



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I am looking back over my newsletter file and it is unbelievable that the last one that was sent out was on March 6<sup>th</sup>! Whilst there have of course been lots of letters and updates sent in both formal ways and through app messages since then, I do feel that it is time to get back to some sort of 'normal' as far as possible. So, please let me share with you some news from school.

## September...what's happening?

I know that this will be the question you would like answering. Us too! I'm afraid that at this moment, you know as much as we do here at school. Right through this exceptional period, we have been closely following Department for Education guidance. We have been inundated with publications and updates from them - I lost count when we exceeded 50 pieces of documentation and updates that we had to read and act upon. Many have been actions for school to take with very little notice, but I do want to let you know that the team here at Cleves Cross have responded totally and supported myself and the Directors completely in providing both home-learning support for our children and preparing for the wider-opening of school. I can assure you that this commitment to provide the best possible education for our children will continue. Guidance from DfE is promised within the coming week and I will certainly let you know, as soon as I do, about the plans and provision we are putting in place for September. There is a clear indication that the expectation is for all children to return and we hope that is the case, but we also hope that it can be done in a safe and proper way that protects our children, our staff and our families.

## School and Class organisation 20/21

I know that both you and your children will be keen to know that when we do come back in September, who their teacher will be. There will be some changes to our teaching teams and of course, children won't have their usual opportunity of a 'move-up morning'. However, we do have an idea that I hope they will enjoy!

Everyone will be invited to a 'Meet the Teacher' zoom session next week. I know that not many took part in our zoom drop-ins this week, but hopefully the chance to meet their new teacher and have a question and answer session will mean more will join next week. Look out for days and times through the class email/app early next week.

### **Class Organisation September 2020**

**Nursery** - Mrs Finch, EYFS Lead. Mrs Morrison Teaching Assistant (TA) and Miss Taylor-Sayers Apprentice TA

**Reception Class** - Mrs Richardson, Teacher. Miss Hodges and Mrs Slater TAs. Miss Whales TA, will work across both of our Early Years classes.

**Year 1** - Mrs Hilton, Assistant Head Teacher (AHT) with Mrs Elliott as TA. Mrs Hawman TA will work with both Year 1 and Year 2.

**Year 2** - Mr Blood, Teacher with Mrs Punshon as TA

**Year 3** - Mrs Atkinson AHT, with Miss Daghish, Teacher and Mrs Cross and Mrs Whittaker TAs

**Year 4** - Miss Robinson, Teacher with Mrs Brown TA

**Year 5** - Mr Donohue, Teacher and Mrs McAuley TA

**Year 6** - Mrs Brentnall (Deputy HT) and Mrs Claydon, Teacher, with Ms Jones and Mrs Wall as TAs.

## Home Learning

Everyone here at school recognises what a huge challenge it has been for you to support your child at home with the work that is being set - especially if you are trying to work from home yourselves. We want to thank you for supporting your child and know that whatever you have managed to get done - it will have helped in some way. We have had lots of positive feedback from parents across the year groups and it has been very rewarding for staff to have received so many 'thank-you' emails. It has undoubtedly been a huge learning curve for us at school too...and like you, we can't wait to get back to 'normal'! Keep the learning going and keep sharing the photos - we have some lovely displays of work here in school that we can share on our website with you all.



## Keeping Active during lockdown!

We are delighted to have just received the School Games Mark virtual award to acknowledge the hard work of our pupils during the lockdown. We have certainly not let this stop us becoming active and it has been lovely to see so many photos and videos of what you have been up to! Keep them coming!

## Cleves Cross has got Talent!

Lockdown or no lockdown, we just can't miss our annual celebration of talent. Look for details in your home-learning challenge sheets! I can't wait to see who has learnt some great new skills, or mastered old ones during their time at home. Rather than just pick one or two winners, everyone submitting an entry will get a participation certificate.

## School Sports Week

This week has been School Sports Week and it would usually have been Quad Kids here at school. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the event this year but lots of you have risen to the challenge of being fit and active at home. We've been adapting games at school too and making them more distanced!

Remember to check the app and website for the links to some activities and there will be a certificate for taking part - the event ends next Friday - 3rd July.

## Keeping Safe online

Throughout lockdown, we have shared numerous pieces of information and links about how to keep your child safe when online. As many children continue to work from home - and accessing the internet is a daily way of life for most of us now, it is so important that as parents and carers, you try to keep one-step ahead and be aware of the dangers. There are many good sites that offer excellent advice and support around online safety, that add to the work we do in school. The Department for Education have produced a good booklet that gives a clear overview of what support is available. I have included the hyperlink below. Please do take sometime to look over it.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

