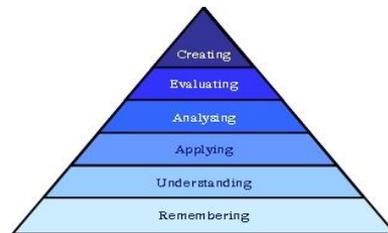


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Cliffe VC Primary School

May Newsletter 2017



Curriculum

As part of our curriculum this year we have introduced Philosophy for Children(P4C). P4C encourages children to be innovative and creative thinkers. Learners are stimulated to consider alternatives and to generate new ideas together. This helps children develop creative thinking across the school. Thinking creatively helps children make connections, speculate ideas and explore. P4C helps children to use their imaginations and have original thoughts and ideas. A range of different stimulus in P4C lessons encourages children to be creative thinkers, for example using stories, objects, quotes, pictures and clips. Children are encouraged to be creative thinkers by discussing their thoughts and ideas with others. They enjoy exploring each other's ideas and making connections.

Why not try these questions to promote creative thinking and questioning at home?

- Would you rather fly or time travel?
- What is love?
- How should we treat animals?



School Trip

A reminder that this year's whole school trip is to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on 18th July. The cost of the buses, entrance and workshops is £16.20 per pupil so the PTA are covering £10 per pupil from the money raised this year. This now means that this wonderful, educational day only costs **£6.20 per child**. This is now on Parent Pay and in order to ensure we have the funds to cover the cost of the trip I am asking that the £6.20 is paid by **Friday 19th May**.

If we do not have the funds we will have to cancel this trip as there are no school funds to cover any unpaid balance.



PTA

The PTA have organised a Fathers Day Breakfasts so the children can treat their dad on Saturday 17th June. It will be held in Institute from 10- 11am more details to follow.



Young Discoverers



Science experiments and a Neon Party next Friday are just two of the exciting activities planned for our children attending the breakfast/ After School Club this month. For application forms and more information just ask in school.

Parent Forum Meeting - Wednesday 14th June

At today's assembly I shall be pulling the names out of the hat for invites to this meeting in which we are discussing school improvement issues. If you are invited and unable to attend please let me know so we can extend the invitation to another family.

Fidget Spinners

Last week I had to ban this latest craze for, as I explained to the children, three reasons.

- 1) Pupils were disturbing others in class when using them.
- 2) As they are all so similar it was difficult to say which one belonged to whom if arguments broke out over ownership.
- 3) The final straw was when a younger child's spinner ended up in the pocket of an older child as part of a swap.

As an educationalist of 30 years I fully agree that for some children having something to fiddle with does aid concentration and the ability to focus but in the case of these I am sorry they have to stay at home.



Cliffe VC Facebook

Please remember if you wish to ensure you have all the up to date information, I now post onto the **Cliffe VC Facebook Page** which is a closed site for parents and staff of our school. As a Facebook user simply send a request to join, however also let me know as I will not accept anyone unless I am sure they are a parent of the school in order to keep this a closed group, thank you.



All newsletters go onto this page and I am able to share school class photos also.

Dates for the diary

Please find below some dates for your diary

To give as much notice as possible I have put in the dates that we have till the end of the year.

Tues 16th May – Cluster KS2 Sports Event

Fri 19th May – Gov Visit

Individual and Siblings photos

2.30pm Special British Values Assembly

Wed 24th + Thurs 25th May – Year 6 Bikeability

Fri 26th May – Gov visit

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

Mon 5th June – School opens

Year 6 leave for their Residential trip to Beverley Park

Thurs 8th June – Rev Dottie Assembly

Fri 9th June – Gov Visit

3.30pm Year 6 return

Sun 11th June – Cliffe Family Bike Ride

Mon 12th June – Year 1 phonic screening, this is carried out this week and results shared in your child's report at the end of term.

Wed 14th June – Year 5 to Selby High Day info to follow

Parent Forum meeting

Thurs 15th June – North + East Wing Farm trip

Fri 16th June - Gov Visit

Sat 17th June – PTA Father's Day Breakfast Event

Tues 20th June – Year 5 to Read School Drax

Fri 23rd June - Gov Visit

Yr 3 / 4 Cluster Tag Rugby Event

Thurs 29th June – KS1 Cluster Football Tournament

Fri 30th June - Gov Visit

Mon 3rd July – Year 6 lunch choice

Wed 5th July – Sports day

Thurs 6th July – Rev Dottie assembly

Fri 7th July - Gov Visit

Sun 9th July – FAMILY FUN DAY

Mon 10th July- 2pm. KS2 Show Dress Rehearsal pre school siblings welcome

Tues 11th July – Year 6 Transition day to High School

Wed 12th July – 3.30pm KS2 Show

Thurs 13th July – 5.30pm KS2 Show

Fri 14th July – FRENCH Day in school

- Gov Visit

Reports to parents

Tues 18th July – Whole School Trip – Wild Life Park, Doncaster

Thurs 20th July – Leaver's disco – all children welcome 4.30 – 5.30

Fri 21st July - Gov Visit

11am Leavers assembly

12 Picnic Lunch – all welcome to join us



SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle daily as we are looking forward to some sunshine...

I will be out in the playground but if there is anything you would like to see me about my door is always open!

Kind Regards

Suzanne Hay

Headteacher

