



School Newsletter – Friday 20 October 2017

Well what a busy term! There has been so much going on and all the children have really established themselves into their new classes and year groups. Next term is my favourite term, especially with the build up to (dare I say it) CHRISTMAS!! Please take the time to have a read through to make sure that you don't miss out on the excitement of Term 2!

Help!

Please don't forget that we now have a team of staff dedicated to helping you and the children in a whole host of ways.



If you have any worries or concerns and would like to talk to either Mrs Colmer or Mrs Tinkler, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I know that the parents who have already done this have found it to be a great help.

The team can be contacted:

By mobile: 07496 132762

By email: ColmerAndTinkler@gmail.com

You can even use WhatsApp to contact them if you prefer!

Nits!



Could we ask a massive favour? Can we ask you to please, please, please regularly check your child's hair for nits.

If you do find that your child has nits, please treat them thoroughly before they come to school.

If all parents can be extra vigilant, it would be a step towards keeping the cases of nits to a minimum.

Pierced Ears

Please can we remind parents that if they are going to have their child's ears pierced, to please do this at the very beginning of the Summer holidays. This will give them enough time to heal before coming back to school.

Unfortunately, we cannot put plasters over earrings for PE, which means that they may have to take part in the theory rather than the practical...and I know which one they would prefer!

Call-out to Dads...



We have many mums (mine included!) that come in and help in school, which we are so grateful for, but it would be great if there were

any dads that would like to come in too.

I would like dads to come in for lots of reasons, not least because it would be so amazing for a dad to listen to readers – what a great role model to have in school.

Time is precious, I understand that, but if you could it would be superb!

If you are interested and a little apprehensive, just let me know and I am more than happy to have a chat.

Clubs

Clubs will be starting next term with lots of exciting opportunities for the children to get involved with. We have tried to ensure that every year group has an opportunity to attend at least one club.



So please look out for club letters the first week back next term...

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon



Thank you all for your support at our MacMillan Coffee afternoon! It was fantastic to see so many people popping in for a cup of tea and cake and all for a good cause.

I am proud to tell you that we raised £358.66!!

Twitter

Please don't forget that we use Twitter to communicate too! This is such a good way of getting additional reminders but also to see children's work and the fun they are having in school.

To follow us on Twitter is a two-fold process:

- 1) Follow us @CliffeWoodsSch on Twitter
- 2) Email CliffeWoodsTwitter@Outlook.com and give details of your name, your child's name, their class and your twitter name
- 3) Once we have received both the follow request and the email we will ensure that the request is legitimate and approve it.

If you haven't used Twitter before and would like us to show you how it works, then please let us know. We would be only too happy to give you a Twitter tour!

Remembrance



Shortly after we come back from the break, we will be selling poppies to raise money and support Remembrance Day. If you or your child would like to donate money for a poppy, these will be on sale after lunch in classes and after school.

We will also be having a Remembrance assembly that week, hosted by an active serviceman. This is a great opportunity for the children to learn the importance of this time of year and ask questions of the soldiers.

Freebies and Guidance

Last year I wrote to you all informing you about the offer of **free** Microsoft Office 365.



If you would like to sign up for a free Microsoft Office 365 account, just send us an email with your name, your child's name and their class name to cliffewoods365@outlook.com and we will get you set up.

This subscription will run all the time you have a child at our school and enable you to install the whole Office suite on up to five devices!

As well as Office, Mr French has updated the 'Computing Help' section of our website (this can be found by clicking the 'More' section on the home page) so that it features two superb sections for parents and children alike.

The first is some really in-depth advice and guidance on a whole range of e-safety issues. This guidance is to help you and your children further understand the risks of the digital world and how to keep safe whilst in it.

The second update is the 'Free Software' section. In here, you will find many of the programs that your children use in their computing lessons to download for free and use at home. This is an excellent way for the children to hone their skills and show you what they have been learning in school.

Further updates are coming to this section and I will inform you as these happen.

Amazing English!

I am proud to announce that we have been awarded the Gold Literacy Mark! This is awarded to schools who have outstanding outcomes and have a real commitment to the teaching and innovation of English! Well done to everyone!!



Specs

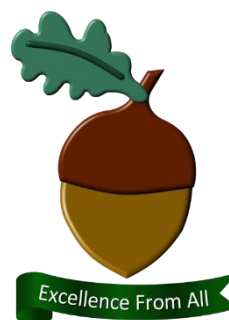
Just to let you know we have two sets of children's glasses in the office. If your child's glasses have gone walkabout, please pop in to see if they are yours.

...and Finally...

When we return from the break it will be full steam ahead again with lots to look forward to, such as new clubs, parents evenings, sports events and of course the CHRISTMAS FAIR!!!

Have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Mr T Muggridge



Dates for the Diary

Monday 6 November	School opens
Wednesday 8 November	Library Bus
Thursday 9 November	2.30 pm Y6 Assembly to parents Open Day for prospective parents
Tuesday 14 November	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 November	Parent Consultations
Friday 17 November	Children in Need Day (details to follow) Open Day for prospective parents 5.15 pm PTA Bedtime Stories Year R
Wednesday 22 November	Open Day for prospective parents
Tuesday 28 November	Open Day for prospective parents
Friday 1 December	Year 1 & 2 Brook Theatre trip Open Day for prospective parents
Tuesday 5 December	PTA Jolly Jars (details to follow)
Wednesday 6 December	Library Bus PTA Non-Uniform Day (details to follow) Flu Vaccinations Years R-4 (details to be sent to parents from NHS)
Thursday 7 December	KS2 Choir to Rochester Cathedral
Friday 8 December	PTA Christmas Fair (details to follow)
Tuesday 12 December	2 pm Year 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 December	2 pm Year 1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14 December	2 pm Year R Christmas Performance
Friday 15 December	PTA Secret Shop (details to follow)
Wednesday 20 December	Christmas Dinner (details to follow)
Thursday 21 December	2 pm School closes
Thursday 4 January 2018	School opens

Once again can I remind you to take note of any dates or deadlines that affect your child.

