



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We would like to pass on our good wishes to you all for a happy and healthy New Year and, as always, we look forward to working with you in supporting your children here at school over the coming year.

I would also like to welcome our new staff: Mr Jonathan Hornsby who is our interim Deputy Head Teacher and is teaching in Y6; Mrs Julie Tate who will be teaching in Y2 and will be our new English Lead and Miss Sally Reynolds who will be working across the Trust.

**Article 29** - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



## **Covid-19 Update**

Unfortunately, we continue to see a high number of cases of Covid-19 nationally. It is really important that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell. Please contact the school office on the first day of their absence.

The government advice has changed and confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be **temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January**. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. If your child is a close contact of somebody with Covid-19 then daily lateral flow tests will need to be taken for 7 days following contact.

We continue to maintain hand and respiratory hygiene measures and staff continue to wear masks in communal areas in school as a precautionary measure.

Please continue to report positive cases (LFD or PCR) through the email [covidreportcleves@cclt.education](mailto:covidreportcleves@cclt.education)

## **Winter weather!**

As always, our weather is so unpredictable! The weather has been a lot colder this week so please ensure that you send your child into school with coats, hats, scarves and gloves as playtimes can be chilly. All items need to be clearly labelled with their name. When it is really cold like this, we do reduce the length of time the children spend outside at any one time.

As we continue to use the field on a daily basis, a pair of wellies/boots are essential in this weather. Please can they be kept in a plastic bag and sent into school (and an extra pair of socks would be ideal for snowy weather!).

Classrooms continue to be well-ventilated so please ensure your child is suitably dressed for classrooms and outside. Thank you.

## **RSPB School Birdwatch**

Eco group members will be again taking part in the national RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. By taking part in this, we are helping the RSPB to keep track of all our British birds and any changes in their numbers and migration patterns. You can join in at home by going to the Big Garden Birdwatch website:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>. The home birdwatch runs between the 28th - 30<sup>th</sup> January.





### **Scamps Holiday Childcare - February Half-Term (Mon 21<sup>st</sup> -Fri 25<sup>th</sup>)**

Our childcare provision is going to be available again this coming February. Knowing our numbers well in advance will help us plan best for staffing and activities - so booking is open from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Childcare runs from 8.30am until 4pm. Children will need a packed lunch and each day will have themed activities to entertain the children. The cost of the childcare is £12.50 per day or £50 if you book all 5 days in advance. There will also be a 50% discount for a sibling attending the same days. 5 days childcare for 2 siblings for only £75 - or one day childcare for 2 siblings for only £18.75! If you are interested, and your child already attends Scamps, then please book and pay via the school gateway. If you are not registered with Scamps and you would like your child to attend one or more of the holiday club days, then please contact the school office to request details of how to register and pay online.

### **Winmarleigh Hall Residential**



There will be a meeting in the school hall on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 5:00pm** for parents of children in Year 5 and 6 who are attending the Winmarleigh Hall residential (11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> February). There will be a short information session followed by an opportunity to ask questions about the trip. Parents will also be provided with a packing list for the trip.

### **Lunar New Year**



As part of the Chinese New Year celebrations, children from our **Year 6** class have been invited to perform at the Town Hall in Durham on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February**. They will be performing a Chinese song that they will be learning this month with help from a student from Durham University. More information about the timings of this event will follow.

### **Sports Update**

**Go Well Heart Project** - Well done to all Key Stage 2 children who have been working hard on their Go Well Heart Project. There has been plenty of positive feedback and we know lots of children have enjoyed trying the different activities. Remember, it isn't too late to have a go at some of the challenges and all children will be receiving a medal and certificate next week for taking part.

**Team Up** - Over the next few weeks Year 5 and Year 6 will be taking part in some 'Team Up' sessions with Gareth from Go Well. These will centre around the importance of mental health and wellbeing. We are sure it will give children some good strategies to use, particularly given the present climate.

**PE Coaching** - Reception and Year 2 will be lucky enough this half term to work with a coach from Go Well. Ben will be working with both classes over the next few weeks - he has got lots of exciting things planned for the children and they will really enjoy these sessions.

**Swimming** - Year 5 children will be going swimming this half-term starting next week. It is vital that they bring their swimming kit into school and that their EV4 form has been returned to allow them to go. It is really important that all children attend as not only is it a statutory requirement of the National Curriculum but an essential life-skill.





### After school clubs

After School Clubs this half term - to commence week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> January. You will be able to book a place for your child through the app. Clubs will have limited spaces so you must book early to avoid disappointment. You will not be able to book a place for your child once booking has closed on the app. Children will receive a note (where needed) early in the week confirming if they have been allocated a place. We do want as many children as possible to enjoy after-school clubs and if a club is full, opportunities will be given to those who may not have previously attended activities.

Monday	3.30pm - 4.15pm	Computer Club - Y3 and Y4
Tuesday	3.30pm - 4.15pm	Cookery - Y1-Y5 - this is a popular club which fills up quickly. (Limited spaces)
Wednesday	3.30pm - 4.15pm	Early Spanish - Y1 and Y2
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Y6 Maths Study Class - invited Y6 children
Thursday	3.30pm - 4.15pm	Eco-team - new members welcome (Y1-Y5)
	3.30pm - 4.15pm	Creative Club - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Limited spaces)
	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Y6 English Study Classes - invited Y6 children