

NEWSLETTER

January 2013

Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the holiday and welcome you back for the beginning of what we hope will be a very good year for us all.

Well done to all the children involved in the Christmas events.
A special thank you goes to the choir and musicians who worked so hard to make the festive occasions so special.
It made for a memorable and enjoyable end to 2012!

Music groups this term:

Year 2 recorders	Tuesday 12pm R1
Year 3/4 recorders	Wednesday 12pm R1
Year 5/6 recorders	Thursday 12pm R1
Violin	Wednesday
Woodwind	Wednesday
Guitar	Friday
Choir	Thursday main hall 3.20-4pm
orchestra	TBC

If anyone would like to join the choir this term, please see Mrs Roberts

VICTORIAN TEA ROOM

To celebrate a great term, 5B had a 'Victorian Tearoom' to which all parents were invited. The children baked and prepared a fine feast and their hard work was much appreciated by all the visitors!



When someone arrived, we had to bring them up stairs and tell them who their waiter would be and who would order their food.

All the waiters had Victorian jackets and hats. The girls had to tie their hair into a bun and wear a hat to cover their hair so hair didn't get into the cakes.

Most of the boys had ties with blousers with a black waist coat or jacket. Just like Jacob.

Victorian Tea Room!!!



NATIONAL PRIMARY LEAGUE TABLES

As you may be aware, each year primary schools are ranked according to their end of KS2 assessment data. (This information is published in December.) The ranking is calculated by taking into account the percentage of children attaining level 4 and 5 in English and Maths.

A more significant measure is value added, which looks at how much progress pupils have made between the end of Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2. A school's value-added score helps to identify schools that are helping their pupils make more or less progress than average. The higher the score, the more progress pupils are making.

We are very pleased that our KS2 value added score for 2012 is 100.3, which places Clifford Road Primary 34 out of the 165 Suffolk Primary schools that published their results.

Our percentile ranking is 37, which means that if we were ranked out of a 100 schools nationally, we would be 37th. This means that the vast majority of children at Clifford Road Primary make expected progress with many making better than expected progress. The BBC news website is very good if you are interested in finding out more on this subject. Go to 'education' and then search 'primary school league tables in Suffolk'.

DINNER MONEY

From the beginning of January the price of a school dinner has increased to **£2.20** per day (an increase of 10p). The meals still represent excellent value for money for a freshly prepared and tasty two course cooked meal.

Unfortunately we have a large amount of outstanding dinner monies which need clearing. If a child owes £11 or more (a week of school dinners) they will not be able to have a dinner until the debt is cleared.

Dinners can be paid for by cash, cheque or online at www.eats-catering.co.uk

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

It is now quicker and easier to apply for Free School Meals. For the majority of claimants you will no longer need to send proof of your benefits with the application form. Suffolk County Council will check your eligibility against the Government's benefit database and as long as you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, the provision of Free School Meals will commence.

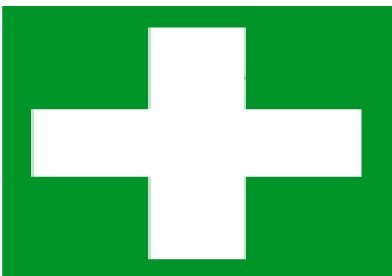
An application form is available from the School Office or can be downloaded at:

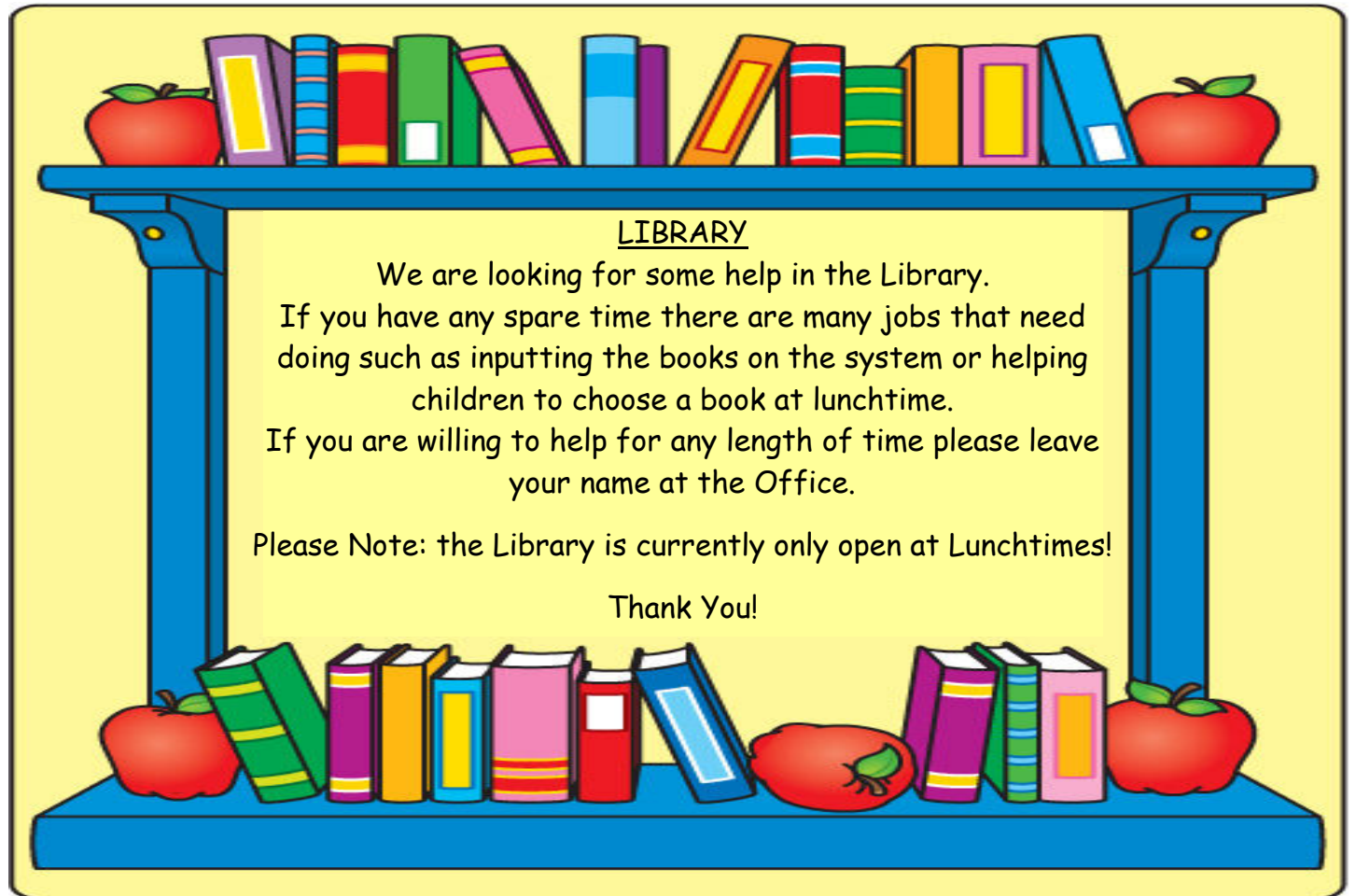
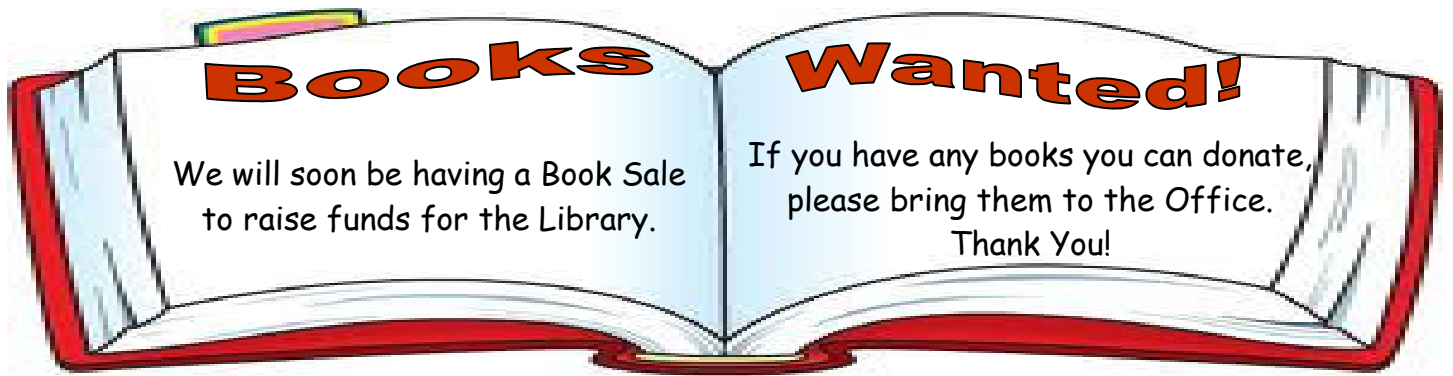
<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/education-and-careers/schools-and-support-in-education/general-information/school-catering>

Sickness

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, they must stay off school **48 hours** after their symptoms disappear. Please ensure they do not return before the 48 hours, even if they appear to feel better, to stop the spread of the illness.

Thank You!

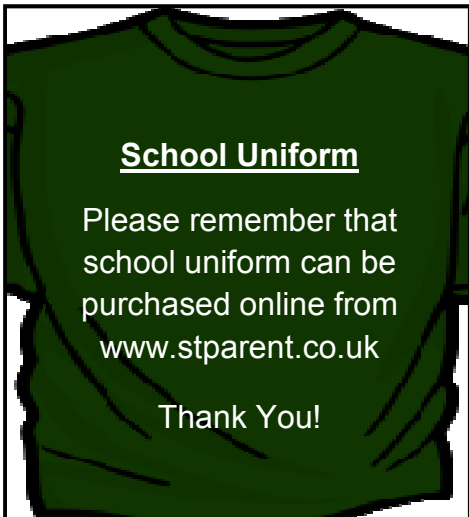





PE KITS

Children need to have a change of clothes for PE.
Please make sure your child has kit in on the correct day.

Reception:	Thursday
Year 1:	Thursday (1W) and Friday (1L)
Year 2:	Monday (2S) and Friday (2E)
Year 3:	Tuesday
Year 4:	Wednesday
Year 5:	Tuesday
Year 6:	Wednesday



School Uniform

Please remember that school uniform can be purchased online from www.stparent.co.uk

Thank You!

OFSTED

FYI -The latest Ofsted report is available on the Ofsted Website. You can access this at:
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/124654>

DIARY DATES 2013/2014:

JANUARY:

- 7th PD Day
- 8th Back to School

FEBRUARY:

- 18th Half Term

MARCH:

- 25th Parents Evening 3:30 - 6pm
- 28th End of Term

APRIL:

- 15th PD Day
- 16th Back to School

Please note there has been a PD day added to the original dates!

MAY:

- 1st Class School Photos
- 6th Bank Holiday
- 27th Half Term

JULY:

- 23rd End of Term

SEPTEMBER:

- 3rd PD Day
- 4th PD Day
- 5th Start of Term

OCTOBER:

- 18th PD Day
- 28th Half Term

DECEMBER:

- 20th Last Day of Term

JANUARY 2014:

- 6th PD Day
- 7th Back to School

FEBRUARY:

- 17th Half Term

APRIL:

- 4th Last Day of Term
- 22nd PD Day
- 23rd Back to School

MAY:

- 26th Half Term

JULY:

- 23rd Last Day of Term

If you want to contact the school re: your child's absence etc you can:

Telephone: 01473 251605

Email: office@cliffordroad.suffolk.sch.uk

Or you can send a text to: 07797 801419