



11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

**Dates:**

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Yr 6 SATs information evening 3.30pm

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Messy Church**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jan: Yr 1 Phonics information evening 3.30pm

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y5 Maths challenge at Fairfield

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Jan- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Art exhibition at Hereford College of Arts: Clifford School will be showing off their work.

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: Circus show coming to Clifford School

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>: Rags to Riches collection day

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: Safer internet day

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Feb: School Parliament

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Feb (Valentine 's Day) Bring a teddy to school day, if you want to!

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb: Finish for half term**

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb: Return to school

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Eisteddfod

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March: World book day

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March: PTFA meeting

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March: Science week

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Y3&4 Parents PGL info evening

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Parents Evening

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April – Parents Evening

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April: Finish for

**WELCOME BACK.**

We hope that you all had a fabulous Christmas and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very **Happy New Year.**

The children are all settling back into school life. We have three new children in the school who have made a wonderful start to their school life at Clifford.

We are looking forward to the lighter days and an eventful, fun-filled, productive Spring Term.

**Next week:**

**Year 6 parents:** there will be a meeting about SATS next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 3:30pm, in Year 5 and 6 classroom. Miss Collingwood will go through dates for the SATS and point you in the direction of resources which may help your child prepare for the tests. If there is anything you would particularly like her to cover during this meeting, please email ([ecollingwood@clifford.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:ecollingwood@clifford.hereford.sch.uk)) with any suggestions.

**House Keeping:**

Please ensure all your child's items are labelled; clothes, drinks bottles and sandwich boxes. It does help us return items to the right owner.

Can children avoid bringing personal toys to school as we cannot be responsible for items getting lost or broken.

**Pick up times:** Last term the staggered home times did not have the desired effect of reducing the amount of cars in the car park at one time, for various reasons. We will continue for one more month and then review the impact. Pick up times:

Reception children: 3.10pm (gates will open at 3.05pm)

Years 1,2, siblings and bus children 3.15pm

Years 3,4, 5 and 6: 3.20pm

Staff will do their best to stick to these times.

**Clubs:**

**Please see the attachment that has a list of clubs running in the spring term. Clubs can be booked on ParentPay.**

Clubs will start on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**Messy Church will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January in the Hall from 3.15 – 4.30pm. Please let the office know if your child is attending.**

**SCHOOL DINNERS:** The menu for this term is up on ParentPay. Please could all meals be booked for the following week by Monday 9.00am. Numbers are phoned through to the kitchen at 9.30am and any meals ordered after that on ParentPay are not accounted for. If meals are ordered after this time then we do not have enough food for everyone which is a tricky problem to resolve.

Please take care when ordering meals as a few children have had vegetarian options chosen in error.

Wales is on half term the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> Feb (the week following ours) and therefore all children will need a packed lunch for that week.

Could we also take this opportunity to remind all parents that we are a strictly **NUT FREE** school. Thank you so much.

## MUSIC LESSONS

**There are still spaces left for Ukulele and Drumming lessons this term. Please contact the teachers directly if you would like your child signed up. Ukulele lessons and drumming lessons are on a Thursday.**

**DRUMMING LESSONS.** Troy Redfern is starting drumming lessons next Thursday. If you would like to organise for your child/ren to take drumming lessons please contact Troy Redfern [troy@troyredfern.com](mailto:troy@troyredfern.com)

**UKULELE LESSONS.** Please contact Sara Scott directly [sarascott150@outlook.com](mailto:sarascott150@outlook.com)

**Help:** We have a few projects in the pipeline at school. One is to hopefully put AstroTurf on the patch of grass next to the playground and, if feasible, in the area around the outside classroom. The quotes we have had have been extortionate and we are calling for help from any parents/friends/grandparents who may have contacts in this industry or have any ideas on how we could do this more cheaply. The second project is to make part of the Reception classroom's outdoor area under cover by means of a permanent structure. We would like the younger children to be able to take part in activities outside even when it is raining. We also need to protect the play resources that are already outside so that they do not get ruined. Therefore we are calling on all builders/architects/timber-framed building experts and anyone else with good ideas to please get in touch. Any advice or ideas would be more than welcome.

Yours sincerely,

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