



Monday 22nd January 2024



NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back in 2024 after a great first week or two in school. It is a very short term and even shorter half-term!

STAFFING NEWS



DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Mrs Warman will be commencing her maternity leave on Friday 26th January.

We send our very best wishes to her and await her exciting news.

Mrs Ralph will be our new Deputy Headteacher during this time but will also be looking after Y6 children up until after their SATs tests in May.

Miss Edwards will be taking over as class teacher in Elm Class supported by Miss Jacobs.

NEW STAFF

Mr Holland is enjoying teaching Y5, Cherry Class and Miss Patel is settling well into Y1/2, Beech Class.

Miss Galhena is adding to our support staff team in both KS1 and KS2. Thank you for making them all feel welcome.

OTHER STAFF NEWS

Miss Neville will be leaving us at half-term.

We wish her well in her new ventures. Recruitment is currently underway, and we will keep you updated.



Y6 CHOIR

Just before the holidays Y6 visited the Together Club at the Rivergreen Church to perform some songs and chat to elderly members of the local community. I wanted to share some of the feedback we received with you. We are so proud of our Y6, and the group look forward to welcoming them back soon.

'I just wanted to say what an absolute pleasure it was to have the children sing for us last Wednesday. All the members said it was the highlight of their day. They were all so well-mannered and polite too. The singing was great (and yes, they had many of us in tears!).'

'I would like to say a big, big thank you for the school choir that sang for us today at the Together club at Rivergreen Church, the singing was absolutely wonderful. The children were very well behaved. They thoroughly enjoyed talking to us after singing as we enjoyed talking to them. All round it was a beautiful morning and brought many a tear to our eyes.'



HOME-START NOTTINGHAM Nottingham

Home-Start Nottingham are recruiting for volunteers to support families and children. Please see the attached flyer for information on how to sign up and the training available.



PRIME WATER BOTTLES

Water should not be sent to school in rinsed out Prime bottles.
Please use a clear labelled water bottle filled with fresh water daily.
Prime bottles will be sent home and children offered water from our water taps and fountains.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We want to say a big thank you to LEAD Trust and their suppliers for funding our Christmas lunch this year. This meant that any child who wanted a lunch was able to enjoy it for free!



CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK

Can you remember our Pyjama-day last summer in aid of Children with Cancer UK? We have just received a certificate from the charity to thank us for our generous donation of £250. Thank you for supporting the day and being so generous to fund vital research to help save the lives of every child with cancer and keep their family together.



Y3/4 ASSEMBLIES

This half term we have started class assemblies for Y3/4. The children in Sycamore took us on a world journey through the lives and habitats of the animal world. We are also looking forward to Alder Class assembly this week



.TRIPS & VISITS

There are lots of trips, visits and visitors this term and we thank you for your ongoing support. Many are subsidised by the school but could not go ahead without your contribution.

Here are some examples:

Y1/2 are visiting Beaumanor Hall as part of their Victorian topic.

KS2 Singers are joining the Young Voices Choir at the NEC in Birmingham!

Y3/4 have the Me Vs Me Sports morning.

Y4 will visit the Contemporary Arts Gallery in Nottingham.

Y5 will be visiting a café to order their own snack and drink.

Y6 will be looking at Knife Crime during a visit to the National Justice Centre in Nottingham.

St Mary's Church will be visiting to take Lent and Easter assemblies.

Y2 and Y6 will visit the church to take part in an interactive Easter workshop.



SCHOOL UNIFORM GIVE-AWAY SHOP

Please, please, please name your child's uniform. Name everything and rename periodically if you use a marker pen.

We have accumulated so much lost property and despite laying it out at events and having open drop-ins lots has not been claimed. Another supply has been kindly donated by families as their children grow out of their uniform.

We have lovingly washed, dried and folded all items and sorted them into sizes.

They will be displayed on both Parent/Carer evenings in Shop.

You are invited to shop for any items you may need and take them off to a new, loving home.

We will have a donation box available for any donations you wish to make but these are optional.

There is a condition...you must name any item you 'purchase!'



BLUEPRINTS

Children have been revisiting our behaviour blueprints and talking protocols since we have returned.

We thought we would share them with you so you can encourage them too.

They are showing us legendary lines, fantastic walking and super sitting. They are also displaying marvellous manners and we are super proud of them all.



LOCAL HISTORY

We are planning a local history day in the summer term and have found out some fascinating facts about our local area.

Did you know:

Alvaredus de Clifton was a Norman Knight and Warden of Nottingham Castle at time of William the Conqueror and lived in Clifton village?

Alvaredus settled in Clifton & took its name. Sir Gervase de Clifton bought Clifton Manor and the family lived there from the late 13th Century. His family stayed in Clifton until the 1950's. That is over 700 years!

The last owner of the Manor was Lt. Col Clifton. He sold 944 acres of his land in 1947 to Nottingham City Council who then built our estate.

The first school was built in Clifton Village and then moved to Glapton Village!

Do you have any fascinating facts, artefacts, memorabilia or photos you could share with us about Clifton in the past? Do you know anyone who could come and talk to the children about their local history?

If you do, please drop us an email FAO Mrs Hurst.



DIARY DATES Please pop these dates in your diary.

Diary Event	Date
Parent/Carer Evenings	Tuesday 30.01.24 Thursday 01.02.24
Lent Assembly – Penny Carrier Clifton Parish	Thursday 08.02.24
Thank you Club	Thursday 08.02.24
Break up for half term	Friday 09.02.24 3.15pm
Oak Class Assembly	POSTPONED – date to be confirmed
Reading for Pleasure Day	Thursday 07.03.24
Red Nose Day	Friday 15.03.24
Y2 Easter Church Visit	Monday 25.03.24
Easter Assembly – Penny Carrier Clifton Parish	Tuesday 26.03.24
Thank you Club	Wednesday 27.03.24
Y5 Easter Church Visit	Wednesday 27.03.24
Break up for Easter	Wednesday 27.03.24 3.15pm
School re-opens	Monday 15.04.24

Thanks for your ongoing support,

Yours sincerely,

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