



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 26/03/21

'Top Doodlers of the Week!'

A special mention for our highest scoring 'Doodle Maths' superstars in each class:

Rec – Austin Naylor

Y1 – Daisy Gladwin / Florence Chapman

Y2 – Layla Morrow / Zac Wallinger

Y3 – Neave Buckle-Williams / Jake Teasdale

Y4 – Jack Dawson / Isobel Chapman

Y5 – Ameliya Buckle-Williams / Rowan Brennan

Y6 – Tyra Buckle-Williams / Olivia Nicholson

Doodle Class of the week: Y1

Between the **1st of April and the 30th April**, Doodle will be running a **DoodleMaths Spring Challenge** that we would like all children at Cliffe Primary School to take part in. The Challenge encourages children to use Doodle for a few minutes each day, helping them to **rebuild their confidence** and **get back on track** in their learning. Best of all, those who take part can earn a free pin badge and certificate from Doodle Maths! There will also be an additional reward in school for those who complete the challenge. **How to take part: From the 1st of April**, visit parents.doodlemaths.com and press **Register** next to your child's name. Once they've reached their target, you'll be able to claim their reward by logging in to the Dashboard and pressing **Claim reward**. **HAPPY DOODLING ☺**

A message from the Head:

I am sure I sit here like many of you, trying to decide if this term has felt like either the longest or shortest we have ever encountered! While the last three weeks seem to have gone by in the blink of an eye, Christmas feels a life time ago and I am sure you will agree that at times the period of 'home learning' felt rather endless. The children have certainly coped with an awful lot and the way they have returned to school has been a huge credit to them. It has been a real pleasure to see their smiles, enthusiasm and regard for one another really shine over these last few weeks. It was particularly pleasing this week to see pupils out working with our visitors to plant fruit trees, while other classes enjoyed a golf lesson and classrooms were filled with Easter activities. A brief glimpse of 'normality' amongst the current uncertainty we all face.

We would hope to continue that slow journey back to 'normal' next term, though as yet any major changes to routines remain unknown. We will continue to focus on supporting pupils to achieve accelerated progress and cover some of the ground we have missed during their absence. As Local Authority risk assessments allow we will reinstate some of the regular events of school life, such as swimming, trips off site, assemblies etc. We will also work to ensure a smooth transition for our Year 6 class, as they consider their move to high school and endeavour to make their final term here with us a memorable one. As it stands the scheduled Year 5 and 6 residential trip remains in our school diary as we have not received final word from North Yorkshire as to its fate. Should circumstance allow we would still look to offer this opportunity, though at the moment we will not make any further moves to collect

payment etc. This may mean, if we are indeed given the official go ahead, we will need to move quite quickly, asking for full payment, issuing kit lists etc. Hopefully we will know more on this post Easter. Today also marks the last day of Miss Morse joining us as student class teacher in Year 2 and 3. I know those pupils will certainly miss her and we thank her for the wonderful job she has done here throughout her placement.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Topping back on board to our Governing Body following her recent re-election. Although our Governors may not be as visible as usual, given their unavoidable absence from the school gate on a Friday, they are still working diligently behind the scenes. If you have any questions, comments or thoughts you would like to share with the Governors please do not hesitate to address these to the admin email address and we will pass them on.

Finally, have a super Easter and we will see you all again on **Tuesday the 13th of April.**

Reception and Year 1 Class News:

The last three weeks have flown by and the children have thrown themselves into every activity presented to them and challenged themselves. They have clearly enjoyed being back in the classroom, but are now all definitely ready for a break!! This week, has had an overarching Easter theme! The children used pattern printing to decorate an Easter egg shape for their Easter cards and have designed their own Easter chick to go inside. We continued our focus on 'The Egg Drop' and our Year 1 children have written their alternative endings in story form. Reception have planned and written their greetings for their Easter cards. In maths, Year 1 have been investigating capacity and volume. We spent a lot of time using sand and water practically in our outdoor area. Reception have been playing number games and consolidating their knowledge of pairs of numbers to make 10. We have started to make our own delicious doughnuts using mod-roc and will continue these after Easter, so watch this space!

Remember the Spring Doodlemaths challenge which begins next week (see email for more details) There is a special pin badge for everyone who completes it! We will be sending home PE kits and wellies this afternoon, so it's a good chance to check the sizing and contents ready for next term! Have a fabulous Easter 🐣 Mrs Wilson!

Please sign your child up for the Doodle Maths Spring challenge.

Year 2 and 3 Class News:

What another great week we have had! There has been lots of learning and opportunities for some exciting afternoons. In English this week, we have been exploring how to write a set of instructions. We have looked to all the key features of instructions and have then produced our own set about how to make a sandwich. This has linked with our DT as we have been making sandwiches. The children have followed the DT process of researching, planning, creating and evaluating. In Maths, we have started to look at fractions and all the children have built an understanding very quickly! On Friday, we participated in a Maths relay which all the children enjoyed as they got to use their Maths skills in a practical way. With Mrs Zac this week, the children have all produced beautiful Easter cards for their families, which they will be taking home ready for the Easter holidays.

I would like to thank you all for all your hard work during the last term. Although the lockdown was challenging, you have all shown us that you are hardworking and very resilient! Everybody has been a pleasure to be with and I have really enjoyed teaching you all. Thank you for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to coming back after Easter to see you all.

Miss Morse

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Year 4 and 5 Class News:

We have come to the end of an incredibly challenging term for all. I just want to say how proud we are of every single child in year 4/5. Not only did they work incredibly hard in such difficult circumstances earlier in the term, but they also came back to school enthusiastic, resilient and independent learners. With nicer weather recently, it's been lovely to see them socialising with their friends, enjoying the spring sunshine on our school field and engaging happily with their learning in the classroom. This week we've had a busy week planning and creating awareness videos all about endangered tigers. These will be shared on Seesaw. We've explored how to add and subtract mixed numbers, and find fractions of quantities. In our afternoons the class have made Easter cards, learned further skills and songs with their ukuleles, and practised golf and tennis skills in their PE lessons. We have emailed out a

permission form for taking ukuleles home if your child would like to. If you return these by this afternoon we can send them home today. If not, after Easter.

It is very clear to us that all the children need a good rest over the next couple of weeks. I hope the weather stays kind to us all and we will see you all after Easter! Happy Holidays!

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Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

Year 6 Class News:

In Maths we have been working with decimals and dividing and multiplying decimals by integers and solving lots of reasoning problems. We have been identifying the characteristics of different types of animals: mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians, insects, arachnids, annelids, molluscs, crustaceans and echinoderms. In English we have been practicing how to use colons and to use commas to clarify meaning. For example, 'Let's eat Elliot' and 'Let's eat, Elliot' are the same words but different meanings because of the comma. We watched a clip of Michael Rosen chocolate cake to help us and it made us all laugh. On Wednesday we planted fruit trees in the field to make an orchard. It was really fun and the people were really nice and let us have some really nice apple juice. Have a good Easter from Elliot. Please sign your child up for the Doodle Maths Spring challenge. Enjoy completing your Doodle challenge over Easter and continue to read for pleasure 😊

Housekeeping:

- **Please be extremely careful when dropping off/collecting your children from school. Main Street can get very busy at these times. We have a lot of children cycling to school. Please be mindful when driving / parking on Main Street and take care not to block our neighbours driveways.**
- **If you need to contact school, please do not come to the school office, please telephone Mrs Stacey on 01757 638426 or email admin@cliffe.n-yorks.sch.uk during the current situation.**
- Please ensure coats are in school every day and suitable for the changing season!

Dates for the Diary:

Half term holiday: Monday 29th March 2021 to Friday 9th April 2021

Professional development day – Monday 12th April 2021