



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school - to what will hopefully be a much more normal year! A special welcome to our new pupils and parents who have joined us in Reception Class and Nursery too. I will continue our policy of sending out newsletters every other Friday to update you with happenings here in school. The newsletters will go out via our app, so please make sure you have it downloaded and working - it's invaluable for keeping you updated. If you are struggling with getting the app to work, please give us a ring at school and we will be able to assist. The newsletter is also added to our website for your reference.



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!

Nursery Class - welcome to Harper, Finlay, Arya, Eliza, Junior, Quinn, Miles, Florence, Xavier, Sarah, Destiny-Mae, Halle, Miley and Andrew.

Reception Class - welcome to Isaac, Skyla, Quinn, Alexis, Maddie, Eliza, Odin, Cruz, Aniyah, Louis, Destiny Elizabeth, Osheanna, Harper, Niya, Charlotte, Ava, Ava, Taylor, Merjaliine, Daisy, Oscar, Grayson, Martha, Noah, Dolly, Joel, Samson, Jack, Evie and Grace.

We would also like to welcome Miss Parkin who is our Y2 teacher and Miss Hughes who is working as a teaching assistant in Key Stage 1. A warm welcome too to Mrs Forsyth who joins the Year 4 teaching team

We are delighted to welcome them all to Cleves Cross. We hope that they all enjoy their time here and we look forward to them being part of our great team.



Attendance and arrival times

Recording of absence is back to pre-pandemic norms and we therefore ask that if your child is poorly, you telephone school before 9.30am to advise us. If we don't hear from you, you will be contacted by a member of the admin team to check what is wrong. This is part of our safeguarding procedures.

Just a further reminder at the start of term that school starts at 8.55am. Please ensure children are in school by this time and ready to get off to a good start with their lessons. If you do arrive after 9.00am, please bring your child to the main door and sign them into school through the late-book. We do need to monitor lateness, so if this happens regularly, we will be in touch to see what support we can offer to help.



Don't forget, we are trialling a 'soft-start' approach and children can arrive from 8.45am and go straight into class via the appropriate entrance. I hope that you find this useful.

Contact details up to date?

It's always a good idea to check that we have your up to date details at the start of the year. The easiest way is through the SIMS Parent app - a link to which was sent out last term. If you haven't got this, please check with the office for help. Thank you.





Communication - we want to keep you informed!

There is always lots going on in school, especially now as we return to normality.

We are gradually introducing whole school assemblies with the children and we look forward to gradually hosting some events such as MacMillan Coffee Morning, Stay and Play etc. We will still have to do it slightly differently to pre-covid times but events will be increasingly face-to-face and it will be lovely to welcome you all back. After school clubs will begin again this half-term and we will provide a range of activities for different year groups throughout the year. See below for the activities available this half-term.

We do want to keep you updated and also share with you many of the activities and learning that happens all of the time.

As well as newsletters every other Friday - sent via our app, and posted on our website, we also use Twitter and Facebook to share information and photographs.

Our calendar on the school website is also populated with events that are planned. Check it out, together with lots of other school information at <https://www.clevescrossprimary.org.uk/>

Twitter - look for @clevescross and click 'follow'. It's a great way of sharing our school life with you.

Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/Cleves-Cross-Primary-and-Nursery-School-113446616998921/?modal=admin_todo_tour

We still have our class emails so if you have questions, information or would just like to give some feedback to your child's class teacher please email using their direct class email. They are all in the same format e.g. Reception class - yreccleves@cclt.education , Year 1 - y1cleves@cclt.education etc.



Clearway outside school

Just a reminder about the clearway outside of school. Please can you ensure that you park outside of the clearway and are also not tempted to just 'drop off' your child at the car park entrance. We need to be good role models to our children and uphold the law. It is just an additional 2 minute walk. Thank you for your support.

P.E. at school

P.E. is a key aspect of school life, as is getting changed and prepared for the lesson. It is also a statutory National Curriculum subject and an important factor for children's health and wellbeing. All children will be expected to take part in their lessons. Curriculum newsletters will be sent out today to confirm your child's P.E. days each week. We suggest that children bring a P.E kit on a Monday and return it home on a Friday for washing. Children will be supported as needed to get changed - please ensure that all clothing is clearly named!

All jewellery must also be removed for P.E. and again, we suggest that they are removed on the morning of the lesson as unfortunately, staff are unable to help with this.





Packed lunches, healthy snacks and water bottles

It is lovely to return to normality with many of our school routines with lunch times being one of them. The school meals here are lovely and there is always a great deal of choice for the children - we have a brilliant kitchen team! The vast majority of children do have a school lunch, with only a few bringing a packed lunch from home.

I do want to remind you that our Packed Lunch Policy is available on our website. Please ensure that if your child does bring a packed lunch, the contents are in-line with this. The biggest mistakes are with crisps - where they need to be low in salt and in fat (details are in the policy). Please don't include chocolate coated items such as cake bars or chocolate biscuits. Always include at least one portion of fruit and/or vegetables please and national guidance also advises to avoid 'healthy looking' items that are really high in salt or sugar - fruit winders and pre-packed processed foods are typical of this. We are a **nut-free school** so please do not put any items that contains nuts into your child's lunchbox. Please also be aware that any birthday cakes should also be nut free as we do have children with severe nut allergies in school.

Fruit is provided for Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils free each day and older children are able to bring a healthy snack - fruit or vegetables are ideal. Every child is also asked to bring along a water bottle to use throughout the day. Please ensure that it is only **plain water** that is brought to school.



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	Athletics from 13.9.21	Y4 and Y6 (Consent form already sent out via the app)
	Eco/Gardening Club from 20.9.21	Y1 – Y6 (younger places limited – complete form on app)
Wednesday	Football from 22.9.21	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6
	StoryArt from 22.9.21	Y1 and Y2 (complete form on app)
Thursday	Meccano challenge from 16.9 21	Y5 and Y6 (12 places available – complete form on app)