

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER



Friday 8th September 2023

Welcome back, from all of the staff at Clee Hill Community Academy, and for all of our new starters - welcome to our school! It has been wonderful to see all of the children coming through the gate as the new school year begins looking so smart. Thank you, as ever, for your efforts in ensuring that the children are smart and in full school uniform and black footwear. Please make sure that new school uniforms are labelled so that they can be matched up to pupils easily. New reception pupils were introduced to the school in assembly on Wednesday and they have settled well into Class One. Older pupils have already been 'spotted' playing with them at breaktimes and showing them around the school.

With a heat wave at the start of the new school year (after very mixed weather throughout the summer holidays) we are aware of the importance of keeping the children cool and well hydrated. Our sun policy (see the school website) encourages sun cream to be applied (ideally at home before school) and requests that the children wear sun hats and take shade breaks. Children should also bring water into school (no squash please) in bottles which can be refilled during the school day. Summer uniforms are acceptable in the autumn term when the weather is appropriate for this. There are lots of school uniform items in our Swap Shop to look through - please leave a small donation in the office or transfer via the QR code on the shed. All proceeds go to the PTA to support the children.

We are so lucky to have such a fabulous PTA and to be so supported by our local community, and for myself - as headteacher- I am always so proud when I hear parents/ carers/ members of the community praising our school.

We are fortunate to be part of such a wonderful Clee Hill Community Academy family. Over the summer holidays, Specialist Foundations (kindly supported by Hylton Smith - our chair of governors) have been busy creating a disabled access around the back of the school and families from the PTA have laid stone down so that our "Mini Clee Hill Village" will be accessible over winter. A huge thank you to Matt, Robbie, Sid and Rhys for all of your time given over summer. Also, a huge thank you to Midland Quarry Products who provided the stone - free of charge.

After a busy summer holidays, it's now time to settle the children back into a school routine. As a parent/ carer, the most important thing that you can do to support your child to is to set aside time to hear them read. For parents who are new to the school, children are expected to read at home **at least** 5 times a week, for older children this will be for 20-30 minutes a day. Every child has a home school diary for parents to sign. There will be lots of exciting reading opportunities in school this term and we are looking forward to seeing lots of pupils enjoying the reading realm, book barrow and school library for children who enjoy reading at break and lunch times. There are also a range of clubs and enrichment opportunities available to pupils at lunchtimes and after school - more details can be found on the school website.

Please look through the 'dates for the diary' and look for events which are coming up this term. It looks like it will be jam-packed, as usual, with lots of fun activities.

If you have any questions or worries, no matter how small, just drop me a dojo, or have a chat with me on the gate. Thank you.

Ceri Little

Thank you everyone for bearing with us this week with Arbor. After a few teething issues, most parents and carers are now on the app and able to order a school dinner. If your child is a packed lunch, please just complete 'packed lunch'. Please note: there are no school packed lunches unless the class go on a school trip and your child's class teacher will support you with booking these.

This week, families should have received a healthcare pan to complete for child who have known allergies or asthma. If your child's circumstances have changed, or if you are new to our school and require a form to update our medical records, please contact the school office. Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that all medicine/ inhalers etc are in date and in school. Please contact class teachers if you are unsure if your child's medicine/ inhaler was taken home at the end of term or is still in school to check the expiry dates.

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Poppy Display



A huge thank you for all of the knitted and crocheted poppies handed in so far. You still have until half term to bring these in so please spread the word. Next week, we will be sending home some felt for the children to create a poppy for the display. This is not a competition so please feel free to support your child with their creation. The poppy display will be hung on the fence outside of the Three Crosses over half term all ready for our Remembrance Service on the 11th November. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to attach the poppies on Wednesday night. Our next session to attach poppies is on Wednesday 27th September, 7pm at the school.

Currently, school dinners are £2.50 per meal. However, we have been asked to give notice that prices will increase from after October half term to £2.60 per meal.

We are aware that this may put additional pressures on families - please speak to Mrs Little if you need any support in feeding your family. All universal free school meals (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to be fully subsidised). If you think that you may be eligible for free school meals, please apply via the Shropshire link or type Shropshire Free School Meals into your search engine.

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/>

In addition to Early Help groups in Cleobury, Burford are now also offering sessions for parents. Please visit our school website, to find out more about Early Help in your local area. <https://chacademy.co.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding>

A huge thank you to Matt, Robbie, Sid, Rhys and the PTA for flattening an area of the school field and adding hard core so that our play sheds can be used all weather, throughout the year. It looks amazing! The children really enjoy playing in our role play areas. If anyone has any role play equipment which they are happy to donate to the school then we would be very grateful, particularly play food, play kitchen, play tools etc.

Also, a thank you to Hylton Smith and Specialist Foundations, for creating a pathway around the school with disabled access. It looks fabulous and this means that ALL children can confidently access our school site.

Congratulations to our Anti Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs) and our AB committee for all of the hard work completed on antibullying in 2023. The Antibullying alliance has recognised all of the work completed at Clee Hill and awarded us the Bronze achievement award. We will be continuing to work hard on supporting the ABAs in 2024 to continue to be United Against Bullying.

The Antibullying Team who train our Anti bullying ambassadors in Year 5 and 6 are running an art competition to 'Design an Alien!' Details will be sent home with the children on Friday



Hall of Fame



Class 1

Praise Certificates: Ella, Isabella, Xena

Class 2

Praise Certificates: Effy, Marley, AElfwynn

Writing Rocket: Aurora

Reading Rockstar: Xander

Class 3

Praise Certificates: Chase, Stanley, Oli

Writing Rocket: Skylar

Marvellous Mathematician: Reed

Class 4

Praise Certificates: Bobby M, Bobby C, Heidi

Writing Rocket: Emma

Marvellous Mathematician: Jayden

Handwriting: Fred

Class 5

Praise Certificates: Riley B, Talia, Paige, Kyle

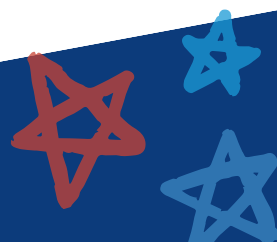
Reading Rockstar: Archie E

Marvellous Mathematician: Jack H

Handwriting: James

TTR Summer Battle:

Emma, Misha, Ivanka, Tilly, Bobby C, Heidi, Izzy, Lily



Dates for Diary 23-24

Autumn Term	
11.9.23	Kiddi Harriers football sessions start (all half term) for class 4 and <u>5</u> Kiddi Harriers after school club (year 5/6)
21.9.23	Little Wandle information session for reception and year 1 parents - 2.30pm and 6pm
22.9.23	Jeans for Genes Day
29.9.23	Wrekin College Maths challenge - 4 X Year 6 pupils
5.10.23	Bedtime stories reading workshop for parents and children (6-7pm)
11.10.23	Greek Day - class 5
18.10.23	Reading miles - Japan
23.10 - 26.10.23	Pioneer Centre residential trip - year 5 and 6
27.10.23	Harvest Festival Service at school
27.10.23	Last day of half term
Half term	
6.11.23	PD day: staff only
7.11.23	Children back in school
10.11.23	10.15am - 11am: Remembrance Service at Village Hall (supported by the Rota kids)
13.11.23	Anti-bullying week: wear blue to beat bullying
15.11.23	Parent's Evening 2:30 - 6:30
17.11.23	Children in need
4.12.23	Reading miles - Scandinavia
7.12.23	Christmas jumper day
7.12.23	Class 1 Christmas play 1:30pm & 6pm
8.12.23	Autumn term report sent home
11.12.23	Class 2 & 3 Christmas play 1:30pm & 6pm
12.12.23	Class 4 & 5 Christmas play 1:30pm & 6pm
13.12.23	Nursery Pop up Christmas play 2:30pm
14.12.23	Christmas Dinner - date to be confirmed with the kitchen
19.12.23	Christmas Party (Santa). £2 to cover cost of party food. In classes pm for party games.
19.12.24	PTA Christmas Film Night
20.12.23	Break up for Xmas. Maths Problem Solving am/ Board games pm
Christmas Holidays	

Poppy Wall for Remembrance

Do you knit or crochet? We need YOU to help put Clee Hill on the map with an incredible Poppy Wall for Remembrance.



- Follow a poppy pattern or be creative and design your own poppy – but red only please.
- Any poppies can be dropped off in a special box outside Clee Hill Community Academy Reception.
- Poppies can be dropped out at any time before the mid-October.
- Spread the word – the more poppies the better!

If knitting/ crocheting isn't for you, but you would like to make a donation towards the equipment, then any help would be gratefully received.

For more details, email Ceri Little (ceri.little@chcacademy.co.uk)

New players welcome

Clee Hill RFC Mini Junior Rugby



Girls and Boys

Year 9 and below



Sundays at 0930
Starting 3rd September



First session - free

We take boys and girls
from 3 years

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
Lorna • 07791689312 • cleehillrfuminisection@outlook.com
Clee Hill Rugby Club, Tenbury Road, Knowle SY8 3NL



Cleobury Community

Free information, advice and support



The Cleobury Country Centre
Love Lane, DY14 8PE

Friday, 9am-11am on:

- 21 April 2023
- 16 June 2023
- 18 Aug 2023
- 19 May 2023
- 21 July 2023
- 15 Sept 2023



You can chat with, and find information on:

- Housing Support
- Public Health Nursing Service
- Healthy Living Advice
- Alzheimer's Society
- Early Help Family Workers
- Fire service
- Domestic Abuse Support
- Drug and Alcohol Support
- Financial Advice
- Age UK

and lots more!



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If you would like to find out about other services the Parenting Team offers please email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call us on 01743 250950



PARENTING HELPLINE

available on
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm
Call us on 01743 250950

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. Shropshire Council's Parenting Team is here to support parents and carers to raise healthy, well-rounded children in a loving and stable environment.

Do you have any questions around child development and parenting?

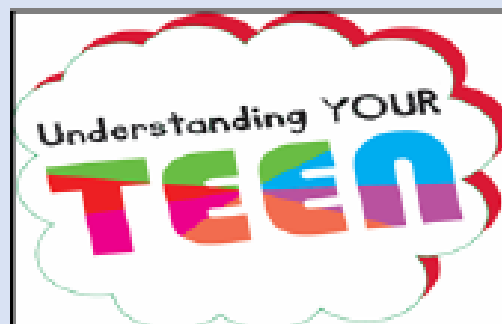
Why not call our Parenting Helpline where one of our trained

Parenting Practitioners will be ready to listen.

(Please note the Parenting Helpline will not operate between Christmas & New Year)

If you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being please call

First Point of Contact 0345 678 9021



www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

- *Would you like to know more about your child's development?*
- *Do you need support to understand your child's behaviour?*
- *Would you like a chance to meet & chat with other parents and carers?*



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD GROUPS

The groups are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

SEND Groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed for our SEND Groups

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 09.30am to 11.30am
at St Mary's Bluecoat Primary School, Bridgnorth**

**Understanding Your Child starts on Friday 28th April 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Understanding Your Child starts Monday 15th May 2023 from 09.30 to 11.30am
At Crowmoor Hub, Crowmere Road, Shrewsbury**

**Understanding Your Child SEND starts on Monday 15th May 2023 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place on one of our groups or for further information on the groups we run please contact the Parenting Team by:
Emailing: Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk
Telephone: 01743 250950



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General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

- *Would you like to know more about why sleep is important for our health and emotional well-being?*
 - *Does your child struggle with their sleep?*
- *Would you like to access support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines?*
 - *Would you like to meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences?*

SLEEP TIGHT WORKSHOPS

The workshops are delivered virtually via MS Teams or face to face at a venue in Shropshire

Our workshops run for 5 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays

**Starting on Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Starting on Friday 28th April 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams**

**Starting on Wednesday 14th June 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm
at Sunflower House Hub, Kendal Road, Shrewsbury**

**Starting on Friday 16th June 2023 from 9.30am to 11.30am
Virtually via MS Teams**

To book a place on one of our workshops or for further information on the workshops we run please contact the Parenting Team by:

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Or call us on 01743 250950

