



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.'

It has been lovely welcoming everybody back to school this week. Everyone has settled back into school life so well and I have seen lots of hard-working, smiling children in every class! There is a really lovely atmosphere all around school. A special welcome to our new pupils and parents who have joined us in Reception Class and next week we will welcome new Nursery children as well. 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 Amelia, Archie, Rosie, Jamie, Roman, Thomas, Joey, Jonah, Maisie, Iris, Aayla, Jack and returning children; Hallie, Ada, Avery, Archie, Poppy, Louie, Jack, Imogen, Bobby, Sophia, Edin, Luca, Helena and Lucas.

Reception Class - Welcome to Sonny, Jesse, Oliver, Emilia, Vaughn, Archie, Eliza, Ava-Mae, Saint, Harry, Nancy, Amarah, Tyla-Jade, Frederick, Ellia, Oliver, Jenson, Dolce, Jackson, Arlo, Mercy Jae, Elsie, Finley, Aleina, DJ, Ellie Mae, Leo, Reuben, Rudy and Molly.

We have also welcomed Tyson (Y1), Daryna (Y5) and Lexi (Y6)

We would also like to welcome Mrs White who is our nursery teacher and EYFS lead across the trust and Miss Fawcett who is our Y5 teacher. Mrs Hutchinson has joined us and is a teaching assistant in our Nursery.

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

We are continuing with our 'soft-start' approach and children can arrive from 8.35am and go straight into class via the appropriate entrance. School does start at 8.45am so 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 this time, 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.

Thank you for making sure your children arrive on time and ready to learn.

Recording of absence is really important 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. The guidance for attendance has changed over the summer and you will receive updates in the coming weeks.

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. If you haven't got this, please check with the office for help. If there are no changes, you don't need to do anything. Thank you.

Communication - we want to keep you informed!

There is always lots going on in school and we are looking forward to having a full year of welcoming you back into school for a variety of events such as MacMillan Coffee Morning, Stay and Plays, Class Assemblies etc

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@tlp.org.uk , Year 1 - y1cleves@tlp.org.uk etc.

The class emails and any emails sent to the school mail account will be responded to during the hours of **8am - 5.30pm on a school day**. If it is information about an appointment or if you feel it needs to be answered quickly, then please do not hesitate to call school. It is absolutely fine to send emails outside of these hours and staff will respond to them as quickly as possible. Thank you for your support with this matter.

School Uniform Expectations

We want to ensure that all children feel part of our school and our uniform is a key part of our identity and gives us that sense of belonging. Thank you for your support with ensuring our children attend school in the correct uniform.

I have uploaded the school brochure to the app as a reminder of the expectations. It is also available on the website.

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. 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 earrings are removed on the morning of the lesson as some children can find it challenging to remove them themselves.

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. 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.

Mobile phone Charter and Independent Travel Agreement

In the coming weeks, please look out for our new 'Mobile Phone Charter' and 'Independent Travel Agreement'. These are particularly important for our older children in school. We need to ensure that we are doing our very best to keep our children safe, not only in school, but travelling to and from as well. We also need to ensure that children uphold our school values when wearing our uniform. We really appreciate your support with this.

Packed lunches, healthy snacks and water bottles

The school meals here are lovely and there is always a great deal of choice for the children - we have a brilliant kitchen team!

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.



Times Table Rockstars

On Monday, we will start a Times Table Rockstars competition across the trust. All children from Year 2-6 should have their log in details in their reading diaries. They can log on at any time during the week and weekend to score points for themselves, their class and the school. Playing in any mode will get them points. Please do encourage your child to practise their times tables as much as possible by logging in and taking part!

Reading meetings for parents (Nursery, Rec, 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.

Therefore, we will be holding important phonics and reading sessions for parents in the coming weeks.

Reception class session will be on Wednesday 18th September at 5pm.

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 will be on Wednesday 2nd October 5pm.

MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning - Friday 4th October

Our annual coffee morning event is happening on 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.



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 receives free books from the fair on a commission basis, so please take a moment to pop in to see what is on offer. Every little helps!



Winmarleigh Meeting - Thursday 19th September 5.30pm

The children are really looking forward to their residential weekend at Winmarleigh 27th - 29th September. We are holding an information meeting next Wednesday to tell about the activities the children will be doing and for you to complete EV4s and ask any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you there.

After School Clubs 3.15-4.15pm

Clubs will start week beginning 16th September. Forms on the app will be sent out next week for the clubs as this newsletter is already very long! Please have a chat with your child when the list comes out and make sure that they do want to do the club. Sometimes, spaces will be limited and they will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

Dates to remember so far:

Wednesday 18th September - Getting into STEM workshop Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Wednesday 18th September - Reception Reading Meeting 5pm

Thursday 19th September - Winmarleigh Meeting 5.30pm

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

Wednesday 2nd October - Nursery Foundation for Phonics Meeting 5pm

Thursday 3rd October - Silent Disco Taster Day

Friday 4th October - MacMillan Coffee Morning

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

Tuesday 22nd - 23rd October - Y3 Stone Age Residential

Thursday 24th October - Firefighter Visit (Whole School)

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