

Clifford Bridge News

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Welcome back! I (Miss Moore) had the pleasure of welcoming the children back on Tuesday morning with an assembly celebrating the children's hard work over the last half term. I was greeted by hundreds of smiley faces which was a real ray of sunshine in our current colder climate. The children enjoyed sharing some of the adventures that they had been on during half term.

The first day back was a long one for teachers and parents as it was our Spring Term parents' evening. It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members around school discussing and sharing the children's successes. It is always a strong reminder of how lucky we are to work in a school where parents and carers are so supportive. The evening was overwhelmingly positive and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone that attended.

What better way is there to start the week than to celebrate our love for reading by dressing up as book characters? We were blown away with the amazing and extravagant costumes that we have seen around the school today. Thank you to everyone who made such an effort to make this a memorable day and for your understanding of us re-arranging.

Finally, we couldn't finish without a quick mention of 'Beast From The East!' Mr Whale has done a fabulous job of clearing the site to ensure that it is safe for children, parents and staff so if you see him around school please give him a wave and a thank you. The weather is set to continue to be sub-zero this weekend so please stay safe and wrapped up.

Miss Moore and Mr Woods Assistant Head

Teachers

A little note from the Head...

I am back from my travels now, after spending part of last week in Devon for training and development in the Thrive Approach (do google it if you get chance, it is absolutely brilliant and very exciting in terms of the neuroscience behind child development). Unfortunately, the rest of my course was called off on Thursday and all delegates were told to make their way home immediately or risk being snowed-in in Devon for the foreseeable future! Ms Carpenter (Head at Whittle Academy) and I made our way back to the Midlands after a horrible six hour journey and seemed to bring Storm Emma with us! Thank you for your patience and understanding in the decision Mrs Docking and I reached on Thursday evening. Closing a school is a massive decision, and is absolutely not the easy option. With the conditions on Thursday night, Mr Whale's risk assessment and the forecast for Friday, it was simply too much of a risk to take so we made the decision just before midnight and wanted to let you know with as much advance notice as possible. By lunchtime Friday we knew we had made the right call, as the snow pelted down very heavily and made driving conditions incredibly dangerous. I would like to send a big thank you to all those parents and families who took the time to let me know we had made the right call, I know it is impossible to please everyone as opinions differ wildly, but it is useful to get your feedback.

Wishing everyone a slightly warmer week!

Amy Husband

Birthdays from 27th February - 4th March 2018



Daisy H

Evelyn B

Freya S

Jozef M-S

Laney J



The School Calendar

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05/03

Year 4W Market Trip

07/03 Year 3EV Market Trip

06/03

Year 3E Market Trip

08/03 Year 4T Market Trip

PTFA Disco

Year 1J Parents Evening

Year 3 and 4

KS2

100% Club Attendance

Year 3

Mrs Twit surprised the children with a visit to the classroom this week. She has set the children a challenge to think of a new trick to play on Mr Twit. Excited children were soon bouncing ideas around the classroom. Over the next few weeks, children will be writing and performing their new tricks. We just hope they don't try any of them at home!

Year 4

A busy week in Year 4 has seen the children identifying mixed number and improper fractions in Maths. Great focus from the children this week in English as they were working on their SPaG knowledge and understanding. Geography was the focus in the Theme lessons, with the children using the ipads and atlases to identify countries, continents, seas and capital cities. Children are looking forward to their school trip into Coventry city centre to visit the market. A wonderful opportunity for children to be responsible for their own money and buy some of the ingredients for the cooking sessions later in the week.

Year 5/6

Everybody has returned after half-term full of enthusiasm and raring to go. Year 5 have hit the ground running with their information texts about life as an astronaut. Year 6 are very much gearing up for SATs and there is a clear focused attitude spreading throughout the classroom. This week we have been researching different astronauts so that we can create a biography for them. The level of detail is looking very promising and the write look sets to be 'Out of this world'.

If parents were unable to attend parents' evening, please come and speak to us to arrange an alternative appointment. It is essential that we can share your child's progress with you at this key stage in the year.

Class % Attendance			
RK	63.99%	3E	96.67%
RW	77%	3EV	95%
1C	92.67%	4T	94.67%
1J	98.33%	4W	100%
2M	96.67%	5O	98.33%
2FS	94.67%	5Y	97%
		6A	97.19%

Whole School Attendance is 92.49
Best Class is 4W 100% Well Done



Year 1

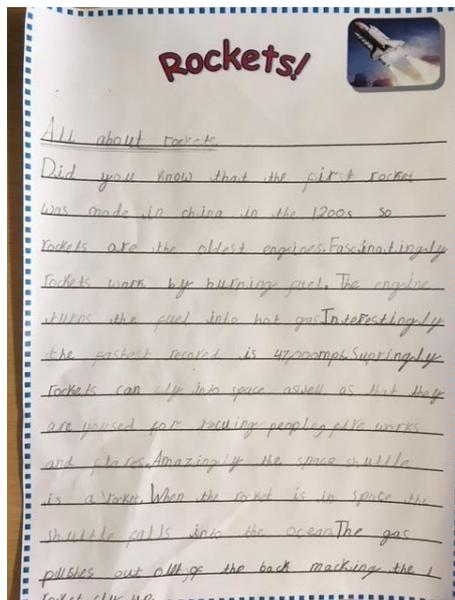
This week we have been investigating shapes. We went for a shape walk around the school to spot different 3D shapes. We also played "Guess the shape", where our partners had to guess which shapes we had from the clues we gave them. We then used a variety of 2D shapes to create our own shape pictures and patterns.



Year 2

What a busy few days we have had in Year Two! The children have been showing off their ever expanding knowledge of flight by producing information texts about different flying transport. It has been fascinating to learn about how helicopters move and how many amazing jobs they do. The children have also been eager to write some super facts about rockets - did you know the first ever rockets were made in China nearly 1000 years ago? We have been wowed by the high standard of writing produced this week, especially after a long week's rest. Well done Year Two!

Writing in the picture from Yulia Martin



Nursery

The children really missed school during the halfterm break and we're thrilled to be back. We heard so much about their adventures while they were off from school. This week has been dedicated to owls as we have been learning all about the story 'Owl Babies', by Martin Waddell. The children have been busy in their role play, acting out the story and creating worm recipes in 'Mummy's treetop kitchen.' The children have learnt about what owls eat, different species of owls and that they are nocturnal. They have been busy creating owls from paper plates and junk modelling. We have had a lot of our own busy owls in Nursery! Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Reception

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Our first week back at school after the half term break has left us all feeling excited but a little chilly! We have been practising for our upcoming class assembly titled 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have been learning the story, accompanying actions and lots of songs along the way. We are very excited to showcase our performance, following on from our wonderful nativity just a few months ago. A big well done to all the Reception children who have been acting so mature during this spout of poor weather. All children have been very responsible, ensuring their coats are done up and they are wrapped up warm with gloves, hats and scarves!



