

# Clifford Bridge News

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## This Week at Clifford Bridge

What a week! The week got off to a slippery start when poor Mr Whale had a nasty fall, whilst trying to make the site less icy for children and parents early on Monday morning. He is fine now, thank you to all those staff who donned their wellies to finish the shoveling and salt-spreading whilst Mrs Hiscox and Mrs Lenton looked after him. If you see Mr Whale out and about this week, please do give him a wave and a thank you. These bouts of snow and icy weather have made his job so much harder this winter and he still manages a smile and a giggle with the children after all his early de-icing mornings!

Clifford Bridge are famous! If you get a chance do check out our recent publication in the 'Every Child' Journal. I have put the link on the front page of our school website, and our article is on page 82 onwards. It is a lovely read and really does capture the spirit of Clifford.

Parking - you know what I'm about to say! Once again my last two weeks have been filled with parking disputes and complaints from local residents and even MPs. I have absolutely no jurisdiction to tell you how to park when you drop off and collect your children from school, but I would really appreciate your co-operation with our simple request: park safely and considerately. Blocking someone's private driveway or parking without any acknowledgement for how other vehicles will get through the road is simply unacceptable. As a school we will shortly be arranging for the fire brigade to pay us a visit during peak parking times to illustrate how dangerous the parking situation is around school. I appreciate you are all busy, and often in a hurry to your own workplaces when you drop off and collect, I too am a working parent who is frequently running very tight for time at these points of the day, but it isn't acceptable to put others at risk by parking your vehicles unsafely.

Let's finish with a positive! I have run out of Head Teacher stickers! Your little gems have been visiting my office every five minutes this week, bringing me some amazing pieces of work to see. The children have had such a productive Spring Term, and every year group (without exception) are making fantastic progress. Year 5 had a cracking trip to Kingswood last week. We all returned on Friday afternoon slightly muddier and more tired than we set off on Wednesday, but with lots of tales of adventure, adrenaline and campfires. Thanks to Mr O'Sullivan, Mrs Young, Mr Wilson and Mr Towe who came along too. It was an absolute pleasure spending time with the children (and teachers!) and seeing them all grow in confidence and independence. Thanks too to all those parents who took the time to send thankyou's via emails, Facebook messages and cards; your children were a delight.

*Wishing you all a happy weekend*

*Amy Husband*

Merit Certificates	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
		David O	William N	Drew M	Class 5O	Lauren W
	Phoenix G	Esha M	Sophia E	Jake G	Class 5Y	

Birthday Zone



### Birthdays from 19<sup>th</sup> March - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Simran P    Laila M    Caleb W    Zack H    Phoenix G



Monday  
26/3

Tuesday  
27/3

Wednesday  
28/3

Group Photographs Nursery -  
Year 5 - Band and Sports Groups  
Autism Awareness Day - Dress up  
in Onesies and pyjamas.  
Come & Share Years 5 & 6 2.15 -  
3.00pm

Thursday 29/3 - Easter Cake Sale - All day  
Thursday 29/3 Gold Merit Assembly 9.00am

Finish school for Easter on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Return to School on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

## KS2

### Year 3 and 4



What is the fastest cake in the bakery? A Scone. Thank you to the pupils in Year 4 who shared that gem with us this week as we have been preparing for our Come and Share activity. Afternoon Tea will have been served by the time you read this letter and we hope you enjoyed your scones (or is it scones?). Now let the debate begin, which of you put jam first, or who put their cream on first? The fantastic atmosphere and the wonderful smell of baking has filled the LKS2 corridor this week with work on measures, weighting, adding, following instructions, team work, designing menus... the list continues. The team effort was so incredible, we made over 400 scones - I hope you are all hungry! Well done to everyone for their hard work this term. Let's keep it up until next Thursday!

### Year 5 and 6

This week has been another somewhat busy week. Year 5 have been adding the finishing touches to their information texts about all things space. In addition to this, Year 5 have been starting their work on debating. This seems to be a skill that comes naturally to some! Year 6 have been tackling a somewhat tricky task. The writing work they have produced has been phenomenal. Be sure to ask them what the topic of their writing has been as I'm sure you will agree just how monumental the task has been.

We are pleased to say the 'Virtual Reality Workshop' that was due to take place on Monday but was cancelled by the organisers is now due to take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## 100% Club Attendance

Class % Attendance			
RK	97.57%	3E	98.67%
RW	99.66%	3EV	95.86%
1C	95.67%	4T	96.67%
1J	88.33%	4W	93.93%
2M	97.33%	5O	96.67%
2FS	97.67%	5Y	98.33%
		6A	98.44%

Whole School Attendance is 96.63%

Best Class is RW - 99.66%

Well Done

On Monday Nursery to Year 5 will be having class photographs taken. Band and Sports groups will also be having photographs on this day. Year 6 leavers photographs will take place later in the year. If you do not want your child to be in the class photograph please put this in writing to us by 9.00am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.



### Decorated Easter Eggs

Children can decorate an Easter Egg and bring it into school on Monday. All eggs can be collected on Thursday, all eggs that are not collected by 3.30pm will be disposed of.



### Easter Cake Sale

On Thursday we will be holding a cake sale in school, donations of cakes and biscuits can come into school from Wednesday, cakes will be sold to the children throughout the day for 20p to 50p and any cakes left at the end of the day will be sold or donated to the homeless.

## KS1

### Year 1

Year 1 have had another really busy week. Following our Morning of Music last Friday we have been putting the finishing touches to our Family Assembly. We were so proud when we watched the children performing - it can be quite daunting when there is such a large audience, but they were fantastic! They sang the songs beautifully, spoke clearly and showed just how much they have been learning this term. I know that we will still be singing the songs for weeks to come!

Please can we put in a request for any spare clothes, particularly socks, underpants and trousers. Our supplies are getting quite low and it is always really helpful if we have a variety of sizes should any children need changing during the day.



### Year 2

Who's feeling hungry? Not Year 2 after our culinary adventure this week. As part of our text study of 'The Twits', the children have been behaving like Mrs Twit and have been extremely bossy. They have given us lots of command sentences to follow in order to make the perfect wormy spaghetti. The children were not so keen but Mrs Husband thought it looked squirmtastically delicious! The children then wrote their own set of instructions so that anyone can make this yummy delicacy.



## Early Years

### Nursery



The children have had a fantastic week learning all about the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They have been comparing the language of size throughout their play. The children have been thoroughly engrossed in acting out the story all week and have been changing their voices according to whether they are daddy bear, mummy bear and baby bear. They have even been testing our chairs in Nursery to feel whether they are too hard or too soft. The highlight of this week was tasting porridge. So many children were brave and realised that they really did like the taste of porridge. Some of them even commented that it was 'just right'.

### Reception

#### Writing Excitement!

This week we have seen some very avid writers in Reception. Children have been getting creative and have been independently writing their own mini-stories! All the children have been showing off the amazing progress they have been making with their writing skills; writing captions, short sentences and even letters! On Friday, we welcomed parents' into our classrooms for our termly 'Come and Share'. Our afternoon was a mixture of fun Easter related activities. We also raised money for Sports Relief this week. Thank you to all the parents who attended

