

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This Week at Clifford Bridge

School has been a flurry of activity this week, with a Year 1 trip to St John's museum and a cracking Family Assembly led by 4W on Wednesday! In true Mr Wood's style, the hall was filled with noise, laughter and a healthy dose of competition! Thanks to those of you who managed to attend, and for joining in so readily with the Dojo quiz! To the untrained eye, it would seem that you were all having as much fun as the children... 😊

Can I please remind you all to name all items coming into school. Mrs Hiscox spent a long time laying everything out on tables for the Curriculum Evening this week, and we were flabbergasted to see the volume of "stuff", with most of it being brand new. We have everything from jumpers, trousers and trainers right through to water bottles, sports socks and bobble hats. Not one item was named, which makes our job of finding the owners somewhat tricky. When something is named we can send it back to its rightful owner, usually before they even realise it was missing!

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the curriculum year group meetings on Wednesday after school - we hope that you found them informative and interesting. It was lovely chatting to so many of you, and once again I would like to thank you for your kind words both face-to-face and on your questionnaires. I agree with so many of your comments, Clifford Bridge really is a special school with a strong community feel and a very friendly atmosphere; one that is a collaborative effort from staff, families and of course your children. With the benefit of hindsight, we realise that these Curriculum Evenings would have been better at the start of the year. We have taken on board parental feedback and please be assured that we will be re-organising these meetings for next year to take place in September. If you did not manage to fill out our **Parent Questionnaire**, please do complete the copy sent home within the Curriculum Information packs. It has been photocopied onto bright green paper so you can find it easier. I promise it will only take a few moments and it really does help us to make key decisions about school, such as methods of communication and homework etc. All completed (and named) questionnaires will go into a prize draw for a bottle of fizz and a box of chocolates!

Thanks again for your continued support

Amy Husband

Head Teacher

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November the School council have organized a SPOTACULAR day, dressing up spotty if possible and holding a cake sale. Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.





13/11/17  
14/11/17  
15/11/17

Year 5 & Trip to Coventry Cathedral  
Football Match at Grange Farm  
Special School Meal Day

16/11/17 Football Match at Whitley Abbey  
17/11/17 Children In Need Day  
18/11/17 Football Match at Christ the King

### Year 3 and 4

Well done to 4W and their assembly on how the ancient Egyptians mummified their pharaohs. You were all brilliant and all of those Dojos earned by parents and teachers will be given out by the end of the week. Well done to all the parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and friends who just about avoided having their brains pulled out with a hook! Year 3 have been loving the adventures of Claude the dog. They have read really well and have really engaged with the text and we cannot wait to see the stories they produce!

### Year 5 & 6

It has been a hands-on week in our Theme lessons this week as all three classes have been busy making gas mask boxes ahead of Monday's trip to Coventry Cathedral.

Theme has spread over into English for both year groups, with Year 5 building some excellent information texts about the role of women during the war and Year 6 writing some amazing recounts as evacuees and as first hand witnesses of the blitz. Tricky concepts have been tackled across the phase in Maths. Year 5 have been exploring multiples, factors and prime numbers, where Year 6 have been looking at converting fractions.

A reminder that our trip is on Monday. All children need to bring a packed lunch. It would also be fantastic if as many people as possible dressed up to help us enter the drama of the day. This doesn't have to be expensive new costumes. Handmade costumes will actually look more authentic.



## 100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RK	93.33%	3E	91.25%
RW	92.50%	3EV	97.22%
1C	97.08%	4T	99.14%
1J	98.28%	4W	100%
2M	95.83%	5O	100%
2FS	92.92%	5Y	100%
		6A	93.75%

Whole School Attendance is  
**96.23%**

Best Classes 4W, 5O and 5Y all with 100%  
**Well Done**

**Please see attached updated parents diary dates for your information**

If your child does not have school meals but would like a meal on the Blitz Meal day 15<sup>th</sup> November please let the office know. £2.10 for KS2 children and free to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

### Parking

Can we please remind you to respect the neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children from school. We have had complaints that some people are parking across peoples drives this is most inconsiderate and not acceptable. Please help us to respect the community.

## KS1

### Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time yesterday during their trip to St John's Museum. They found out about life in Victorian times and experienced first hand what it might have been like. Firstly they spent time in the laundry, pumping the water, grating the soap powder and then cleaning the washing before putting it through the mangle. After that they compared Victorian outfits with those that they wear today. They decided that Victorian clothes were a lot more fiddly and less comfortable to wear. Finally, they had a lesson in a Victorian classroom. The school teacher was extremely strict, but luckily they all sat smartly and listened beautifully, so she didn't need to shout! They practised writing use a slate and also did some exercise to keep them fit and healthy. It was lovely to hear them talking about their day and how much they'd enjoyed themselves on the coach on the way home."



### Year 2

Following on from the trip to St John's House Museum last week, Year 2 have stayed in character as a Victorian school children. They have been using their knowledge of what school was like in Victorian times to write a diary entry. They really enjoyed planning using post-it notes and sharing ideas before writing their individual diaries. Below is an extract written by Phoebe.

"First I woke up at 6am and I went downstairs to get my breakfast. When I was late for school I got wacked with the cane. After that we did drill. It was cold and I was shivering and everyone wanted to go back in but the teacher said no."

## Early Years

### Nursery

We have had a lovely week in Nursery. We have been exploring the effects of light through different materials and mixing colours. The children have loved learning about the story 'Home before dark' and have been discussing different emotions. We have learnt to recognise when somebody feels sad and when somebody is happy. We were also very proud of our poppies that we made all by ourselves!



### Reception

The children have been learning all about Remembrance Day this week. They have been busy creating and making poppies which are proudly displayed in our poppy garden! The children have learnt about the significance of the day and were very mature when they took part in our whole school 2 minute silence on Friday afternoon. In Read, Write, Inc. we have learnt the sounds 'u', 'f' and 'b'. We have been dazzled by all the amazing rockets that have been made this week. Well done to everyone who took part, your rockets look great!



### Birthday Zone



## Birthdays from 6<sup>th</sup> November - 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Daniel G    Sophia M    Isla H    Joshua D    Sam D    David O    Yanai T  
Scarlett W    Eva-Lea K

### Merit Certificates



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Annabelle C	Alfie D	Joshua R	Alfie P-E	Willard Y	Daisy F
Evie May V				Jake B	

