

Clovenfords Primary School

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Weekly Update – Friday 20th October 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We have had a very busy start back with lots of super learning opportunities for the children. Some of the highlights this week have included our younger pupils engaging with Lisa from Go Wild for their first outdoor learning session. This week they took part in an Autumn hunt. We have had music instruction with Kaela from YMI on the tin whistle for our P6 pupils; our P5-P7 pupils took part in an online rugby special with Inspire Learning celebrating the life of Bill McLaren, and children across the school have been participating in the after school Netball and Archery clubs currently on offer.

You will see from the **Dates for the Diary** below that this is a packed half term with lots of events happening so please do take a note of these to ensure that you and your child don't miss out on any of these special times in the lead up to Christmas. Of particular note are our Pupil Progress Consultations. More details will follow soon on how to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Next week it is **Walk to School Week** and we are hoping as many children as possible will be able to engage in this.

It really has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school and hear all their news. We are looking forward to a happy and settled half term and to continue to work in partnership with you to ensure that our ethos and school values continue to nurture and support all.

Wishing you a peaceful and safe weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 23rd October	Walk to School Week begins
Monday 23rd October	Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 26th October	P1/2 Class Assembly – 1.30pm
Friday 27th October	Curriculum Overviews published
Friday 27th October	Parent Council Halloween Disco – tickets available form School Office
Wednesday 1st November	Open Afternoon – 2.15pm
Thursday 9th November	P6/7 Class Assembly 1.30pm
Tuesday 14th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 22nd November	Pupil Progress Consultations (Parents Evenings)
Thursday 23rd November	P2/3 Class Assembly – 1.30pm
Thursday 23rd November	Pupil Progress Consultations (Parents Evenings)
Monday 27th November	St Andrews Day Holiday – school closed to all
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 6th December	MEIGLE House P2-P7 Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering - 9.00am
Monday 11th December	P2/3 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Tuesday 12th December	P3/4 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Wednesday 13th December	ELC Christmas Show – 2.15pm
Thursday 14th December	P1 and P2 pupils Christmas Nativity – Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.00pm
Monday 18th December	P5/6 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Tuesday 19th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19th December	P6/7 Class Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th December	P3-P7 Christmas by Candlelight Concert – Final Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.30pm
Thursday 21st December	P1/2 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
Thursday 21st December	LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 22nd December	Holiday
Monday 8th January 2024	New term begins – all resume

Staffing

Congratulations Miss Hayes!

We are delighted to share Miss Hayes' news that she is expecting a baby in January. As a result we will be advertising for a temporary replacement teacher for our P1/2 class while Miss Hayes is on maternity leave. Further staffing details will be shared in due course. In the meantime, we are all looking forward to baby's safe arrival.

Support for Learning Teacher

At the end of half term we said goodbye to Mrs Jill Hosker, our Support for Learning teacher. Mrs Hosker has commenced a phased retirement and has decided to reduce her days. This meant that we had to advertise for a Support for Learning teacher to replace Mrs Hosker. We are delighted to announce that, following a successful interview, Mrs Gemma Crawshaw will now work with the children in this role in addition to her ANA role. Mrs Crawshaw is a qualified teacher with many years' experience. Her knowledge and expertise will be advantageous for all children in this role.

Early Years Modern Apprentice ELC

We are also looking forward to welcoming Mr Ewan Cameron-Lyle to our ELC setting from Thursday 26th October. Mr Cameron-Lyle joins us as an Early Years Modern Apprentice following Miss Mya Lamb's decision not to proceed with her Apprenticeship at this time. We wish Miss Lamb well with her future and look forward to hearing how she is getting on.

Halloween Disco

A Parent Council sub-committee has been hard at work to organise a Halloween Disco for the children on Friday 27th October. The times are:

P1-P3 Disco - 6.00pm-7.00pm – no masks please

P4-P7 Disco – 7.15pm – 8.15pm

Tickets can be purchased from the school office for £2.50 each. Parents have organised music, games and a snack. Please note there will be some flashing lights. You are asked to ensure your child is collected promptly at the end of their disco. Please contact your Parent Council Class Rep if you require any further information.

Our ELC pupils will have a Halloween celebration during the morning of the 27th October and can come to ELC dressed up if they wish.

Wider Achievement

We are currently working on a new project in school to support children's wider achievements. We want to explore with the children what wider achievements are and why they are important. As you know, our school Vision includes the statement that the children are lifelong learners. Wider achievements very much link into this but we need your help to share all of the many successes your child experiences outside of school.

A wider achievement can come from a range of activities and developing skills which can include sport, fundraising, volunteering, new hobbies or interests, new experiences etc.

This session we are delighted to have an Achievements Leader – Ella Mae – who is currently preparing a new display area in which to celebrate your child's out of school achievements.

We are asking you to chat to your child about what they do outside of school and help us to regularly celebrate the many life skills and experiences that make them lifelong learners. We want every child on this display!

Please email photos and news of any wider achievements to our school office, where Ella Mae and the team will be waiting to share and celebrate these with your child.



Indoor Shoes

It has been a wet and windy end to the week and many of the children have been arriving at school wearing wellies and boots – an excellent choice of footwear in this weather! However, please can we ask that your child brings a pair of indoor shoes to change into when the weather is wet/snowy? Not only will this be more comfortable for your child but it also helps us to keep the floors in the corridor dry and therefore less slippery for everyone when moving around the school. Many thanks for your support with this.

School Photos

Earlier this week, your child brought their school photo order form home. Please see below for further information on ordering:

- For families with more than one child, packs can be made up of a mixture of their children's photos. For example if ordering pack B, you could have the sibling photo in a 10 x 8, then an 8 x 6 of child A and an 8 x 6 of child B, the 5 x 7 photos could be the sibling photo, etc.
- Digital packs consist of 4 photos, and can be a mix of any of your children's photos, just make sure the photo numbers are clearly stated. However if you need more than 4 photos you can choose a pack of 12 digital images for £60.
- If you order a pack and would like extra photos, but don't need/want to buy another pack, you can order extra prints at the following prices (but you MUST also have purchased one pack of photos):
 - 7 x 5 - £6
 - 8 x 6 - £8
 - 10 x 8 - £10
- If ordering the large digital package or extra prints, please note on the order form clearly, as these options don't appear on the form.
- **Orders and payment should be returned to school by Friday 27th October in the envelopes provided.**

Parent Council Meeting

Our next Parent Council Meeting is on **Monday 23 October at 6.30pm**. Please join us online if you are able to attend. Many thanks.

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Harvest Assembly

This week at Assembly we took a moment to be thankful for the food we have to eat and reflect on all of the places that our food comes from. We were also delighted to introduce the **Cloven Crunchy Crew!** These pupils have decided to raise money for Mary's Meals, a charity that supports feeding children in education around the world. We will be sharing more details of this soon but we are so proud of Harry, Amelie and Emily for their initiative and caring natures.

We were also thankful to Andrew and Tomas, our **JRSO** Reps this session, for reminding us how to stay safe and stay seen as the days grow shorter and darker. Congratulations to the following Star Achievers for showing our school values in action, for using their learning powers effectively to support their progress, and for showing their developing understanding of our school aims:



ELC	Fergus
P1/2	Robbie
P2/3	Callie
P3/4	Harry
P5/6	Angus
P6/7	Robyn



Our star achiever biscuits and hot chocolate went down a treat and there was lots of lovely chat among the children.



School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: admin@schoolsoutclovenfords



Clothingfords

Clothingfords is available for you to come and browse at any time across the school day as well as during after school and evening events. Please do not be shy about coming in to use this great facility! There is a great mixture of good quality, used items, including clothes embroidered with the school badge; as well as brand new uniform kindly donated by Asda. 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.

WANTED!

If you have any children's wellies that no longer fit and are in good condition we would love to have them for our hub. Thank you!

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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