



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our Christmas preparations may be different this year, but we are all definitely into the spirit of the season! Christmas decorations are up, trees decorated and stories of those naughty elves' antics are shared daily!

Despite the challenges Covid brings, our children are still getting their fair share of Article 31 of the UNCRC – 'Children have the right to join in a wide range of activities'.



A Panto? Oh yes there is!

We are delighted to let you know that we have purchased an online panto for the children to enjoy this year. We might not be able to visit the Gala Theatre, but we can certainly bring the excitement of a panto to the children. Key Stage 2 will watch 'Oliver with a Twist' and Key Stage 1 will enjoy 'Jack and Jill and the Beanstalk' and Nursery will have their 'Polar Express Day'.

Our 'Friends of Cleves Cross' have kindly bought the panto packages and, thanks to a very generous donation from one of our parents, we will be able to provide the children with the full panto experience – popcorn/sweets and drinks all included!



Christmas Performances

Our Christmas 'performances' are well underway, and we hope that the end product is something that will be as memorable and enjoyable as others have been over the past years. The release of both our main School and Early Years (Reception and Nursery) productions will be in the final week of term and we look forward to sharing them with you. 'Christmas around the World: The Real St. Nick' and 'A Christmas Nativity' look to be lovely reminders of the joys of the season.



Toy Day

We really can't miss toy day at Christmas! Our Covid-secure plan though involves us using our toys here at school. We have our Scamps games resources, our 'wet-playtime' activities and staff have lots of games and challenges up their sleeves that will keep everyone entertained – I'm sure!



Christmas Food

Last year, instead of sending party food into school, you were all kind enough to send a contribution that we were then able to pass on to our local foodbank. We did this again at Harvest and they were extremely grateful. We would like to do the same again this year, so if you would like to donate some tins/packets of food, please drop them in the boxes at the entrance to each classroom from Monday 7th. Thank you!



Christmas Party Dates – a reminder that the parties start next week!

Children are asked to come to school in their party clothes on the day of their party. Please remember though that they will also be having outdoor playtimes – so something to keep them warm is important too. We will have a 'party' style food at lunchtime and then enjoy a drink and ice cream later in the afternoon.

Christmas Party dates –

Tuesday 8th December – Reception Party

Wednesday 9th December – Nursery and Year 1 Party

Thursday 10th December – Year 2 Party

Monday 14th December – Year 3 Party

Tuesday 15th December – Year 4 Party

Wednesday 16th December – Year 5 Party

Thursday 17th December – Year 6 Party



A sad, but exciting farewell

In amongst all of the Christmas festivities, I also want to let you know that this will be Mrs Finch's last Christmas here with us at Cleves Cross. She and her family are relocating to Glasgow in the New Year and we wish them all the very best for their new adventures. Mrs Finch will still be with us in January to help with a smooth transition for our nursery children. Mrs Snowball, our new Early Years Lead is joining us every Monday at the moment until her official start date which we hope will be just after February half-term.



School Christmas lunch and jumper day! Friday 11th December

We will all enjoy Christmas lunch together on Friday 11th with crackers, paper hats and of course, turkey and all the trimmings. Even children who normally bring a packed lunch are encouraged to join us for the special day – and almost everyone does. The cost is the normal lunch price of just £2.10. We will have drinks provided too. Please pay dinner money as normal, or if your child usually has a packed lunch, please just send in the £2.10 on Monday 7th December – in an envelope please!

Children are encouraged to wear a **Christmas jumper** on this day too.....and it's definitely a requirement for staff if they want their lunch!



Active Advent Calendar

We know that keeping active is really important - even more so when the weather doesn't really feel like it's on our side!

Every class has been using an active advent calendar to try and encourage some more physical activity and we will be continuing to do so throughout December.

Look out for a copy of this which will be put onto the app and school website so you can take part at home as well if you would like.

Remember to send any active pictures into the class emails as well - we always love to see these.



Cleves Cross
Learning Trust

Go Well
Step Into Christmas
ADVENT CALENDAR

Complete in any order and cross them off as you go! Merry Christmas and Good Luck!

1 10 LUNGES OR 1,000 STEPS	2 20 LUNGES OR 2,000 STEPS	3 30 LUNGES OR 3,000 STEPS	4 40 LUNGES OR 4,000 STEPS	5 50 LUNGES OR 5,000 STEPS
6 60 LUNGES OR 6,000 STEPS	7 70 LUNGES OR 7,000 STEPS	8 80 LUNGES OR 8,000 STEPS	9 90 LUNGES OR 9,000 STEPS	10 100 LUNGES OR 10,000 STEPS
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Trust Challenge – Random Acts of Kindness at Christmas

We are seeing lots and lots of lovely acts of kindness across school and teachers are celebrating these in classes and sharing them with the rest of school when possible – we had lots of examples in merit board virtual assembly this morning.

We are going to add a further incentive this week – anyone who is recognised as demonstrating an 'act of kindness' will have their name out in our 'achievement box'. This is usually used for children to put their names after they have completed their stamp card in class. At the end of every term, we pull out names – usually in celebration assembly – and children win gift vouchers of £5, £10 or even £25.

On Friday 18th this year, we will be drawing names out of the box as usual. If children have shown an 'act of kindness' then their name might be one of the ones pulled out for a prize. The more acts of kindness, the more chance they have of winning a voucher. What a fantastic way to celebrate the end of such a difficult year!