



Cliff Park Junior School
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Newsletter September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our families and we would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of those families who are joining us for the first time!

We hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break with your children! The children have made a fantastic start to the term in their new classes and have all settled well.

Curriculum Update

This year we have adapted our curriculum to enable each year group to work together as opposed to our previous model of an upper and lower school curriculum. Topics for each year group are now as follows:

Year group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Y3	Victorians (Industrialisation and Inventors)		Ancient Egypt		The Jungle Book	World's Kitchen
Y4	Romans		Rivers	Chocolate and The Mayans	Stone Age	Impressionism
Y5	World War 1	Victorian Christmas	Great Britons: The Battle of Hastings		Three Peaks	Dunwich: The City that Fell into the Sea
Y6	Invaders & Raiders (Anglo Saxons)	Dragonology	Crime and Punishment		The Broads	Ancient Greece

Behaviour and Safeguarding Update

In order to further promote and encourage the best possible behaviour from our pupils, we have made some adjustments to the way that we monitor and support behaviour in school. Each class now operates on a traffic light system, with all children aiming to 'stay on the green'. The children have got off to a great start so far, with the vast majority of classes finishing each day with 100% of children achieving this! Children can earn 'Golden Time' each week, which they will spend engaging in fun activities with their classmates. We will continue to operate a system of consequences as required, including spending time in a paired class, deduction of golden time, missing a few minutes of play time, lunch time detentions although there have been very few incidences of these to date this term so keep up the great attitude children! You will of course be informed in the event your child's behaviour becomes an on-going concern.

In addition, Mrs Quin will be taking on a new role this year, supporting some of our most vulnerable pupils with meeting their behaviour plan targets.

Mrs Wright's role is also changing as she will no longer be our Lead Behaviour Professional but will instead focus solely upon safeguarding and attendance in her new role as Attendance & Safeguarding Manager. Therefore, if you have any concerns regarding your child's behaviour, please discuss these with your child's teacher in the first instance and they will then make a referral to our SENCO, Mrs Watson, if this is appropriate.

Opportunities for Parents

We were pleased to see so many of you at our welcome meetings and hope that you find these helpful and informative. Remember that we are here to help so please don't hesitate to have a word with your child's teacher if you have any queries. All of the teachers are available on the playground at the end of the school day for a quick catch up or, alternatively, you are welcome to make an appointment to see your child's teacher via the school office if you require a longer or more private discussion.

We are pleased to tell you that there will be lots of different ways that you can be involved in your child's learning this year. Class teachers will already have shared ways in which you can support your child's learning at home and we will also be running a calendar of events in school where you are very welcome to come along and take part.

Learning Cafes

All year groups will continue to hold regular learning cafes throughout the year. The focus of these will be varied and will reflect a range of curriculum areas. Dates for these are as follows:

Autumn Term

Year 3 Tuesday 25th of September
Year 6 Thursday 27th of September
Year 5 Tuesday 6th of November
Year 4 Thursday 8th of November

Spring Term

Year 3 Tuesday 29th of January
Year 6 Thursday January 31st
Year 4 Tuesday March 5th
Year Thursday March 7th

Summer Term

Year 3 Thursday 25th of April
Year 5 Thursday 9th of May
Year 4 Tuesday 18th of June
Year 6 Tuesday 2nd of July

Class Assemblies

This year, each class will be holding a special class assembly where parents and their parallel classes are invited to come along to watch. These will replace our previous 'Celebration of Learning' events and we hope that these will continue to be well supported.

Dates for class assemblies throughout the year are as follows:

Autumn Term

Heron Class	11.10.18
Peregrine Class	12.10.18
Chaffinch Class	29.11.18
Sparrow Class	30.11.18

Spring Term

Wagtail Class	07.02.19
Kingfisher Class	08.02.19
Blackbirds Class	28.03.19
Marsh Harrier Class	29.03.19

Summer Term

Bittern Class	22.05.19
Kestrel Class	14.06.19
Woodpecker Class	11.07.19
Robins Class	12.07.19

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding Parents' Evenings for all classes on **Tuesday 09.10.18 and Wednesday 10.10.18**. During the Spring Term these sessions will be held on **Tuesday 26.03.19 and Wednesday 27.03.19**. All sessions will run between 3.45pm and 5.45pm and we will send out information about how to book appointments online nearer the time.

Year 6 - End of Key Stage Test information Session (for Year 6 Parents)

We will be holding an important information session for year 6 parents on **Wednesday 03.10.18 at 2.30pm**. During this session, year 6 parents will be given information about the tests that children will take in **May 2019** and will also have the opportunity to find out how best to support children in preparation for these. The school will provide a set of revision materials for each year 6 pupil but additional revision resources will be available to purchase at this session.

Volunteering in School

We are always keen to welcome volunteers into school to support with hearing children read. It isn't necessary to have any previous experience as we will be happy to offer guidance. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Tooke in the school office in the first instance and we will then need to arrange to complete the necessary DBS checks for safeguarding purposes.

Clubs

We're delighted to announce that the following clubs will be available this term. Please ask your child to talk to the member of staff who is running the club if they are interested. Some clubs are aimed at specific year groups and/or may be limited in terms of places available and individual staff members will advise children if this is the case.

Club Timetable

Thursday lunchtime	Football Years Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Mr Walsh & Mr Edwards
Thursday lunchtime	Choir (open to all years)	Mr Joyce, Mrs Jerrard & Mrs Coman
Wednesday 3.30—5.00pm (starting after half-term)	Drama	Mr Joyce & Miss Jones
Tuesday 3.25—4.25pm	Netball	Miss Dawson
Wednesday lunchtime	Recorder	Mrs Tempest
Thursday 3.25—4.25pm (starting after half-term)	Cheerleading Yrs 5 & 6	Miss Dawson

Christmas Performances

As we appreciate that everyone gets very busy in the run up to Christmas, we have set dates for Christmas performances and these are as follows:

Year 6 Tuesday 11.12.18

Year 5 Wednesday 12.12.18

Year 4 Thursday 13.12.18

Year 3 Friday 14.12.18

All performances will start at 9.15am.



Polite Reminders

Please can we remind all parents who are collecting children from years 4, 5 and 6 to wait on the top playground (close to the entrance gates) as the only parents who should be collecting from the rear entrance are those with children in year 3. This will help to prevent the year 3 area from getting too congested at the end of the school day.

Please can we also remind all parents wishing to visit the library after school to come in via the main office door. For security reasons, it is important that any parents wishing to come into school for any reason, do not enter via the rear doors please.

Thank you for your assistance with this.