

Clovenfords Primary School

Kindness Respect Honesty

Weekly Update – Friday 12th January 2024



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Happy New Year! We hope you were able to welcome in 2024 in style!

It has been lovely to see the children back in school and ready for a new term. We have enjoyed a welcome back assembly together, celebrating our first Star Achievers of the new year and have begun to plan a range of learning opportunities which will support our Scots Focus Fortnight. This will be the focal point for our Open Morning on January 19th, which we hope you will be able to attend.

In this Weekly Update, we have included all current dates and events from now until the end of March to support your planning and organisation to ensure that you are able to engage as fully as possible in your child's education – we love to welcome our families into school and your children are always delighted to see you.

We would also love to see you at our next Parent Council meeting on the 22nd January – further details below.

However you are able to engage with us all in school, we will, as always, continue to offer you a warm welcome into school and we are looking forward to another productive term of partnership working.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 18th January	P5/6 Class Assembly – 1.30pm – all P5/6 parents welcome
Friday 19th January	Open Morning 11.15am – 12.15pm
Friday 19th January	Curriculum Overviews published on Showbie Class Communication Groups
Monday 22nd January	Parent Council Meeting – 6.30pm – all welcome
Wednesday 24th January	P7 Burns Supper – 2.00pm – all P7 parents welcome
Monday 29th January	P7 Transition Evening at Clovenfords Primary School 6.00pm
Monday 29th January	P6 Bikeability Week (Mon-Wed)
Wednesday 31st January	Citizenship Gathering - Caddon House Families invited – 9.15am
Thursday 1st February	P2/3 Class Assembly – 1.30pm – all P2/3 parents welcome
Friday 9th February	Building Resilience Family Learning task issued – Have A Goal
Monday 12th February	Half Term begins – school closed to all
Monday 19th February	In Service Day – school closed to all pupils
Tuesday 20th February	Pupils resume
Thursday 22nd February	World Thinking Day – pupils invited to come to school in Brownie/Scout/Cubs etc. uniform
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Building Resilience Family Learning Task due – Have A Goal
Monday 11th March	Open Afternoon Café Conversations – 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th March	Pupil Progress Consultations - 5.00pm-7.00pm
Thursday 21st March	P6/7 Class Assembly – 1.30pm – all P6/7 parents welcome
Thursday 21st March	Pupil Progress Consultations - 4.00pm-6.00pm
Friday 29th March	Charity Bake Sale
Monday 1st April	Easter Holidays begin
Monday 15th April	All resume

Arrangements for winter school transport/cancellations/route amendments

Please remember that during the winter months SBC's School Transport team now use the Scottish Borders Council website to provide updates on school transport affected by weather or road conditions. The webpage can be found at www.scotborders.gov.uk/wintertransport and will be updated from 7.30am as and when required.

It is important to remember that in normal circumstances children should not wait more than 15 minutes for the bus, but in severely cold weather please use your own judgement. If you decide to take your young person to school yourself, you will be expected to collect them at the end of the school day.

Wider Achievements

The following pupils engaged in the recent BBC 500 words competition with Mrs Turner who was delighted to present them with their participation certificates at our assembly this week. Well done to:

Andrew, Katelyn, Olivia, Phoebe Faith, Sean, Ellis L, Leah, Sophie, Nell, Mirryn, Robyn, Isla, Emma, Ella Mae and Finn.



Galashiels Rural Schools Soft Archery Competition 2023

The following pupils took part in the recent archery competition. Congratulations to:

Liam, Millar, Charlotte, Eli, Andrew, Finn, Zac W, Ellis M, Joe, Orin and Harry P.

In addition, special mention for placing at the competition goes to the following pupils:

- 3rd Place 10 Metre Target:
 - **Joe and Andrew**
- 2nd Place 10 Metre Target
 - **Orin**
- 1st Place 10 Metre Target
 - **Zac W**
- 3rd Place 5 Metre Target
 - **Joe**
- 2nd Place 5 Metre Target
 - **Orin**
- 1st Place 5 Metre Target
 - **Harry P**



Welcome Back New Year Assembly

This week the children came together to think about New Year and the purpose of resolutions. There was a focus on daily resolutions and examples shared about how each day is a fresh start, with everyone having a choice to find the positives in each day, and work on one small thing that will support their wellbeing and friendships as well as helping them to be the best version of themselves each day.

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	Frankie
P1/2	Liv
P2/3	Harry H
P3/4	Amelie
P5/6	Lori
P6/7	Kyle



Mrs Noble prepared a lovely jug of hot chocolate, and the star biscuits were beautifully laid out ready for the children to enjoy.



Parent Council Update



Our next Parent Council Meeting will be online on Monday 22nd January 2024 at .6.30pm. A Teams link will be available shortly to share.



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

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))