



## School Newsletter – Friday 8 December 2017

Well, here we are, nearly at the end of Term 2 and Christmas has definitely started in school! There are so many activities and events still to come in the last couple of weeks, so please make sure that you check out all the news in this letter so that you don't miss out!

### Dads!

I am really pleased to say that as well as the amazing support we get from mums in school, we have a couple of dads and grandparents coming in to help now, which is absolutely awesome!



It is really nice to have a mix of parent helpers in school and I know the children absolutely appreciate the help as much as we do.

If you would like to come and help, please get in touch and let us know - the more the merrier!

### Milk and School Dinners



Please do not forget that if your children are entitled to benefits-related free school meals, they are also entitled to free milk in school each day. Please get in touch if you wish to apply for free school meals or, if already in receipt of these, you wish your child to take advantage of the free milk.

### Just an idea...

Learning to tell the time is one of the most abstract and difficult concepts for children to learn. Therefore, an analogue watch is a superb way to help them. So, if you are still searching for ideas for Christmas gifts, a watch is most definitely a winner!



### 'Have your say...'

We would like to invite you to our next 'Have Your Say' meeting. This will be held on **Thursday 14 December at 9 am**.

This is an opportunity to come and meet other parents to give opinions and ideas about how we can support and improve further in the future. This is not a meeting to talk about individual children or

staff, but a means of working together for the best of the children.

If you would like to come to the 'Have Your Say' meeting please drop an email to [admin@cliffewoods.medway.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cliffewoods.medway.sch.uk) - this will help us know how many people are coming and (more importantly) how many biscuits to buy!

### KS1 Christmas Performances

Year R, 1 and 2 parents please do not forget the dates for your child's Christmas performance. From the tiny glimpses I have seen, these will be incredibly special!



Year 2: 2 pm Tuesday 12 December  
Year 1: 2 pm Wednesday 13 December  
Year R: 2 pm Thursday 14 December

Please come in to school through the KS2 playground gates, which will be opened at approximately 1.30 pm. The performers and their siblings may be taken home straight afterwards.

### 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](mailto: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!*

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### Freebies and Guidance

With Christmas coming, I am sure that a lot of laptops and tablets will be on lists... so do not forget we can offer you **free** Microsoft Office 365 for up to five devices!

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Freebies

If you would like to sign up for a free Microsoft Office 365 account, then just send us an email with your name, your child's name and their class name to [cliffewoods365@outlook.com](mailto: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!

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### Traffic



Could we please remind parents and families to be cautious when driving near and around the school, particularly during the beginning and end of the day. We have had some complaints that cars are travelling along View Road at ridiculous speeds and have almost caused accidents. I would hate for something tragic to happen because people weren't acting responsibly!

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### Christmas Dinner

Please do not forget the deadline for this year's Christmas Dinner! Last year was amazing, and now with our new kitchen, I am sure this year's will be even better! Please refer to the letter sent previously (copy on the website) regarding arrangements for paying for Christmas Dinner – the deadline to receive orders is **Wednesday 13 December**.



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### ...and Finally...

If I don't see you before we break up, have a wonderful Christmas break and a very happy New Year!

As always, thank you for your incredible support!

Mr T Muggridge



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## Dates for the Diary

<b>Thursday 14 December</b>	9 am Have Your Say Meeting
<b>Friday 15 December</b>	PTA Secret Shop
<b>Wednesday 20 December</b>	Christmas Dinner
<b>Thursday 21 December</b>	2 pm School Closes
<b>Thursday 4 January</b>	School Opens
<b>Monday 8 January</b>	Fire Safety Day
<b>Wednesday 10 January</b>	Library Bus
<b>Friday 12 January</b>	Pantomime in School
<b>Tuesday 16 January</b>	2.30 pm Meerkat Class Assembly to Parents
<b>Wednesday 24 January</b>	2.30 pm Healthy Eating Meeting (details to follow)
<b>Monday 29 January</b>	Choir Trip to O2
<b>Wednesday 7 February</b>	Library Bus
<b>Friday 9 February</b>	School Closes
<b>Monday 19 February</b>	School Opens
	3.30 pm Cookery Workshop (for six sessions, details to follow)
<b>Friday 23 February</b>	PTA Disco (details to follow)
<b>Thursday 1 March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 9 March</b>	PTA Mother's Day Wrap (details to follow)
<b>Friday 16 March</b>	KS2 Royal Albert Hall Trip (details to follow)
<b>Wednesday 21 March</b>	Class Photographs
<b>Monday 26 March</b>	YR Health Checks
<b>Thursday 29 March</b>	2 pm School Closes
<b>Monday 16 April</b>	School Opens

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

