

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 24th November 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

It was great to see almost all of you in school this week attending your child's Pupil Progress Consultation and visiting your child's classroom to look at samples of their learning. Thank you if you were able to provide feedback and write a message of encouragement for your child. Being part of their learning conversations is crucial to their progress and to show your child that we work in partnership. If you were unable to fill in the feedback form, please see below on how you can still do this.

This week the children have been starting to create their crafts to sell at our upcoming Christmas Fair. There will be lots of fabulous items for sale and we do hope you are able to join us on Friday 1st December from 11.45am.

The children are also hard at work practising for their Christmas Show/Nativity/Concert. Tickets for these events are on sale now from the school office. Please note that in the first instance, tickets will be limited to two per family and any extra seats available will be sold on the night on a first come first served basis. You may remember that last year entry was free for our Christmas shows, however this year we are having to charge a small price per ticket. This is to cover licensing costs. Money from the ticket sales will also help us to replenish our Star Achiever baking fund to buy ingredients so that all the children will be able to take part in baking across this session. Ticket prices are just £1.00 for each Dress Rehearsal, the ELC Christmas Show is £2.00 per ticket and the Nativity and Concert Evening Performances are £2.50 per ticket.

Dates for all these events are, as always, below for you. If you want to make sure you don't miss any crucial dates, you might consider buying our school Kindness Calendar? You can preview this at our Christmas Fair next Friday.

A reminder that school is closed to all pupils on Monday 27th November. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 28th November.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Monday 27th November	St Andrews Day Holiday – school closed to all
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fair - 11.45am-1.30pm
Wednesday 6th December	MEIGLE House P2-P7 Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering - 9.00am
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Mary's Meals - £1 suggested donation
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 TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Thursday 14th December	P1 and P2 pupils Christmas Nativity – Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.00pm TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
Friday 15th December	ELC Christmas Party – come dressed to dance!
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 – Dress Rehearsal - 2.15pm and Evening Performance – 6.30pm TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
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

Feedback from Pupil Progress Consultations

Thank you very much for coming to your child's Pupil Progress Consultation. It was lovely to welcome you into school. Thank you also for commenting on how calm and welcoming the classrooms were. We are very grateful if you were able to fill in the feedback sheet for your child that was provided. Written encouragement from you alongside sharing your child's interests and hobbies help us to support their learning in a range of different ways. If you were unable to fill in the form on the evening, please ask at the office for one to fill in at home and return. This will be a great boost for your child to read your comments and for us to support and encourage them even more.

Parent Council New Logo



Many thanks to the Parent Council who shared their new logo with us this week. Members of our Parent Council continue to work hard behind the scenes to promote and support your child's school. This term the focus is on the Christmas Fair. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer and could offer a hand on the day, please get in touch with your class rep.

Mini Maroons



Peter McCartin (Gala Youth Rugby Development officer) and/or his assistants were in visiting us over a 3 week period recently to deliver curriculum time rugby taster sessions to some of our children. Now that those sessions have all been completed, Live Borders and Active Schools would like to share information about the Mini Maroons weekly training sessions. If you are interested contact details have been shared here.

Wider Achievements

If your child enjoys rugby or attending other out of school clubs and events, please do share these with us as we love to hear of their wider achievements and interests.

This week we have enjoyed hearing about **Zara's** swimming success, **Andrew's** charity haircut and **Harris'** shared his Footballing Player of the Week trophy. All of these achievements

are on our new display. Next week, Ella Mae, our Achievements Leader will be working with Inspire to create QR codes for all of these achievements so the display is interactive, and you can come in and hear what the children have to say about their out of school hobbies and successes.

P2/3 Class Assembly



The Day the Crayons Quit was the theme of our P2/3 class assembly this week. This was the book they used for their novel study and the children retold the story with gusto, capturing the characters in the book brilliantly and sharing some wonderful artwork they had created. It was lovely to welcome families in to share in our assembly this week.

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	Lachlan
P1/2	Oliver
P2/3	James
P3/4	Isla
P5/6	Abigail
P6/7	Caitlin



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 for the donation 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

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