

NEWSLETTER

May 2013

Welcome to the latest Clifford Road newsletter and here's hoping for a sunny term ahead!

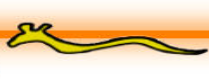


Year 2 Trip to Aldeburgh By Ines in Class 2S

"On Wednesday we went on a double decker bus and it took a long time till we got there! We got really excited.



We wanted to go on the pebbles already. After a play on the beach we got to the RNLI station. We saw a huge lifeboat and it was about 12 metres long and it was even the 34th one to be built. Sally dressed up as a lifeboat captain and we timed her in 30 seconds but she did not make it in time! After the lifeboat station we had lunch and we got to sit on the pebbles. After lunch we had a delicious ice-cream and nearly all of us had the same ice-cream."



Year 4 Museum

By Molly in Class 4NK

"Last Thursday we created a wonderful museum in class 4NK. All week we had been working really hard to make and get everything ready for the museum. We were all split into five groups, the five groups were pyramids, friction, shabtis, powerpoints and newspaper reports. In the afternoon everyone was set to work trying to make our museum the best. Firstly we all decided where we were going to set up our table and object we made. Then everyone in their groups decided how they would like to set the tables up. We then became Ancient Egyptian experts!"



SAFETY & SECURITY REQUEST



There is an increase in the number of people coming into school in the mornings causing congestion in the corridors. We also have a number of people waiting inside school at the end of the day, particularly when the weather is bad. For safety and security reasons please can you remain in the playground. We would also appreciate it if the children could come into school on their own to encourage their independence. Thank You!

TOPICS

Class topics for this term are:

Nursery	Under the Sea
Reception	Growing
Year 1	Journeys
Year 2	Buckets and Spades
Year 3	Anglo-Saxons
Year 4	Ancient Egypt
Year 5	Exploring Coasts
Year 6	Different Worlds

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Following on from a very enjoyable session with year 4, Year 6 are going to be working with BT on a computer programming project. BT staff will be coming into school to introduce the children to the software and we will also be visiting the BT Aadastral Park for the day to take part in workshops on 'IT and the environment' and 'IT and inclusion'.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

How it works: every class, including both sessions of the nursery, is represented by a year 6 pupil. The school council representatives regularly visit their assigned class to make sure they can properly represent their views - keeping issues, concerns and news up to date.

At the moment we are working on the following areas:
improving the pond area/fundraising/
improving the lunchtime experience.

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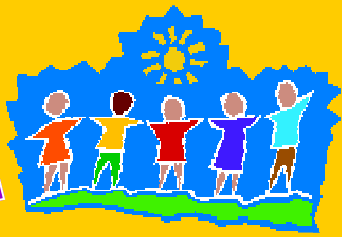
This year the Music Soiree will be held on Thursday 23rd May at 6:30pm.
All Welcome!

Year 6 Brass

This year we will be joining in with the County Music Service celebrations week by attending a whole day brass workshop. The children are also working on composing soundtracks to short stories which they will be performing to parents towards the end of term.



CRASH
After School Club
crash.afterschool@ntlworld.com



Quality childcare available before and after school and school holidays:

We are open Monday to Friday:

Mornings:

7.30 - 8.35am

After School:

3.20 - 6pm

School Holidays:

8.00am - 6pm

For more information contact us
On 01473 213356
Or call in and see us!

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!



ABSENCE

If your child is going to be away from school, please make sure you leave a message on the schools absent line or send a text by 10am.

Thank You!



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>

DINNER MONEY

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

PARENT VIEW

Many of you have expressed your support for the school and appreciate the work that has gone into improving it since the Ofsted inspection. We would like to encourage all parents to use the Ofsted Parent View as Ofsted use this as part of their inspections. Can you therefore take some time to go onto the site and complete the questions?

This is found at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>



DIARY DATES 2013/2014:

MAY:

- 14th Year 3 Anglo-Saxon Day
- 22nd Year 5 Trip to Dunwich
- 23rd Music Soiree at 6.30pm
- 27th Half Term

JUNE:

- 4th Year 6 Trip to Crucial Crew
- 6th 4B Trip to Transport Museum
- 7th 4N Trip to Transport Museum
- 18th Copleston Induction Day
- 19th Copleston Induction Day

JULY:

- 11th St Albans Induction Day
- 22nd Year 6 Leavers Performance & Assembly at 6.30pm
- 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

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)

Friday (1L)

Year 2: Monday (2S)

Friday (2E)

Year 3: Tuesday

Year 4: Wednesday

Year 5: Tuesday

Year 6: Wednesday



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

School Dinners

School dinners can be purchased online. Please log on to:
www.eats-catering.co.uk

For further assistance, please contact the school office.

School meals are £2.20 and can be paid in advance or daily.

Thank-you!