

Clover News

The newsletter for Cloverlea Primary School.



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New Barrier to Improve Safety on the School Drive.

A new barrier fence between the school drive and the path, leading up to the school gate, will be installed over the coming half term break.

This lack of a barrier has been identified as a potential hazard as parents and pupils are often seen walking up and down the centre of the drive while entering or leaving the school. Hopefully the barrier will ensure that all pedestrians will now only use the footpath and green pedestrian gate to access school.

It is very important that parents and children entering and leaving the school do so through this gate. Care should be taking crossing the top of the drive in the direction of Clover Road.

This new barrier fence will also mean that cars will no longer be able to park on the drive, half on and half off the pathway. As this even further restricts the capacity of the school car park, I must ask that parents do not to use the school car park for picking up or dropping off. The exception for this is parents who pick up/drop off from 'School's Out' before 8.30 am or after 4.00 pm.

We are very lucky that we have ample street parking in the streets around Cloverlea, which is a luxury that many local school do not have, so the school would appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

New Junior Library Opens

The school was delighted to welcome children's author, David Webb to Cloverlea on Monday 22nd February to help us open our newly refurbished junior library.

Over £15,000 has been invested in new carpets, decoration, new shelving, tables, chairs, desks and new books. This investment was funded partly by the PTA, partly from the school budget and from other special fundraising events.

Special thanks to Kath Morgan from Bolton Library Service and Mrs Djennati (Year 5 teacher) for working so hard to make this project such a success.



Children's author David Webb at the opening of the library

Choral Speaking Win for Cloverlea

Parents may have read in the Sale and Altrincham Messenger that a team from Cloverlea recently won the Rotary Club sponsored Choral Speaking Competition held at the Cresta Court Hotel on Monday 1st March.

The school team was up against teams from three local primary schools (Oldfield Brow, Navigation and Broomwood). Cloverlea performed two choral poems by Charles Causley (Colonel Fazackerley and My Family) and scooped first prize which consisted of sets of high quality stationary donated by the stationary company Staedtler.

School Year 2009/10

May 2010



The winning choral speaking team

New Year 4

Residential Visit

Following on from the great success of the first Year 5 residential visit to Castleton last year, we decided to extend the opportunity to experience a residential visit this year to our Year 4 pupils.

On the 15th March the Year 4 class, accompanied by Mrs Wilde, Mrs Smith and Mr Linnett set off for Ilam Hall Youth Hostel in Shropshire to experience two days of environmental study and fun. The highlight of the visit was a visit to a local farm where the children saw the new spring lambs being born and experienced life on a hill farm.

Our current Year 6 class are off to Robinwood in June and Year 5 to Castleton in early July.

'Superhero Day' Raises Money for Rev. Kevin's Romanian Charity

The school has been delighted to support Reverend Kevin from Altrincham Methodist Church in the latest phase of helping Gypsy-Roma communities in Romania. Many Gypsy-Roma communities live in very poor conditions and Kevin travelled to Romania this May in order to help build a house for one such family.

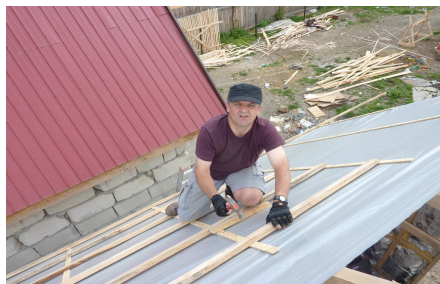
Amazingly, Kevin, his colleagues and members of the local community managed to build one house in under a week and a family will be moving in very soon.

Families at Cloverlea helped out in this very worthwhile venture by raising over £350 from our sponsored 'Superhero Day' on the 26th March. As each house costs approximately £4,000 to build you can see that the

Cloverlea contribution to this scheme was quite significant.

Reverend Kevin came into school on Tuesday 18th May to talk to the children and show them slides of the house being built.

Thanks to everyone who contributed.



Rev. Kevin installing the roof on the new house in Romania

The dates outlined are provisional dates and may be subject to change.

Provisional Key Dates for the Summer

Wednesday 9th June	Start of Year 6 residential visit to Robinwood
Monday 14th June	Non-uniform day in aid of the PTA Summer Fair
Saturday 19th June	PTA Summer Fair (11.00 a.m.-1.30 p.m.)
Tuesday 29th June	Infant sports afternoon
Wednesday 30th June	Junior sports afternoon
Tuesday 6th July	Start of Year 5 residential visit to Castleton
Thursday 8th July	Parents' open evening (3.30-5.30 p.m.)
Tuesday 13th July	New Reception intake meeting for parents 6.30 pm
Wednesday 14th July	PTA Bake and Take (provisional date)
Thursday 15th July	Year 6 production (afternoon and evening)
Friday 23rd July	PTA Summer Disco
Monday 26th July	Year 6 leavers' visit to Camelot theme park
Tuesday 27th July	Year 6 Leaver's assembly
Tuesday 27th July	Last day of the school year.
Thursday 2nd September	Staff training day
Friday 3rd September	Staff training day
Monday 6th September	First day of the next school year for pupils

Voucher Collections

Please keep on sending into school your Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers. All Tesco vouchers need to be in school by Monday 14th June, and Sainsbury's vouchers by Friday 9th July. This will give us time to count them and send them off to the handling houses. Thanks to everyone who sent in vouchers over the last few months.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Barrier Fence in the Infant Playground.

A new barrier fence has been installed in the infant playground separating off the playground from open access to the front of the school. The school governors gave the go ahead to this project in order to improve the safety and security of our youngest pupils. This project is part of the general review of school premises in order to promote the safeguarding of pupils.

Music Week at Cloverlea.

The school was delighted to play host to three 'old favourite' musicians/bands who performed to the children during our recent music week at the end of April. Banjo playing Bob Buckle started off the week, followed by music from around the world from The Pop Project, finishing off the week with our old friends 'Key Strings' with their funny and informative look at the development of classical music through the ages.

Also, well done to Miss Jones and the school choir who sang at the St George's Day celebration at Altrincham Town Hall in the same week.

Outdoor Classroom/Gazebo for the Infant Playground.

Once planning permission has been finally obtained (hopefully in the next two weeks), the school intends to go ahead with the installation of a wooden, octagonal, open sided outdoor classroom on the grassed area at the far end of the infant playground.. This is to give our youngest pupils some relief from the hot sun in the summer months as well as creating a new outdoor resource for pupils to work and enjoy.

French Day.

The pupils experienced a day celebrating French language and culture on 19th May. All the teaching staff organised special events (French dancing, a French café, French art, French ICT etc) and the pupils rotated around all the activities during the day. We also said farewell to Miss Albaret, who has been with us for two years as our French language assistant, promoting the development of modern foreign languages in the school.