Reception Class - welcome to Joshua, Harry, Brayden, Harley, Isla, Laila, Harrison, Reuben, Millie, Harvey, Ellis, Matilda, Amelia, Layla, Maxx, Cole, Imogen, Orlaith, Caleb, Amerah, Felicity, Lachlan, Devyn, Tilly, Summer, Charlie, Ruby, Seth, Ella and Kai.

We also want to welcome our more **grown up new starters** - Year 1 - Arizona and Year 2 - Avarni.

Two new teachers have also joined our staff team this week; Mr. Haswell in Year 4 and Miss Daglish in Year 3. We are delighted to welcome them to Cleves Cross. We hope that they all enjoy their time here and we are delighted to have them in our school.



Book Club and Book Fair 23rd - 27th September 3.15pm - 3.45pm

We will always try to encourage a love of reading with the children and intend to continue our monthly 'Book Club' and twice yearly 'Book Fair'. Look out for our Book Fair leaflets coming soon. The Book Fair begins on Monday 23rd September. Please call in and see the huge selection of quality books for all ages. The Fair will be open straight after school each afternoon for you to visit 3.15pm - 3.45pm. **It will also be open at our Macmillan coffee morning (see below).** Don't forget that we do receive free books for school as commission for every book you buy, so your support is really appreciated. Thank you!

Rights Respecting Gold Award and Eco Schools Green Flag Award! Congratulations to us all!

At the very heart of our school are two whole school initiatives that strongly influence our curriculum and are at the very core of our ethos and beliefs. At the end of the Summer Term both of these awards were due for reassessment and reaccreditation. I am delighted to be able to announce that we were again successful in being recognised as meeting the standards and criteria for both Gold Rights Respecting School status and the Eco Schools Green Flag award. Mrs. Hilton and Mrs. Claydon, and our Rights Respecting Ambassadors and Eco-Team, lead our schools efforts in ensuring both our Rights Respecting and Eco Schools work go from strength to strength.

Celebrations are being planned as we speak - so look out for your invitations to join us to celebrate our amazing achievements!



Green Flag Award

Communication - we want to keep you informed!

There is always lots going on in school and we do want to keep you updated and also share with you many of the events and activities that take place as soon as they happen. We will continue to issue **newsletters every other Friday** - via our app, on our website and with **printed copies in our noticeboards**. Please check every issue as I try to include everything that is planned at school.

Our calendar on the school website is also populated with events that are planned. We are looking to improve the layout of this so it is more user friendly - and events more obvious. Again, please keep a check and we will aim to keep it fully updated- <http://www.clevescross.durham.sch.uk/>

Twitter - you can see photos and snippets of news from school if you follow us on twitter @clevescross. It's a great way of sharing our school life with you.

And if all else fails, please feel free to give us a telephone call to check on anything you are unsure of.



MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - Friday 27th September at 9am

One of our first events of the school year is the MacMillan Coffee Morning. We would like to invite parents and friends along to join us on Friday 27th September from 9.00am - 10.30am. Parents, grandparents, friends and carers are welcome to join us in the school hall, with (or without!) children for a coffee and a cake in order to raise funds for this deserving organisation. If you are unable to come along, children can still take part by bringing along a donation and each class will have an opportunity to have a cake and a drink during the morning with the rest of their friends.

We would love to see as many people as possible taking part and if anyone can help with baking and donating cakes/scones/biscuits for the morning, please let us know so that we can make sure there is plenty to go around! It is usually a lovely morning and we look forward to another successful event.



Money in School - a reminder!

Can I please remind everyone that with the exception of weekly juice money, we are a completely cashless school. It really is very easy to pay dinner money, trip money etc. via our online system - please let us know if you are having difficulty setting it up and we are happy to help. We are unable to accept cash payments at the office or in classrooms.



After School Clubs

We will continue to try to offer a range of after school activities for pupils across the school. These activities will **change each half term** and we do our very best to try to ensure all children have the opportunity to attend clubs throughout the year. Spaces in clubs are limited but we will try to allocate places to ensure as many children as possible have opportunities to attend. We like to let the Reception children settle in to school life this half term but they will get the opportunity to attend clubs after half term. Details of the clubs that will start next week are below. All clubs run from 3.15pm - 4.15pm. Please respond via the app to request a place. (No need to respond for football - just turn up!)

Monday	Gymnastics	Y1, Y2 and Y3 (Please check with school on Monday for places)
Tuesday	Eco Club	Y1 - Y6 (younger places are limited)
Wednesday	Dance	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
	Football	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
Thursday	Meccanno challenge	Y5 and Y6
	Cookery	Y1 to Y6.