### **CLEE HILL COMMUNITY ACADEMY**

# NEWSLETTER

04.03.22

# Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Tudge back from maternity leave (Class 3) and Mrs Williams who is covering Mrs McKeon's maternity leave in class 2. Both teachers really enjoyed their first day dressed as pirates! We would also like to welcome Emma and Freddie and family, who joined the school this week and have settled quickly.



Can we please remind parents not to use the staff car park as staff are struggling to park their cars before school. You may have spotted our policeman watching the zigzags this week too. A huge thank you to PCSO Lisa Thomas for lending him to us.

Don't forget that our 1<sup>st</sup> Road Safety committee is taking place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3:30 for anyone who would like to support the school

#### Workshops for parents

The Shropshire parenting team will be delivering Understanding your child ad Understanding your child SEND groups from May 2022. In addition, they are also offering Sleep Tight workshops which are face to face sessions in Shrewsbury. Please contact the parenting team for more information. <u>Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk</u>



## HALL OF FAME

#### CLASS 1

All of class 1 for their behaviour on the trip

Aria, Harrison, Luca

Reading Rockstar – Evie

Writing rocket - Aria

<u>CLASS 2</u>

Ivy, Fred E, Gracie-Lou, Amber, Freddie, Jono, Charlie, Emma

Boudicca, Tilly

Writing Rocket: Cian

Reading Rockstar: Ivy

#### CLASS 3

Luca Writing rocket - Alfie Reading rockstar – Lynk Handwriting award – Jack Hay

> CLASS 4 Darcey, Sienna, Toby, Kyle

Writing Rocket: Evangeline

Reading Rockstar: Alyvia

#### CLASS 5

Ruby H, Ben Har, Rozie, Delon Reading rockstar – Phoebe Handwriting award - Lauren

#### <u>New school menu</u>

The new school menu seems to be a real success. Mr Hylton Smith (Chair of Governors) joined the children for meatballs on Tuesday and said that "the meal looked very colourful and was really tasty". Due to allergies, we are no longer able to change food orders put on by parents so please complete SQUID together so that the children are involved in choosing their meal.



During the week, the children have been earning raffle tickets for trying new vegetables or clearing their plates. We have had lots of carrots in packed lunches and at break times, carrot posters and even a carrot cake made by Riley B! Every Friday morning, the raffle tickets will be pulled out to announce the top table winners!

Our 'Eat them to defeat them' vegetable this week is carrots. We have seen so many carrots in packed lunches and at snack times this week! The children will be coming home with booklets this week with activities to complete. Future eat them to defeat them vegetables are:

7<sup>th</sup> March – peppers 14<sup>th</sup> March – broccoli 21<sup>st</sup> March – tomato 28<sup>th</sup> March – peas









CONGRATULATIONS

James P Ruth Archie W Archie E Heidi Ruby B Megan Jack R



#### School Uniform

We have noticed that there are a number of children whose school uniform is starting to vary from the school policy. A number of girls have been wearing leggings rather than tights or school trousers recently. We ask that trousers are a tailored style not jeans or jogging bottoms) Also, school skirts seem to be getting shorter and tighter for some of the older girls. Can parents please look carefully at the policy and make sure that their child is dressed appropriately.

| Winter Uniform   | Summer Unform   |
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| *Black or dark grey school<br>trousers/skirt/pinafore dress<br>White polo shirt<br>School sweatshirt or cardigan.<br>Black or grey tights/ socks | *Black or dark grey school<br>trousers/skirt/pinafore dress/ tailored<br>shorts OR red gingham dress<br>White polo shirt<br>School sweatshirt or cardigan.<br>Black or grey tights/ socks |

\*Please note that school trousers should be a tailored style and not leggings/ tracksuit/ joggers etc. School skirts should be on or below the knee and allow for movement and comfort.

The wearing of jewellery by children of primary school age is inadvisable. Therefore, only one small stud earring per ear and a small watch will be allowed. The wearing of any jewellery during P.E. lessons (including swimming) cannot be allowed under our Health and Safety Policy. Children with pierced ears must be able to remove their earrings independently and are responsible for storing these during PE sessions.

Although not currently part of our school uniform guidance we are seeing lots of un-necessary hair accessories that can be guite distracting in class. Please can we have not have clip in hair accessories (such as braids) and please keep to plain functional hair bands in school time.

### SCIENCE WEEK

W/C 14<sup>th</sup> March – Lots of science activities taking place in classes during the week

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Come as a scientist, past or present. Please do not feel you need to buy an outfit you could just bring along a prop or two and find out about the scientist and share this with us on the day.

#### Astronomers→ Biologists & Health

Scientists→ Chemists→ Geologists→ Paleontologists→ Mathematicians→ Physicists



### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - MUFTI day (own clothes)

An appeal is being launched by the UK's Disasters Emergency Committee to help the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians fleeing their country.

Fifteen UK aid agencies - including the British Red Cross, Oxfam and Save the Children - are joining together to ask the public to donate. Homes in Ukraine have been destroyed and water supplies, hospitals and schools have been hit, the DEC says.

The charities say people urgently need food, water, shelter and medical care.

Public donations to the appeal will be doubled by the UK government, up to a total of £20m. At Clee Hill Community Academy, we would like to offer support by asking the children to wear their own clothes (no theme) and bring a donation.

Some of the older children in schools have shared their worries about the impact of Russia invading Ukraine on their life. You will be unable to prevent your child from being exposed to this in any way but a few suggestions for parents might be:

- Monitor the TV although it is great for children to stay up to date with current news, being constantly exposed may not help with their anxieties.
- Be open to questions children are curious but when things are explained in a child friendly way, it can be helpful for them.
- Validate feelings it ok to feel this way (we are all used to this with Covid)
- It's fine to be a child school is a great time to play with friends and have fun.

#### Maths challenge

Congratulations to Jack P, Georgia, Arabella and Louis who represented the school in a Maths challenge competition at Lucton school on Friday.\_\_\_\_



**Congratulations** A huge congratulation to Will Morris and Holly Morris for this swimming success at the ASA Swimming Championships – incredible!

#### SWIMATHON

Grace B in class 4 is swimming 400 lengths of Tenbury Swimming Pool in March to raise money for the appeal for Ukraine.

### **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

POP-UP SHOP – FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Gifts of different values will be available pre-wrapped in our pop-up shop for the children to buy for the special lady in their life.

The children will be allowed to choose their gift bring home.

Details will follow

### ACT THE FOOL DAY

FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL

Crazy hair, foolish feet and various other crazy ideas for the day.

What a busy week we have had! The book fair was a HUGE success. Thank you to all the families who supported with this - we are still awaiting a final figure but we believe that it is in the range of  $\pm 60$  per class to be spent on books by the school - so thank you.



On Wednesday Class 1 went to the Safari Park and had a fabulous day learning about animals, and Class 5 ventured back in time at the black Country Museum to learn more about the Victorians.



World Book day was ARRRRmazing on Thursday with our pirate themed day, based on Pirate Stew by Neil Gaiman. The costumes looked fantastic and the children really enjoyed celebrating their love of books.

Winners of the World book day competition are:

- Nursery Ember
  - Class 1 Orla
- Class 2 Isaac
- Class 3 Evie-Mae
  - Class 4 Toby
  - Class 5 Ruby B







| CLASS | ATTENDANCE |
|-------|------------|
| 1     | 100%       |
| 2     | 98%        |
| 3     | 94.23%     |
| 4     | 98.4%      |
| 5     | 91.56%     |

# Congratulations class 1 on their attendance this week

# Dates for the diary 2021-22

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| 14.3.22        | Science Week   |
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| 16.3.22        | Dress as a scientist day- past or present. It would be great if the children could |
|                | find out about their scientist and share it with us on the day.                    |
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| 18.3.22        | Red nose day - own clothes - donation to Red Nose Day                              |
| 1.4.21         | Autism Awareness Day: Funny Feet (odd shoes/ socks)                                |
| 1.4.22         | Spring term report sent home   |
| 5.4.22         | Parent's evening   |
| 6.4.22         | Reading miles  |
| 7.4.22         | PTA - Easter disco   |
| 7.4.21         | PTA - Egg Hunt   |
| 8.4.22         | Last day of term   |
|                | Maths Problem Solving am/ Board games pm   |
| EASTER HOLIDAY |  |
| 25.4.22        | Back to school   |
| 2.5.22         | Bank Holiday   |
| 9.5.22         | SAT week   |
| 10.5.22        | New Reception Meeting for Parents  |
| 13.5.22        | Mental Health Awareness Day - activities in classes/ breaktime                     |
| 15.5.22        | Community day 11-1   |
| 25.5.22        | Reading miles  |
| 26.5.22        | PTA film night   |
| 27.5.22        | Last day of half term  |