



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Right of the Fortnight

Dear Parents,

As I write this penultimate newsletter of the year, it is becoming harder to understand where the year has gone! I am sure that you will also be thinking that it was September two minutes ago, and the children were starting their new class – hopefully with excitement and anticipation of the year ahead. I sincerely hope that they have had a wonderful year where we have been able to return to normality and that they fully enjoy these final two weeks of term. It has been lovely to welcome you back into school for lots of our traditional events and we are looking forward to seeing lots of you over the coming days as we enjoy the traditions and activities that term end brings. Please join us where you can to share Article 29 with the children – *‘Developing their personality and talents to the full’*.

### After – school clubs



Just a reminder that all clubs have now finished for this year. Thank you to all of the staff who have ran a huge variety of activities throughout the year, giving up their time completely voluntarily, to allow children to enjoy all sorts of experiences. Their commitment enables us to continue to provide all of our after-school clubs free of charge.

### End of Year Show – ‘Do you remember the first time?’ – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> (6pm), Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July (2pm) and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July (9.30am and 6pm)

Just a reminder that there are tickets still available for all performances next week. Remember, we do rely on everybody coming back for the evening performances to ensure that each show is the best it can be. Please support us in this. Classes will be advised individually as to what time they need to return to school. If you aren't watching the performance, you are very welcome to wait in the classrooms while your child is on stage.

### Brass Concert – Bandakadabra Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

As part of the Durham Brass Festival, I have been fortunate enough to have been allocated a concert for the whole school. Bandakadabra will be performing next Friday morning. Our children always enjoy these concerts and it is a lovely treat for everyone towards the end of the Summer Term.



### Goodbye and good luck to our fantastic Y6 pupils!

It is so sad that we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 class. They have had a strange time over the last 3 years but I am so pleased that they have been able to enjoy lots of activities in their final year with us, especially the Gran Canaria trip! They managed to do their SATs, and they have all done really well and should be

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super proud of their achievements – as we all are! During the pandemic, I have never met such a class who were so determined to continue with their learning. I had the privilege of working with them through the first lockdown and I was so impressed by their attitude but not surprised. Right the way through school they have been fantastic. I am sure they will have fond memories of their time here and that they continue their education journey with the same positive attitudes and determination to achieve their very best that they have shown during their time at Cleves Cross. We wish them all the very best as they move on to their new challenges and know that there will still be many fantastic experiences ahead of them.



### **Annual Beach Trips**

The children are really looking forward to our annual beach trip to South Shields.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 head off on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July and Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) head off on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

A letter with all of the details on and information regarding payment has been sent out separately on the app. Thank you to those of you who have already paid the £10 contribution via School Comms. Please can this be paid as soon as possible to allow the trips to go ahead.

### **Final Day Celebrations (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July)**

On the final day of term, we will be having a celebration assembly in the morning to celebrate the successes of this term.

We will then have a toy day which the children always enjoy. Children can bring toys and games in from home – please avoid electronics and games with small parts.

At the end of the day, we will have our Leavers Disco in the school hall. This will be straight after school (3:30-5pm)

**As always, Y6 parents are very welcome into the hall for the final goodbye at the end of the disco...bring your own tissues!**

### **Nursery Events**

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the grown ups that attended our Sports Day and our Celebration Event this week. We know that everyone is really busy but it was fantastic to see such a big turn out for these events. The children have had an amazing week and we are very proud of them. We are looking forward to the next two weeks together in Nursery and we will keep you updated for our Water Fun Day. Date to be announced and dependant on weather.



### **Staffing organisation - September 2022**

Unusually for us here at Cleves Cross, we have had quite a few staffing changes this year and unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to some staff at the end of the year and therefore some changes are needed.

Mr Donohue has spent the last couple of years with us but he has an exciting adventure ahead of him as he has been successful in securing a new position outside of the local authority. Mr Donohue has been a valued member of our school team and I want to thank him for the contributions he has made to our school. I'm sure you will join me in wishing him every success in his new role.

Miss Robinson is also setting out on a new adventure. She has decided to become a student again, going back to university to train to be a midwife. Miss Robinson initially joined us as a student and I was so impressed, I invited her back to join us and she has been with us ever

since. It has been lovely to see her grow and develop as a teacher and I appreciate all of the hard work she has given to Cleves over the years. She will be missed by all at school and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the very best for the future!

And finally, after many years working with lots of families in our school, Mrs Wall has made the difficult decision to retire. She has been a fantastic asset to the school team, not least because she used to get most of the staff their lunches from the village! Mrs Wall has definitely made an impact on every pupil she has supported and she is always there when needed. I'm not quite sure what we are going to do without her! I know you will all join me in wishing her a happy and healthy retirement. I know you will be a great miss here at school Lynn and I look forward to hearing all about your travelling adventures!

Next year, teachers will be in the following classes:

**Nursery** – Mrs Snowball

**Reception** – Miss Reynolds, who has been working in school, in nursery for the majority of her time. Mrs Richardson will be with us at the start before going on maternity leave.

**Year 1** – Mrs Ferguson will be joining us in September. She is an Early Careers Teacher and is really looking forward to returning to her home town.

**Year 2** – Mrs Stamper will be taking her class into Year 2. She is really looking forward to spending more time with the class next year.

**Year 3** – Miss DGLISH

**Year 4** – Mrs Atkinson

**Year 5** – Miss Tate and Mrs Forsyth. Mrs Tate has plenty of KS2 experience and is looking forward to moving into KS2

**Year 6** – Mr Blood and Mr Hornsby

Some teaching assistants will remain in the class that they are in now and some are moving into other classes. Some TAs will be shared across several classes.