



Cloverlea Primary School



19th October 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We have made it to half term and I hope you have some lovely activities planned to do with family and friends.

The children have worked extremely hard this half term and I just want to express how proud I am of everyone, but especially our new starters in Nursery, Reception and the new children who have joined us through school. Our new children have worked so hard to settle in and grow accustomed to a new setting and new environment with new faces – well done.

Harvest We have had a busy Autumn 1 term full of events, training and celebrations and I must thank you once again for all your kind and generous gifts donated for our Harvest Festival, these gifts have been very gratefully received by our local foodbank.

Outdoor Area Our wonderful PTA have also recently secured funding through a grant application to renovate and modernise our Wildlife area to enable and enhance our outdoor learning provision. This is fantastic news and it is absolutely terrific to have a body of people working with dedication and passion for our school and children. Thank you!

EYFS The EYFS team have been enjoying working with Kelly Butler (EYFS consultant) and, following their conversations, have adapted and further enhanced their outdoor space. They have made phenomenal progress in creating, modifying and developing a space that further equips, stretches and challenges our children's curiosity and thoughts. The team will continue to work with Kelly looking at the next stages of continuous improvement and development. We are really enjoying working with Kelly and looking forward to her next visit.

Curriculum Development As a school we are on a continual journey of curriculum development and we focus on 3 key areas:

- 1) Intent (*curriculum planning*)
- 2) Implementation (*teaching of the curriculum*)
- 3) Impact (*pupils' learning*)

Whilst we continue to refine our curriculum planning, we are particularly focused this year on curriculum implementation and have very recently begun to introduce a new Cloverlea approach to Teaching and Learning that will be developing over the coming weeks.

Influenced by '**Rosenshine's Principles**' our new teaching approach is based on four key strands:

1. sequencing concepts and modelling
2. questioning
3. reviewing material
4. stages of practice.

We have already begun embedding retrieval practice within our teaching and our staff training sessions next half term will be focusing on further developing our understanding and application of these four concepts within our practice.

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In addition, senior leaders and subject leaders continue to work with Vanessa McDonald (external consultant) on curriculum development, her external eye and expertise continues to be so valuable to us.

Inclusion Our next INSET day on Monday 30th October, we are launching our new Cloverlea 'Inclusion and Intervention Strategy'. We have been working closely with Kylie Spark (National Leader of Education) to develop this and we are eager to launch these improvements.

The strategy has been designed to maximise all children's access to high quality teaching, to further promote a proactive approach that supports achievement and enjoyment with a particular focus on supporting and enabling pupils with SEND.

Kylie and our senior leadership team will deliver the training and our Chair of Governors, Carole Partington will also be in attendance.

It is really exciting to be working on all these initiatives with such intensity as they are genuinely child centred and will further assist with achieving the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

I am also keen to share further information with parents and, therefore, we are planning to offer 'Curriculum Workshop for Parents' and an 'Inclusion Workshop for Parents', in the Spring Term. Further details will follow in due course.

Year 6 Ambassadors I am also delighted to announce, after careful consideration, that our Year 6 ambassadors for 2023/24 have now been selected. It is a job that requires creativity, composure and dedication, qualities that have been evident from the following children/ambassadors:

Arthur Y6, Noah Y6, Isabella Y6, Maggie Y6

CONGRATULATIONS to you all! Although you have big shoes to fill, I am very confident that you will rise to the task and the challenge and I look forward to meeting with you after half term, when we will devise a strategy for the rest of the year!

Year 2 As Year 2 parents are aware, Year 2 will welcome Miss Allen as their permanent teacher, from after the half the break. Miss Allen has been able to get to know the children over the past few weeks and has spent considerable time with our staff sharing information that will serve to provide a smooth transition. Thank you to Mrs Kerr and the whole of the KS1 team who have supported this process; welcoming Miss Allen to our team.

When the moment arrives, we wish Mrs Kerr a lovely maternity leave. We hope she is able to have that precious and invaluable time with her family and her new addition.

I am looking forward to catching up with you at the Halloween disco and then later, after half term, at the first parents' evenings of the academic year in November. I hope you all have a restful break.

Take care

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Headteacher

School reopens Tuesday 31st October

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