



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our Rights Respecting thought for this newsletter is Article 31 'Children have the right to join a wide range of activities'. As you can see below there is always plenty going on, in and out of school!

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - Friday 27th September

Our annual coffee morning event is happening next Friday. Please come along and join us if you can. Money raised will go to the Macmillan Cancer Support - I am sure you will agree, a very worthy cause. It would be lovely if you could try to send along some cakes - bought or home-made - we would be very grateful! We look forward to seeing you.

All children will have the opportunity to visit the hall for cake, either with parents or with their class, so if you are unable to make it, please just send a donation in with your child and we will make sure they still get the opportunity to take part.

Scholastic Book Fair



The Book Fair takes place every night after school next week (Monday - Thursday) and it will be open during the coffee morning on Friday too. School does receive free books from the fair on a commission basis, so please take a moment to pop into school to see what is on offer. Every little helps!

Phonics and Early Reading Meeting - Reception Class Parents

On Monday 30th September at 6pm, Reception pupil parents are invited to our Phonics and Early Reading Meeting. The information presented will help you to support your child at home with these key early skills. The meeting is really for parents rather than children but if you are only able to attend with your child, then please do bring them along.



Winmarleigh Weekend

As you read this newsletter, 44 of our Y5 and Y6 children are away enjoying a wide range of 'Outdoor and Adventurous' activities at Winmarleigh Hall, near Preston. It is always a great weekend and you can have a look and see what they are up to by following us on Twitter @clevescross.



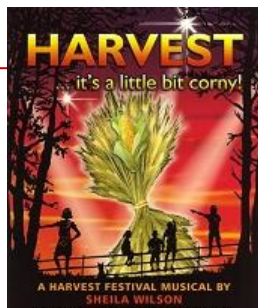
CHEESE!



School Photos - Individual Portraits - Wednesday 2nd October

The children will be having their annual portrait photographs taken in school on Wednesday 2nd October.

These will be individual portrait photos of all the children and we will also presume that you want your child photographed unless you give written instruction otherwise. Family groups will also be photographed. Any pre-school brothers or sisters can be photographed with children at school and if you would like this to be done, please bring along the younger children into the school hall from 8.30am onwards and they will be photographed first.



Harvest - it's a little bit corny! Join us to celebrate Harvest on Friday 11th October 9.30am and 2.30pm

Friday 12th October is our planned Harvest celebration in school and we would love to see you here to join in with us.

We will do 2 Harvest celebrations - **both exactly the same**, with all children in both so, as tickets need to be limited, please choose which **one** performance you would like to attend. Hopefully this way, everyone will get a chance to see it! Please complete the consent form on the app or send a note into school, requesting **either** 9.30am or 2.30pm tickets and 1 or 2 as required. We will then send the tickets home with the children. A £2.00 contribution per ticket would add considerably to our harvest collection and would be very welcome. Spaces are limited, so please send your request in as quickly as possible, and **no later than Friday 27th September** as any spare tickets will be distributed on request after that date.

We will be collecting both fresh and tinned produce from Monday 7th October to add to our Harvest collection. If you are able to donate a food gift, please send your gift into school that week. 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 given to a local charity. Thank you for your support and I look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate Harvest with us.

Holiday Club



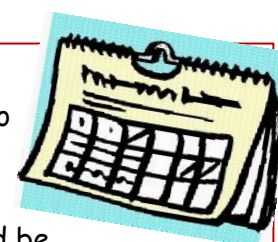
Holiday Clubs - the year ahead

Parents will be aware that we have tried lots of options and opportunities over the past few years to offer some holiday activities and childcare. I know that one of the issues for parents has been that you haven't known far enough in advance that holiday care/activities will be on offer. The other concern is obviously cost. I do very much want to be able to offer childcare and activities during school holidays and can therefore confirm that for this academic year, we will be offering Scamps Childcare **every half-term** from 8am to 5pm. As we do with our current Scamps Childcare, we will try to keep the costs to a minimum - more details soon.

Absence in term time - SATs dates information

Our school attendance is always monitored closely and is high on our priority list to ensure children have the best opportunities from school by keeping absence to a minimum. I would like to thank you for your efforts to help us with this.

A reminder that any request for absence to be authorised during term time should be made to myself here at school by completing the request form on the app or available from the school office. Absence can only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances' and this cannot include family holidays. Please continue to request authorisation, highlighting the reason for your request as early as possible prior to the absence. Whilst we have no wish to go down the route of fining parents, once 14 sessions (7 school days) are unauthorised, a fine is highly likely. It is also important to note that fines are given to each parent and for each child. I very much hope that this will not be the case here at Cleves Cross and I am sure that we can count on your support and understanding.



Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tests - SAT's are scheduled for 11th - 14th May 2020. Writing assessment continues until mid-June. Year groups 3,4,5 and 6 will all be involved in assessments during SAT week too and any absences during this time, or leading up to this period should be avoided. Year 2 will also be subject to teacher assessment throughout May and full attendance during this time is key for all children.

Dates for your diary

Here are some key dates to put on your calendar so far this term. There are sure to be more as the term progresses. Please make sure you are an active user of our app to enable you to keep up to date.

Sept 30th - Year 1 trip to Walworth Owl Sanctuary
- Reception Class Early Reading meeting 6pm
October 2nd Leanne Photography
October 7th Grinton meeting for Year 6 parents
October 9th Harvest Festival for Nursery & Reception 9.30am
October 22nd Fit for Life Day
October 24th Nursery Stay and Play
October 24th 6pm Tickled pink disco
November 4th - 8th Year 6 Grinton Residential
November 11th Parent Interviews whole school 3.20pm - 6.00pm
Parent Interviews - Reception 7th November 1.20pm-5.30pm
Parent Interviews - Year 1 12th November 1.20pm-5.30pm,
Parent Interviews - Year 2 8th November 1.20pm-5.30pm
Parent Interviews - Year 3 13th November 1.20pm-5.30pm
Parent Interviews - Year 4 14th November 1.20pm-5.30pm
Parent Interviews - Year 5 15th November 1.20pm-5.30pm
Parent Interviews - Year 6 11th November 1.20pm-5.30pm
December 6th Whole school at Gala Theatre Panto
Performance 11th December 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Performance 12th December 9.30am & 6.00pm
Christmas parties EYFS & Reception Monday December 16th 1.30pm,
Years 1 & 2 Tuesday December 17th 1.30pm.
Years 3 & 4 Wednesday December 18th 1.30pm.
Years 5 & 6 Thursday 19th December 1.30pm.
December 20th Toy Day