

# Clovenfords Primary School

**Kindness Respect Honesty**

Weekly Update – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023



## Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

A short update from me this week as there is lots to read below! School is busy, it is such a lovely term with lots of planning for all things Christmas. The staff and children have been busy creating their artwork for a Kindness Calendar and are now turning their creative skills towards making crafts to sell at our upcoming Christmas Fair. There has also been some lovely singing starting to drift down the corridors as preparation gets underway for the shows, nativity and concert that is planned. Tickets for these events will be on sale from next Friday.

We launched our next Building Resilience Unit – Be Kind to Others – see below - and we would urge you to engage in the family learning task, (details on your child's Class Communication Group) which will support your child to develop their health and wellbeing, resilience and understanding of the tools that enhance their emotional regulation.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you into school next week for your child's progress consultation. In the meantime, I hope you have a safe and peaceful weekend.

*Mrs Saxon*

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School Enrolment Week (20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November)</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Pupil Progress Consultations (Parents Evenings)</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>P2/3 Class Assembly – 1.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Pupil Progress Consultations (Parents Evenings)</b>
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Andrews Day Holiday – school closed to all
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair - 11.45am-1.30pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	MEIGLE House P2-P7 Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering - 9.00am
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Mary's Meals
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P2/3 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P3/4 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	ELC Christmas Show – 2.15pm
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P1 and P2 pupils Christmas Nativity – Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.00pm
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P5/6 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Christmas Lunch
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P6/7 Class Christmas Party
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	P3-P7 Christmas by Candlelight Concert – Final Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	P1/2 Class Christmas Party – 2.00pm
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	LAST DAY OF TERM
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Holiday
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>	New term begins – all resume

## Staffing Update

We are delighted to share with you that Miss Hayes has had her baby! Orin was welcomed into the world last week and we are all very excited to meet him soon. As we are currently in the process of recruiting for Miss Hayes' maternity cover, we will in the meantime be welcoming Mrs Cockburn into our school to teach P1/2 until the end of this term.

**Christmas Jumper Day with the Cloven Crunchy Crew**

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Suggested Donation £1

You may remember a few weeks ago that we shared that some of our children, The Cloven Crunchy Crew, have been raising money for Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. Our Cloven Crunchy Crew have so far raised almost enough money to feed three children for one whole school year. It costs just under £20 to feed one child for a year.

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** we would like to invite the children to come to school in a Christmas jumper or wearing some tinsel or Christmas antlers or a Santa badge, (anything festive on their school jumper if they don't have a Christmas jumper) and to **bring in a small donation to support Mary's Meals. We are suggesting £1 per child** but of course anything you could donate would be very much appreciated. The Cloven Crunchy Crew will let us know the total raised and how many children their collective efforts, with your help, will support. Thank you!



### Wider Achievement

A reminder we are keen to share children's wider achievements and that we have a fantastic display being set up to share and celebrate the children's out of school interests, hobbies, achievements and developing skills. Our Achievements Leader is waiting to hear from you!

A huge well done to these two pupils who have been doing some amazing charity work outside of school raising over £1100 for Cancer Research UK. Brilliant effort girls!

Please email us with any news and out of school interests and hobbies your child is involved in and enjoys. We love to hear about these and celebrate their successes.

### Mission Christmas Cash For Kids

In partnership with the Parent Council our school will be a drop off point for the annual Cash For Kids festive fundraiser. If you would like to contribute a gift for a child, you can hand one in at the school office from Monday onwards. Please do not wrap any gifts you are donating so they can be sorted and distributed according to age, and stage. To find out more about this charity and for any questions you may have please visit <https://cashforkids.org.uk/mission>



### School Enrolment Week 20th - 24th November 2023

#### Primary School Enrolment

If your child is five years of age before the end of February 2025, they are eligible to attend primary school from August 2024. Please visit [www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment) during or after enrolment week and upload a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of your address.

#### Secondary School Enrolment

If your child is moving from primary to secondary school in August 2024 you will receive details of the local catchment school from their current primary school.

**Placement requests** If you want to send your child to a school that is out with your catchment area this is called a placement request. If you choose to make a placement request you must also make contact with your catchment school and complete an on-line enrolment form so that they can reserve a place for your child in the event that your placement request is refused. You should then contact your preferred school and complete an on-line placement request form. To find out more you can visit us online [www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schoolenrolment)

#### Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Enrolments – 3 & 4 year olds

Children born between 1st March 2020 and 28 February 2022 will be eligible for up to 1140 hours of funded ELC from August 2024, these hours are allocated on a pro-rata basis depending on when children start throughout the year. Funded ELC is free to families and is paid for by the Scottish Government and local authorities. It can be provided at school nurseries, private and voluntary managed nurseries and playgroups and some childminders who have a contract with Scottish Borders Council to provide funded places. Parents are asked to make contact with the ELC setting of their choice to discuss options for their child prior to making an application during enrolment week. Further information [www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc)

## Deferred Entry Applications

New legislation means that children who turn 5 years of age between 15th August 2024 and 28th February 2025 are able to defer their entry to P1 and receive another year of funded ELC

Further information [www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/elc)

## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

Council Headquarters Tel: 0300 100 1800 [www.scotborders.gov.uk](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk)

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### Building Resilience Be Kind to Others Launch Assembly

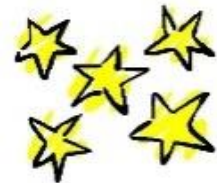
We had such a lovely assembly on Thursday exploring the theme of Be Kind to Others. Part of this learning is around how it feels when we are unkind to others, something that is important to address and to continue to learn about. So many of our children make kind and positive choices every day, and when they do they recognise that they are also being kind to themselves. When we make unkind choices, it never makes us feel good about ourselves. The children will be exploring this in class, and we ask that you engage in the home learning that is part of this unit to help us to reinforce these important messages.



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	Nico and Anastazia
P1/2	Torin
P2/3	Anya
P3/4	Ellis M
P5/6	Nell
P6/7	Orin



The chat this week over hot chocolate/juice and a biscuit included birthday celebrations and a discussion about Percy Pig sweets!

It was so nice to hear the children laughing and sharing stories with each other. Thank you to Nell and Orin for their excellent dish drying skills afterwards.



### School's Out Clovenfords

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: [admin@schoolsoutclovenfords](mailto: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 for the donations so far – keep them coming!

### 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](mailto:clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk)

**School Twitter (X) :** @Clovenfords\_ps

**School website:** [Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty (glowscotland.org.uk))