

Clifford Primary School

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5th September 2018

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone back to school and to welcome our new reception children. You will be pleased to know everyone settled into their new classrooms quickly and they all looked very happy. I hope had a great summer, with lots of lovely family time.

Our value for this half term is: Responsibility

Dates:

Wed 4th Sept: First day of school
Friday 6th Sept: Year 6 and some Year 5's canoeing
Mon 9th Sept: Clubs start
Mon 10th Sept: Parents information evening
Thurs 12th Sept: School Parliament
Thurs 12th Sep: Messy Church
Thurs 12th PTFA: AGM meeting
Thurs 26th Sept: European Day of Language
Wednesday 2nd Oct: No pens day
Thurs 3rd Oct: World poetry day
Tues 22nd Oct: Harvest assembly 2pm
Fri 25th Oct: Non-uniform day
Fri 25th Oct: Last day of half term

Clubs

Clubs will begin on Mon 9th Sept until Fri 25th Oct. If you would like your child to attend any of the clubs, please sign up on parent pay. You will find the list of clubs attached to this email. There are age limits and restricted numbers to our clubs. If you have any problems do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Peachey.

If there is any parent that would like to run a club in the future please speak to Mrs Peachey. In the past we have had parents running writing and art clubs which have proved to be very successful.

School Dinners

Thank you to all the parents that have signed up for hot dinners for this half term. Orders have gone in to the caterers for next week and can I remind all parents that they need to order by next Tuesday evening, by the latest, for the following week.

New Reception parents have now been given their passwords for ParentPay and, although some of you have placed paper orders for the first three weeks, you are welcome to have a practice for next week on ParentPay. Lunch orders are always sent through to the caterers on a Wednesday so please ensure you have ordered by Tuesday evening if you wish your child to have a school dinner. Late orders cannot be added at a later date as the caterers do not allow it. Please feel free to contact Mrs Peachey if you have any difficulties with ordering.



Peer mediation: Our new peer mediators will have their final training on Friday 6th September before they become official peer mediators. Peer mediators are trained to resolve conflicts between children on the playground and they work with the individuals to resolve any issues they have.

Parents information evening: We would like to invite you to an information evening with your child's class teacher on **Monday 9th September**.

It will be an opportunity for your child's class teacher to discuss routines, homework and to share ideas how you can help your child. It would be great to see as many parents as possible. Meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

3.10pm: Parents of reception children

3.20pm: Parents of year 5 and 6 children

3.40pm: Parents of year 1 and 2 children

4.00pm: Parents of year 3 and 4 children



Year 5 and 6 canoeing: Children in Year 5 and 6 have been given a free taster canoeing session from the Canoe Club in Hay.

The Canoe Club is funded by Sport Wales, Co-op Hay Community Fund, Hay Town Council and the Hay Fund and is sponsored by Want to Canoe?. For further information please contact Clare Fry the Secretary on 01497 820604 or email club@canoehire.com

Some children are going on Friday 6th September the others are going on Friday 13th September (separate letters have been given out, please check the kit list and the date which is on the top of the letter.)

Attendance: Please ensure your child only has time off school if they really poorly. We would like to improve the attendance of each class this year. Please try to avoid taking holidays in term time. They will not be authorised.

Nut allergy: We do have children in school with a nut allergy so please ensure your child's snack or lunch does not contain nuts! Can you also ensure your child has washed their hands before school, if they have had nuts or peanut butter for breakfast. Thank you.

Labelling everything: Please ensure your child's drinks bottles, sandwich boxes, PE kits, shoes and uniform are all labelled and then they can be returned to the right person. We will do our best to ensure your child takes all their items home but as they get older it is their responsibility. We already have a new jumper with no name in our lost property!

Communication:

We will send a newsletter out, via email, most Fridays to keep you up-to-date.

At the beginning of each half term you will also receive a class letter which gives you more general information about your child's class routines for that half term. You will also receive a topic web informing you about what your child will be learning.

If you need have any worries or questions do not hesitate to ask, no matter how small the issue is. Mrs Peachey can answer most procedural questions and your child's class teacher will answer any questions involving work and emotional issues of your child.

I am also on the school gates in the morning or after school if you would like to ask myself.

We would like to welcome Miss Piggott to the school as our new teaching assistant.

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After school can you ensure your child does not go on the play equipment as there is no one supervising them. Thanks



If any parents would like to come into help with hearing children read. Please talk to Mrs Peachey.

I am really looking forward to this year!

Please browse our website for photos and any updates.

If you need any further information on anything, do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

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News from the PTFA

AGM Meeting: Thursday 12th September at 7.30pm at Tomatitos

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