

## Telscombe Cliffs Community Primary School and Nursery



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another exciting term has come to end. You'll see from the content of this newsletter just how busy we've been! We are very proud of your children and it's wonderful to see their achievements across the curriculum and beyond. We wish you joy and happiness over the Christmas holiday and look forward to welcoming children back at Telscombe Cliffs in 2019.

### Anti-Bullying Week

A packed anti-bullying week took place in November – especially for Key Stage 2. Zoe Giles ran anti-bullying drama workshops for Year 3 and 4 children which children responded to positively. John Khan from Priority 1-54 focused on Years 5 and 6 embracing the 2018 anti-bullying theme of 'Choose Respect'. John's workshop slides can be found in the *Pupil Zone* on our website.

### Online Safety Event feedback

John Khan also hosted an online safety session at school on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 6-8pm for parents of children in Year 4, 5, 6. John's presentation, alongside parent and child feedback can be viewed in the *Pupil Zone* on our website under the Anti-Bullying and Online Safety tab. This feedback included:

*"I will keep a closer watch on my child's screen time and the tech he uses."*

*"I will continue talking to my daughter about online safety and screen time and may look at reducing this."*

*"I wasn't aware of the age restrictions on some of the social media Apps."*

*"It was really good and I'm glad that I brought my daughter who was able to ask questions."*

*"Thank you for the talk this evening I found it really useful."*

*"It was interactive and the presentation was interesting."*

*"It was informal and easy to join in and my child joined in the activities."*

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### Local Author Visit

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 we were fortunate to welcome local children's author, David Fuller visiting Key Stage 2 to talk to children about his popular *Alfie Jones* series and explain what inspired him to become a writer. The *Alfie Jones* series centres on a football-mad boy whose chance meeting with a mysterious fortune teller at a fun-fair is set to alter the course of his life. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Here are some of their thoughts about the visit:

*"He is resilient because he never gave up on writing stories."*

*"He wrote for hours and never gave up."*

*"I liked him because he only wrote stuff that was entertaining."*



### Football Results

We drew 1-1 against Meridian as the rain lashed down. This was a frustrating result as we felt we had more of the ball and chances which we should have converted.

Our final game saw us play the usually formidable Denton. We faced obstacles when our goalie injured his hand before the match. However, Reuben stepped up as goalie and kept a clean sheet as we won 5-0! Excellent play from the whole team was rewarded by a superbly taken hat-trick by Tyler and a delightful double for Jake K.

## Attendance

Attendance matters at Telscombe Cliffs. We want our children in school every day. As a school, we are working hard to improve the education of our children. Attendance is a major factor that affects the attainment and progress that our pupils make. Regular attendance supports their well-being, too. Our attendance target is 96%. We will be contacting parents of children about whose attendance we are concerned.

## Eligibility for Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to free school meals.

**Your child may be entitled to free school meals for all their time at primary school.**

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance or some other form of support, your child may be entitled to free school meals throughout primary school and possibly beyond.

If your child does qualify, they also receive Pupil Premium funding for at least 6 years. This funding is used to support children's learning and help towards the cost of, for example, school uniform, after-school clubs, and school trips. If you are in receipt of benefits, you need to register for free school meals even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

## Coats and Shoes

As mentioned earlier in the term, the weather is becoming colder and is often at its most biting in January and February. Please ensure that your child wears a jumper or cardigan and has a coat to wear when they are outside for playtimes and lunchtimes. Also, please ensure that their shoes are appropriate for winter conditions. We need our children to be dressed appropriately for the weather and the activities that they are doing.

## Year 4 Trip to Newhaven Fort

On a cold December morning, all of Year 4 travelled to Newhaven Fort to celebrate and consolidate our WWI learning journey this term. After a detailed talk by one of their experts, including how to put a baby in a giant gas mask, Year 4 explored the exhibition rooms, the dungeons and had a panoramic view whilst walking along the top of the fort.

## Whole School Behaviour Training

Since September, we have been working with Kit Messenger (from Blooming Genius!) on our approach to behaviour. This has been very well received by the staff and children have enjoyed sessions in class about how to manage emotions and talk about how they are feeling. Kit plans to run a session for parents in the New Year.

## Reading Competition Winners

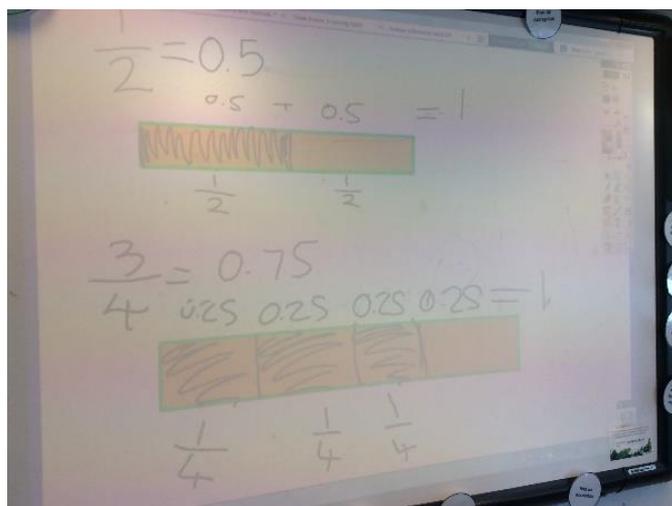
Congratulations to Holly in Blackberry class and Theo in Wild Cherry class, who won our reading competition. They both received a book voucher.

## PTFA Christmas Fair

Thank you so much for your support at the Christmas Fair on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The new PTFA team spent many hours planning this event and we have received lots of positive feedback. We are proud to announce that profits in excess of £900 were made. This would not have been possible without your generous contributions. Thank you.

## Maths Training

Part of our maths training over the past few months has included how we use concrete and pictorial resources in order to help children's understanding. This extends even to Year 6. Below is an example of Monty's work on how to represent equivalent fractions and decimals using representations on the interactive white board.



## Violin Assembly

A special assembly was organised on 13<sup>th</sup> December in order to celebrate our talented violinists. Mr Smith and his students treated us to a mainly Christmas theme with pieces including *Jingle Bells*, *Silent Night* and *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. We're really proud of the excellent progress our children are making and the hard work involved to achieve this. Children in the audience were very inspired by the pieces they heard and many said they were keen to play a musical instrument in the future.



### Christmas Performances

Thank you for coming to watch Christmas performances by Reception and Year 1. The children really enjoyed learning lots of new songs and we are very proud as, for many, it was their first time performing in front of a big audience.

### Curriculum Newsletters

Curriculum newsletters for Term 3 are starting to go onto our website. They can be viewed by going to the Curriculum tab and, then, Year Group Information. The newsletters give an overview of what your child will be learning that term.

### Year 6 Ambassadors

The Year 6 team have elected ambassadors from this year group in order to support children across the school, welcome visitors and be role models.

### School Council

Our school council this year will be run by Mrs Knight, who teaches Wild Cherry Class. One of the fundamental British Values taught in our school is democracy and this will be evident as all children will get to vote. The chosen candidates will be announced early in the new year and will be shared in our Term 3 newsletter along with the focus for the rest of the year.

### Play Leaders

Play leaders have been organised by Mrs Houghton. They consist of a few Year 4, 5 and 6 children. Their roles include setting up play equipment, organising games and making sure children are feeling safe and happy.

### Christmas Jumper Day

It was fantastic to see so many staff and children enjoying this event. We are delighted to announce that £378.25 was raised for Save the Children.

### Christmas Crackers

A special thank you to Mrs Sargant's husband whose company Eiger Energy kindly supplied the Christmas Crackers for the Christmas lunches.

### Message from the Governors

The governors would like to convey our appreciation of your continuing support to the school and wish all of you a very happy and restful Christmas holiday! We would like to assure you of our dedication towards providing the best educational experience for your children. Our work is entirely voluntary and much of it takes place in the evenings. We now plan to be a little more 'visible' around the school and are also considering providing a 'drop-in' session for parents to discuss any ideas you may have for school improvement. Please let us know, via the school office, if you think this would be worthwhile.

Best wishes *The Governors*

### Dates for your diary!

Please note these dates are not exhaustive and can be subject to change.

January 2019	
Thursday 3rd	Term 3 Begins
Wednesday 23rd	Silver Birch Class Assembly
Tuesday 29th	Year 5 Trip to Lewes
Wednesday 30th	Wild Cherry Class Assembly
February 2019	
Wednesday 6th	Honeysuckle Class Assembly
Wednesday 13th	Aspen Class Assembly
Thursday 14th	Term 3 Ends
Friday 15th	INSET Day
Monday 25th	Term 4 Begins
March 2019	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Blackberry Class Assembly
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Juniper Class Assembly
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Sycamore Class Assembly
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Elder Class Assembly
April 2019	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential Week
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Term 4 Ends

### INSET Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Please note that Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET day at Telscombe Cliffs. The whole school will have further training on GDPR and risk assessments.

