

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 1st September 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Another busy week with the children is almost at an end. We were delighted to be able to start our baking with, and for, our Star Achievers. We had an enthusiastic group of bakers and the children who were celebrated at assembly this week enjoyed the star biscuits, giving them a resounding ten out of ten!

At this time of year the school is involved in creating an Improvement Plan for the session ahead. To support our improvements we often use our weekly Citizenship Gatherings to give the children a platform to share their opinions and views on a range of different issues. At these Gatherings children in P2-P7 sit together in their Houses, (Caddon, Meigle, Fairnilee and Peel). We would like to invite you as parents to one of these gatherings this session, according to your child's House. This will give you an opportunity to work with your child(ren) and to have a platform to share your views together.

To support this, in terms of space, and to ensure quality time for you we would like to invite you to one specific gathering according to your child's House, i.e. Caddon, Meigle, Fairnilee, Peel. You will see below in the **Dates for the Diary** that parents of children who are in **Fairnilee** are being asked to join us on **Wednesday 20th September** where we will have an interactive session to gather your views and ideas. The theme for this gathering will be on how the new term has started for the children, their learning environments and the daily soft starts.

Dates for parents whose children are in the other Houses are:

Wednesday 6th December - 9.00am – 9.30 am – parents of children who are in **Meigle House** – theme – Health and Wellbeing learning

Wednesday 31st January - 9.00am – 9.30 am – parents of children who are in **Caddon House** – theme – Literacy learning

Wednesday 1st May - 9.00am – 9.30 am – parents of children who are in **Peel House** – theme - Numeracy learning

Please note – these gatherings are for parents of children in P2-P7 only. If you are a parent of a P1 or ELC pupil you will be given another way to share your opinion and views. See below.

We appreciate that for some families, other commitments may mean you are unable to attend. Furthermore, we do want to include all parents' views on each of the four themes we will be exploring at these gatherings so whether you are able to come or not we will be sharing a link to either a QR code or survey to ensure you have the opportunity to add your views. These will be included in the relevant Weekly Update and on the children's Class Communication Groups on Showbie, alongside relevant information to support you adding your views. If you are unsure of which House your child is in please contact the school office in the first instance to ensure you come on the correct date. We have updated our Parent Calendar on our website with all dates for these gathering.

Your child's termly Curriculum Overview will be posted on their Class Communication group today. Please do take a look at this so you know what learning has been planned for your child.

Thank you to all our families who continue to support our school so positively. Wishing you all a lovely and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Friday 1 st September	Curriculum Overviews published on Showbie Class Communication Groups
Friday 8 th September	Travelling Book Fair in school
Tuesday 12 th September	Meet the Teacher 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 12 th September	Parent Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday 20 th September	Fairnilee House Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering 9.00am-9.30am
Monday 25 th September	Cycle to School Week begins
Monday 25 th September	Maths Week Scotland begins
Monday 2 nd October	Last day for dropping off filled shoebox for Blythswood Shoebox Appeal
Thursday 5 th October	P3/4 Class Assembly

School Lunches Parentpay

Please can you ensure that you order your child's lunch in a timely manner as we have had a significant number of children who do not have lunches ordered. This can cause issues with catering supplies and preferred meal options not being available as well as taking up valuable staff time to rectify.

If you could also remember to cancel any meals you have ordered via Parentpay if your child is going to be absent this too would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Labelling Uniform

As the children settle back into school, please check that you have labelled and named all items of your child's uniform. Already we have a number of jumpers and other items without names which means reuniting them with their rightful owner is tricky. If your child has unlabelled items of clothing, these may be stored in lost property until they have been correctly identified by you. Thank you for your support with this.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

This session, in partnership with the Parent Council the school have agreed to support the Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. Families are asked to fill a shoebox with simple things that can be gifted, and sent to someone in need. This can be a child, boy or girl, a teenager or an adult. The Shoebox Appeal has a simple six step guide to supporting this appeal. Full information can be found on the attached leaflet. This information can also be found on your child's class communication group. In order for us to be able to support collection and delivery in time for Christmas, the last day for dropping off shoeboxes to school will be **Monday 2nd October**. We very much hope that you will consider taking part in this wonderful initiative and bring a little joy to someone in need at Christmas.

Assembly

We had a lovely assembly sharing stories about not giving up and not being afraid to make mistakes. Watching Josh Kerr win his gold medal at the World Athletic Championships was a great hook to get the children thinking about how to be a gracious winner – and loser! We also celebrated our Star Achievers who were the first to enjoy the Star Biscuits with their hot chocolate. The biscuits were very popular and it was great to chat and see the children enjoying their sweet treat!

"This is the best!"

"Star Achievers has got even better! I like how things keep changing to make it even nicer for us."

"These biscuits are amazing."

"I can't wait for next week to do the baking – I know how I'm going to decorate my biscuits."

Congratulations to the following pupils for consistently showing our school values in action:



ELC	Euan
P1/2	Cadence
P2/3	Luca
P3/4	Brodan
P5/6	Caolan
P6/7	Theo



School's Out! Clovenfords

Please see attached newsletter for School's Out latest news. A reminder you can contact School's Out at: admin@schoolsoutclovenfords



Clovenfords

We have a mixture of good quality, used items, including clothes embroidered with the school badge; as well as brand new uniform kindly donated by Asda. There are coats, shoes, trainers, PE clothes and even tights and socks!

The hub is accessible to all via the school office. Please ring the bell marked Reception to be given entry to the hub.

Small donations are gratefully appreciated but not expected. Our goal is to provide you with good quality school uniforms free of charge. Please pop along when you can to use this great facility.

Our Vision and *child friendly* version

Together we will strive to ensure that all children will flourish and be celebrated for their own unique abilities.

I am unique

All children will develop as lifelong learners with resilience, ambition and pride in their achievements.

I am a lifelong learner

Each child will know that they matter and that their voice is heard.

My voice matters

Communication

If your child will not be in school, it is important that you inform the school office by 9.00am. You can report absence by phone or email.

School office phone number: 01896 662755 **School office email:** clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk

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