



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Right of the Fortnight

As we have now all settled into school life I think it is only right that our Rights Respecting thought is **Article 29**: 'Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full.'

Communication - we want to keep you informed!

It is really important to us to keep you fully up to date with everything that is going on here at school. Please make sure you read the newsletters as this has key information on for every day school life. 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

Safeguarding Update

Safeguarding our children is at the heart of everything we do at school. We will now be sharing links on this newsletter that will offer support and guidance on a range of safeguarding topics such as: online wellbeing, use of different social media platforms and parental controls. We know that many children use a range of sites and social media and it is important that we work together to make sure we are all safe online.

Here are the links for this month:

Online Wellbeing - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>

Facebook - <https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/facebook-checklist.pdf>

Parent Controls - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

National Crime Agency's [CEOP Education Programme](#) provides information for the children's workforce and **parents and carers** on protecting children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

[Childline/IWF Report Remove](#) is a free tool that allows children to report nude or sexual images and/or videos of themselves that they think might have been shared online.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attending school every day is vitally important, as is being on time. It is amazing how much lost learning we mount up by just being 5 minutes late every day. Please support us and your child by ensuring they arrive at school on time so they are in class by 8.45am.

Punctuality Facts

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost learning each year

15 minutes late each day = 2 weeks lost learning each year

30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost learning each year

Clearway outside school

Just another 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. We also need to be respectful of our neighbours when parking. Please do not block driveways and ensure that there is enough room for emergency services to get to residences.

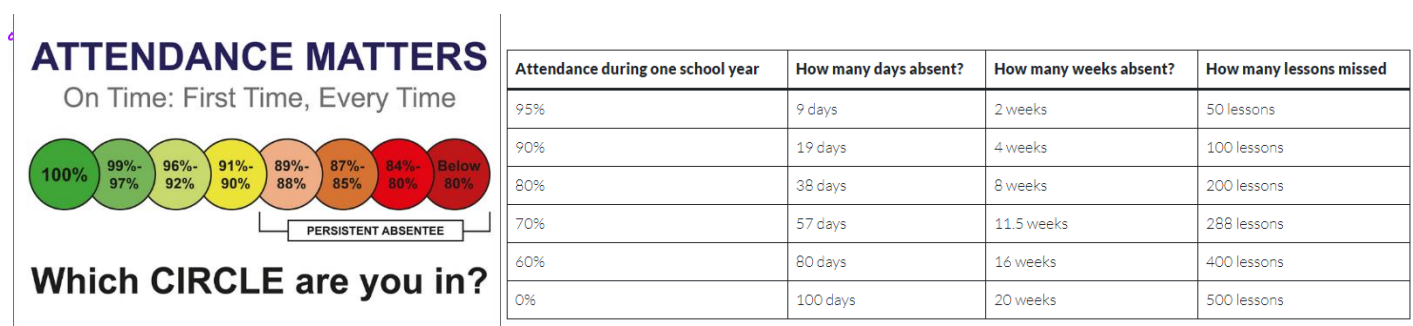
Thank you for your support.

Can you help us? Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a school governor? We have a vacancy for a parent governor. School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time. Cleves Cross Primary and Nursery School is committed to raising educational standards and we are looking for dedicated individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of children and are willing to share their experience in an educational environment.

Preferable skills and competencies: We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises.

If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return a letter of interest, explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of Parent Governor. Letters of interest need to be emailed to clevescross@durhamlearning.net by the closing date of **10th October at 12pm**. A discussion with the Head teacher and Chair of Governors would be offered to any interested parent. Governors do not need any formal qualifications but must be aged 18 years and over. **Closing date for nominations is 12pm on Friday 12th October 2022.**



Individual photographs - Wednesday 25th September

Individual photographs will take place on the **25th September**. Children will be able to have their photographs taken with their siblings in school but unfortunately, we will not be able to have siblings not of school age included in the photographs. Children with siblings will also have an individual photo taken.

Reading meetings for parents (Y1 and Y2)

Did you know, a love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success? Here at Cleves Cross, learning to read is our greatest priority.



Year 1 and Year 2 classes will be on Wednesday 25th September at 5pm.

We continue to use 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' as our chosen phonics scheme and this year we will be updating you on how we can work together to support your child on their reading journey. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Nursery Foundation Phonics Meeting - this will now be part of their Parent Story Time.



MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - Friday 4th October

Just a reminder that our annual coffee morning event is happening next Friday 4th October.

Please come along and join us if you can. Money raised will go to the Macmillan Cancer Support - I am sure you will agree, a very worthy cause and one very close to our hearts. It would be lovely if you could try to send along some cakes - bought or home-made - we would be very grateful! We look forward to seeing you.

As last year, we are still going to give you a time slot to attend as it always gets very busy. Grown-ups of children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 can attend between 9 and 10am and grown-ups of children in KS2 (Years 3-6) can attend between 10 and 11am. This will hopefully ease some of the congestion in the hall. Grown-ups who have children in both key stages can choose which one they want to attend. Please be patient with us - we will serve you as quickly as possible.

All children will have the opportunity to visit the hall for cake, either with parents or with their class, so if you are unable to make it, please just send a donation in with your child and we will make sure they still get the opportunity to take part.

Scholastic Book Fair - Tuesday 24th - Monday 7th October



The Book Fair will take place every night after school during this time **until 3.45pm** and it will be open during the coffee morning on Friday too. School does receive free books from the fair on a commission basis, so please take a moment to pop into school to see what is on offer. Every little helps!

Scamps Holiday Childcare - October Half Term (Mon-Fri)

Our childcare provision is going to be available again this coming October for 3-11 year olds. Knowing our numbers well in advance will help us plan best for staffing and activities - so booking is open from Monday 23rd Sept. Childcare runs from 8.30am until 4pm. Children will need a packed lunch and each day will have themed activities to entertain the children such as a Great Outdoors day, Arts and Craft day, Halloween themed day and Sports Activities day.

The cost of the childcare is £12.50 per day or £50 if you book all 5 days in advance with a 10% discount for any siblings. This means that any sibling booked in for all 5 days would cost £45. 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.

Dates to remember so far:

Tuesday 24th September - Y3 Teesside Field Centre Visit

Wednesday 25th September - Individual photos

Wednesday 25th September - Y1 and Y2 Reading Meeting 5pm

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th - Y5/6 Winmarleigh Residential Trip

Tuesday 24th - Monday 7th October - Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 1st October - Year 2 Bugs and Stuff Visit

Thursday 3rd October - Silent Disco Taster Day

Friday 4th October - MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 4th October - Reception Class Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm

Wednesday 9th October - Y1 Visit to St Luke's Church
 Thursday 10th October - Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day
 Thursday 10th October - Y3 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
 Friday 11th October - Y5/Y6 Lego Engineering workshop
 Friday 11th October - Y4 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
 Monday 14th - 16th October - Y4 Roman Residential
 Thursday 17th October - Beamish Visit Reception Class and Year 1
 Friday 18th October - Y6 Great North Museum Visit
 Friday 18th October - Y1 Parent Story Time 2.45pm
 Monday 21st October - Y6 Visit to Ferryhill Library
 Monday 21st October - Nursery Parent Story Time and Phonics Meeting 2.15pm
 Tuesday 22nd - 23rd October - Y3 Stone Age Residential
 Tuesday 22nd October - Y5 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
 Wednesday 23rd October - Y6 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
 Thursday 24th October - Y2 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm
 Thursday 24th October - Firefighter Visit (Whole School)
 Friday 25th October - Harvest Festival (Details to follow)
 Friday 25th October - Break up for half-term
Half-term: Friday 25th October - Tuesday 5th November
 Tuesday 5th November - Children return to school
 Thursday 7th November - Y4 Ferryhill Library Visit and Y3 Ferryhill Library Visit
 Monday 11th November - Y1 Ferryhill Library Visit
 Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Parents Evening Week
 Tuesday 12th November - POP 'Protecting Our Planet' Day
 Thursday 14th November - Y5 Ferryhill Library Visit and Y2 Ferryhill Library Visit
 Friday 15th November - Children in Need
 Monday 18th - Friday 22nd November - Y6 Grinton Residential
 Monday 18th November - Reception Class Ferryhill Library Visit
 Thursday 5th December - Reception Class and Key Stage 1 Panto - Bishop Auckland
 Friday 6th December - KS2 Panto at Bishop Auckland
 Friday 13th December - SEND Parent Coffee Morning

These dates will be added to the calendar on the website and the app as soon as possible.

