

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 1st December 2023



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

This week there has been lots of activity as the children finalised their preparations and completed their crafts for our Christmas Fair which is in full swing this morning. It is great to welcome so many families into school to enjoy all that is on offer today.

Later on this afternoon, our netballers will be in action representing our school at the annual Galashiels Area Tournament. We know they will give their absolute best and work as a team to score and win as many games as possible. Good luck to all!

Next week on Wednesday morning we would like to welcome **all families who have children in the MEIGLE House to our Citizenship Gathering**. We will be working with the pupils' to develop their understanding of how we are supporting their literacy learning, specifically 'Kaligo', an online app that is developing their handwriting skills. Please do come along if you can – the children always love having parents in to share in these activities. A reminder that it is only our P2-P7 children who will be at the Gathering. For parents who only have children in P1 and for those of you whose child is in another house, we will be sharing this learning and asking for feedback via next week's Weekly Update as well as on your child's Class Communication Group.

Next Thursday we are inviting all the children to come to school with either a Christmas jumper on, or something sparkly attached to their school jumper to support a fundraiser that was initiated by some of the children. The 'Cloven Crunchy Crew' are raising money for Mary's Meals and would like to suggest a donation of £1 if your child comes in with a festive jumper on to support this very worthwhile charity.

A reminder that tickets for all the Christmas shows are on sale from our school office. These shows will be another highlight of this busy term and we look forward to seeing you there. Dates for all these events are listed below for you.

Wishing you a safe, cosy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

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 – 2.00pm
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 22 nd December	Holiday
Monday 8 th January 2024	New term begins – all resume

Citizenship Gathering Meigle Parents

If you are parent of a P2-P7 child in the Meigle House please come along to our Gathering on Wednesday 6th December to share in your child's learning. This starts at 9.00 am and we look forward to welcoming you.

Wider Achievements

This week we have enjoyed hearing about **Rowan's** Chief Scout Bronze award and Judo participation certificate and **Torin's** Investiture in the Beavers and his Judo medal. Ella Mae, our Achievements Leader has begun to create QR codes for all of these achievements and has been busy interviewing pupils across the school so you can hear all about these achievements and more when you are next in school. By scanning the QR code you can hear first-hand how proud the children are of their wider achievements.

Please do keep emailing the school office with your child's achievements or encourage them to come and share with us so we can celebrate with them.

Christmas Advent Calendars – Acts of Kindness

Yesterday we had a visit from Pamela and Kelly from the Salmon Inn in Galashiels who very kindly donated a chocolate advent calendar to every child in our school. We have a particular focus on kindness this month with the Family Learning task asking you to explore the concept of being a 'bucket filler' – Pamela and Kelly were most definitely bucket fillers this week and we are so proud of the children's manners and respect for this kind gesture.



Reflection Assembly Be Kind to Others



Our assembly this week focused on everyone taking time to reflect on the key learning from our latest Building Resilience Unit. In this unit the children have explored how kindness makes a difference to ourselves and others, that being unkind hurts others and it hurts us too, and that it is important to be kind to yourself.

We are very much looking forward to the Sharing Assembly next week and hope that you will be able to support your child with the family learning task as this will form part of the assembly too.

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 ongoing understanding of our school aims:



ELC	Violet
P1/2	Delta
P2/3	Struan
P3/4	Taylor
P5/6	Katelyn
P6/7	Ella-Mae



The children's chat was very festive this week as they tucked into their hot chocolate and star biscuit!



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 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

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