

Clifford Bridge News

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This Week at Clifford Bridge

It has been a fantastic week here at Clifford Bridge. We have been launching our new themes for the term, with 'Flight' proving a huge hit in Years 1 & 2, and 'World Kitchen' tickling our taste-buds in Years 3 & 4. Our children in 5 & 6 are launching themselves into their new Space theme (see what I did there?) and the whole school is buzzing with excitement as we get our teeth into all the new learning planned for Spring Term. You would have spotted in our diary dates sent home last week that we have a Parents' Evening coming up in February, where you will have the opportunity to see first-hand some of the incredible displays of work that showcase just how hard the children have been working.

Reminders:

Let's start the year as we mean to go on and remind ourselves of some key information.

Uniform and presentation - please make sure the children are in full uniform each day and long hair is tied back smartly. If your daughters are anything like my little girl, they will still be crazy about JoJo bows in their hair, although these are allowed in school please stick to school colours. Nail varnish is not allowed in school. Please ensure footwear is black and smart, and suitable for the weather.

Reading - please remember the importance of reading with your children at home and noting this down in the diary.

Parking - Please park safely and considerately around the school site, not on the zig-zag yellow lines and certainly not on or blocking residents' driveways. A 400+ pupil school means lots of parent traffic, and I cannot emphasize enough the importance of you all driving and parking courteously.

Attendance - I have had a flurry of holiday request forms coming in to school. In line with Governors' Policy (which is the same nationally) I am unable to authorise these absences. Although I do appreciate many of you taking the time to write a personal accompanying letter explaining the circumstances, I cannot authorise leave that falls outside of the 'exceptional circumstance' remit. Please be aware that taking your children out of school during term-time can result in a fine (from the Local Authority) and more importantly it can significantly interrupt your child's learning as they miss a whole teaching-sequence of subject content across all areas of the national curriculum.

As the second week of term draws to a close I would like to thank the children for their hard work, and for the exceptional manners I see day-in and day-out around school. We have made an excellent start to 2018, let's keep up the fantastic work.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Amy Husband

Merit
Certificates



Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Neve S	Tyler-James E	Archie P	Dylan B	Toby R	Josh A
George R	Netran T	Thomas S	Ardith C	Hollie W	



23.1.18

3.30pm Football match -v- All Saints
at home
6.00pm Year 6 Parents Evening

25.1.18 3.30pm Netball Match -v- Willenhall at home

KS2

Year 3 and 4

How far had he walked? Nobody knows. Where did he come from? Nobody knows. How was he made? Nobody knows.... Well, maybe Year 3 will have some ideas about this. Ted Hughes Iron Man is one of the all-time great books for children to read and Year 3 are making the rest of the school jealous by studying this amazing book! They had better look out for the Space Bat Angel Dragon!

"Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art though Romeo..."
Year 4 thought they were getting all romantic when they were told they would be studying Romeo and Juliet, but they were soon engrossed by the sword fights, deaths, *"They have made worms meat of me!"* and sad ending. We are lucky to have some budding thespians in our midst to play these roles so vividly as they learn that, *"For never was a story of more woe than this of Juliet and her Romeo."*

Year 5 and 6

Another busy week in Years 5 and 6. Year 5 have been further developing their playscripts and using their wonderful acting as inspiration for some simply superb writing. In addition to this, Year 5 were treated to an afternoon of drumming with some special visitors from Bablake school. Year 6's preparations for SATs are very much in full flow with the start of our morning booster sessions and the handing out of our revision guides. This week in Maths we've been looking at shape problems and sent our newspaper reports on the moon landing to press in English.



We are delighted to share with you the chance to **save 20%** on tickets for Wasps v Exeter on Sunday 18th February.
When purchasing your tickets use the code **LOCAL20**

100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RK	98.28%	3E	95.83%
RW	96.67%	3EV	100%
1C	97.50%	4T	99.17%
1J	96.12%	4W	99.17%
2M	96.67%	5O	95%
2FS	96.55%	5Y	99.17%
		6A	100%

Whole School Attendance is 97.49%
Best Class is 100% Year 3EV and Year 6
Well Done

Some pictures from Young Voices



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been investigating where people fly to. Some of the children brought in photos of themselves on holiday and we looked on a giant map to find out where they had been. In English, we have been reading the Three Billy Goats Gruff and thinking about what type of character the troll is. We thought of words to describe him and then wrote character descriptions about him.



Year 2

Year 2 were visited by the Big, Bad Wolf on Wednesday which gave them the perfect opportunity to ask him the questions they came up with during English on Monday. They were shocked at just how fierce he looked but were very brave and found out lots about him and his life. Scan this QR code to watch the video!



After he left, the children thought of adjectives and descriptive language to describe his appearance, personality and actions so they could write a description for a wanted poster.

Nursery



Nursery have loved continuing to learn all about 'Stick Man'. We have used sticks for counting in sets, as well as for role play. We did not know that sticks can be useful for so many things! We realised where sticks come from whilst on our woodland walk and collected different sizes. We compared shorter and longer sticks and used them to play games. We also learnt about Fizz, our new Nursery character that represents kindness. We discussed different ways that we can be kind to each other. Some of us were lucky to receive a reward card from Fizz if the adults saw us being kind to someone in our class. We are always finding ways to be kind!

Reception

What a brilliant week we've had in Reception! We have met our first Yoimoji character, Fizz and were lucky enough to have had a visit from Mrs Husband who told us all about Fizz's characteristic of kindness. Reception really impressed Mrs Husband with their clear answers and excellent manners.



We have also learnt how to use gummed paper to make models including lots of trains, cars and boats and we have been exploring the mud kitchen; our outdoor area is showing little sign of drying out!



Birthday Zone



Birthdays from 15th January - 25th January 2018

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| Poppy F | Libby G | Rahees I | Layla B | Allfie Q | Crystal W | James T |
| Avanni B | Athena B | Afrac K | Charly D | Isabella W | Charlotte M | Damian P |

