
Newsletter 7

Dear Parents.



Although it seems like such a long time ago, I would like to announce a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the Christmas PTA events. Between the fayre, tree sale and secret santa, more than £4000 was raised. This is an amazing amount so thank you to **everyone** that contributed and supported these. The PTA are looking forward to paying for playground markings, so please look out as these will hopefully be appearing before the summer!

There has been a lot in the news in recent months about the need for schools to support children's emotional well-being, as well as their academic achievement. We recognise that a number of children, at certain times and for a variety of reasons, can struggle with their feelings or friendships, and that this can impact on their focus and ability to learn.



As a school we are starting to explore the "Thrive Approach", which focuses on supporting children's social and emotional skills.

Ms Pauline Adams (our SENCo) is currently undertaking a 10-day Thrive Practitioner training course throughout this academic year, and we will be looking at how we can introduce this approach in different ways across the school and for individual pupils.

Part of the "Thrive Approach" includes an online assessment tool which can be carried out with staff to find strategies to support individuals or groups of children. Ms Adams will be speaking to Class Teachers to consider groups or individual children across the school who may benefit, and so we may in due course be contacting individual parents to discuss this further. (We will not be assessing or working with individual children without parental permission.)

Mrs Lisa Gardner (one of our HLTAs) will also soon be starting a 5-day Emotional Literacy (ELSA) course, and is attending regular Learning Mentor network meetings. In due course we will also be looking at how we can use these ideas within school.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to speak to Ms Adams – she is not in school every day but you can contact her via the school office to make an appointment.

Half term arts and crafts

The February Half Term Art and Craft classes in the Art Rooms at Clevedon School are now booking:

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February, ages 5 - 14 years, 9.30am - 3pm.

£20 per session, including all materials.



Half Term Farm and Forest Fun

Get Earthwise are holding 2 days of outdoor fun for 5-7 year olds (older siblings welcome too) at The Community Farm (Chew Magna) and a nearby woodland. Expect fire skills, green wood working, natural crafts, den building, crop harvesting, cookery and more! £55 for two days. For more information visit:

getearthwise.co.uk



NITS

We have had recent cases of these little pests so please can you check your child's hair for head lice. The recommended treatment is to put conditioner on the hair and to thoroughly comb through with a nit comb. If this doesn't work, please ask for advice at your pharmacy.



Sickness




There seem to be a lot of bugs around at the moment. Please can we remind you that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, you **must** keep them home for at least 48 hours after the last episode. This policy is for the protection of all of the children and staff in school to stop the spread of these nasty viruses. Thank you for your cooperation with this








Diary Dates

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
FUNS Sports Festival at Chew Valley for Reception and Year 1	Wednesday	07.02.18	9.00-10.45
Mill on the Brue Camp Meeting	Friday	26.01.18	3.10pm
Lynx class cake sale	Monday	29.01.18	3.00pm

Celebration Assembly Certificates

<p><u>Lion</u></p> 	<p>w/e 12.01.18 Eva, for showing a good understanding in Maths this week. We have been counting, ordering numbers and matching quantities to numerals. Eve, for great work in phonics this week. Eve has shown a real improvement in her blending and segmenting over the last few weeks and is making good progress with her phonics.</p> <p>w/e 19.1.17 Neve and Archie, for great work in Maths-we have been looking at one more than a given number this week and they showed a good understanding of this. Max, for trying really hard to make his own rhyming string this week. We have been thinking about words that rhyme and playing lots of games related to this.</p>
<p><u>Leopard</u></p> 	<p>w/e 12.01.18 Beau and Jack, your enthusiasm for our maths topic, which is time, is amazing. Well done to both of you for showing curiosity and wanting to know more about telling the time. Gracie, super reading during our Bug Club books. You are progressing really well with your reading. Keep up the good work.</p> <p>w/e 19.01.18 Freya, you have been putting so much effort into your writing over the last two weeks. Your effort is paying off as you are producing fantastic work. I always enjoy reading your work! I am impressed that you are joining two sentences with the word 'and', and you always take on the challenge/extension activity that I set for you. Well done Freya. Lola, you are working very hard to extend your literacy skills, well done. You have put a lot of effort in to thinking in greater depth about a text and answering some comprehension questions. You show that you have a great understanding of text and also a love of reading. Keep it up Lola!</p>
<p><u>Panther</u></p> 	<p>w/e 12.01.18 Hugo, for working hard and thinking of some creative adjectives to describe the Rocky Mountains in our literacy work. Eden, for showing real imagination and creativity in writing her descriptive passage about the Rocky Mountains. I was so impressed by her use of adjectives, adverbs and even similes. Well done!</p> <p>w/e 19.01.18 Rosa, has worked really hard at her story telling and writing. She thought of some fantastic phrases to bring her writing to life! Sam W, has put a lot of effort and his own time into writing his book review. He packed in lots of information including recommending books for everyone else! Well done!</p>

<p><u>Tiger</u></p> 	<p>w/e 12.01.18 Reuben, for showing perseverance during the street dance lesson then giving others help and support to get the moves. Well done Reuben. Thomas, for showing perseverance in maths this week. Thomas worked hard to understand the inverse and asked for help when he needed it. Thomas was then able to successfully use the inverse to check his answers. Well done for your determination and perseverance!</p> <p>w/e 19.01.18 Lola, for always working hard in class and persevering during challenges. Lola always takes feedback positively and acts on it to improve her work. Joshua, for persevering in maths this week. Josh has successfully added amounts of money after initially finding this a challenge. He has also massively improved his presentation. Well done Josh! Sam, for making a noticeable improvement with focusing and working this week. Sam is maturing a lot and managing distractions so much better. Great to see and keep it up.</p>
<p><u>Jaguar</u></p> 	<p>w/e 12.01.18 Joshua, you have started this term with an enthusiastic and positive approach, particularly in English and P.E. Well done! Isaac J, you always participate in class and group discussions, sharing your knowledge and helping others in their learning. Isabel, you show an excellent sense of leadership. In our group activities in English this week, you have been a positive and active member of your team. Fantastic teamwork!</p> <p>w/e 19.01.18 Caleb, for your consistent positivity towards your learning. You always persevere when you find something difficult with a smile on your face. Nieve, you always demonstrate determination and enthusiasm in your learning. You listen really well and are always ready to learn and challenge yourself! Marlena, you are always positive and happy at school. You are committed to doing your very best in all of your learning and never to help others.</p>
<p><u>Lynx</u></p> 	<p>w/e 12.01.18 Cerys, for editing and improving her work with great care and thoughtfulness to produce a fantastic diary entry, well done! Henry P, for showing great enthusiasm and some fantastic dance moves during P.E.</p> <p>w/e 19.01.18 Troy, for making fantastic progress in English and Maths through hard work and perseverance. Edward, for writing a fantastic newspaper report and joining in enthusiastically in dance.</p>
<p><u>Puma</u></p> 	<p>w/e 12.01.18 Jake, Kieron, Max, Oliver and Reuben, for getting fully involved in our first street dance session and demonstrating co-operation and enjoyment.</p> <p>w/e 19.01.18 Olivia and Enya, for determination and then understanding of some very tricky algebra work this week.</p>
<p><u>Footballer of the week</u></p> 	<p>w/e 12.01.18 For lots of great saves during shooting practice and then not letting in any goals during our mini tournament-James Pearce</p>