

# Clifton All Saints Academy Newsletter

## 14.11.2023

**'Be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16 v 13-14**

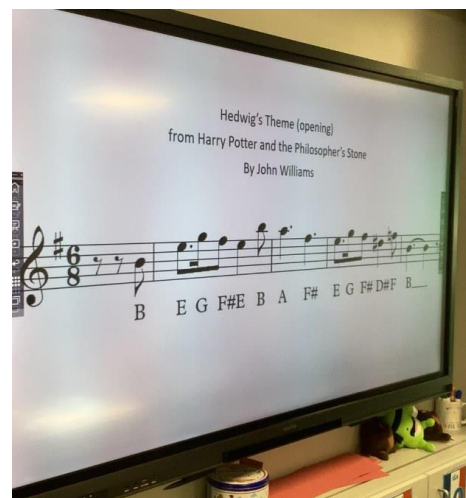
### In the classrooms...

This half term in Maple Class, the children will be learning about about Crime and Punishment from the Roman Period through to the modern period. This week the children uncovered the fascinating ways the Romans maintained law and order in their society, from the introduction of the legal system to the various punishments for different offenses.

Olive Class have enjoyed some practical Science lessons this week looking at materials. The children investigated which material would be best to keep boiled water warmest over a 15 minute period. The children used their knowledge of thermal conductors and thermal insulators to predict which material would be most effective and which would be the least.

Palm Class have been enjoying learning their music topic this half term on introductory film music. The class used the glockenspiels to learn how to read notation and play the opening of Hedwig's theme. We are so lucky that Mr Della-Vale visits us every week to teach the children exceptional music lessons.

On Tuesday, the whole school took part in our Diwali day. Children from across the school learnt all about the festival of light and then Tulsi from SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) visited the school and led an assembly all about Hinduism. Tulsi brought artefacts for the children to look at and came in traditional dress. The children worked in mixed classes from Reception to Year 6 to create diya lamps out of clay. The children had a brilliant day and have developed a greater insight into another world religion. I would like to thank Miss Pepper and Mrs Lines for organising the day and the staff for supporting.



## Parents Evening

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for making our recent Parent's Evening such a resounding success. Your presence, engagement, and commitment to your children's education are truly appreciated.

Parent's Evening provides a valuable opportunity for us to come together as a school community, sharing insights into your child's progress and discussing their academic journey. Your active participation not only strengthens the bond between home and school but also supports your child's growth and development.

During the evening, we had the privilege of engaging in meaningful conversations with you about your child's achievements, challenges, and goals. Your questions, concerns, and suggestions contribute to a collaborative approach to education, which is essential for the success of your children.

We understand that attending these events can be a significant commitment, and we want to express our gratitude for your dedication to your child's education. Your involvement reaffirms the importance of working together to ensure that each child at Clifton All Saints Academy receives the best possible educational experience.

As we move forward in this academic year, we encourage you to maintain open lines of communication with your child's teachers and the school through the use of Class Dojo, at drop off and pick up or by booking an appointment. Your continued engagement will undoubtedly make a difference in your child's educational journey.

We look forward to future opportunities to connect and work together to support the growth and success of your child. Thank you once again for being an essential part of our school community.

It was also heart-warming to read the 'We are proud...' slips which outlined some of the great things about Clifton All Saints Academy:

- Fun and exciting lessons
- Incentives for learning
- Social events
- PTA events and committee
- Kindness of staff
- Children have a great day every day
- Small village school that offers great support to children
- Wonderful opportunities that are given to the children
- Variety of topics explored
- Friendly and happy atmosphere
- How every child is treated individually to help them achieve
- The support for children with additional needs
- Community feeling - Koinonia in action!
- Nurturing environment

## Swimming and PE Lessons

As you may be aware from the parent planner, after Easter we will be introducing swimming lessons as part of our curriculum and the pop up pool will return. We are excited to offer this valuable opportunity again for your child to develop essential water safety and swimming skills. Information about the frequency of swimming lessons for specific year groups will be issued nearer the time.

In light of the swimming lessons, we have made an adjustment to our curriculum for PE across the year. For this term, we will be reducing the number of PE lessons from the usual two lessons per week to one lesson per week. This adjustment is temporary, for this term only, and is intended to accommodate the swimming program and ensure that students have sufficient time to participate in both PE, swimming and the wider curriculum without any impact on learning. Overall, we have increased the amount of PE children take part in across the year through swimming lessons, Don Rae dance workshops and performing arts workshops.

We understand the value of physical education in promoting overall health and well-being. Therefore, we want to assure you that the reduction in PE lessons this term will be a temporary change. In January, we will return to our regular schedule of two PE lessons per week.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this period of change. Our primary goal is to provide a well-rounded education and we believe that this adjustment will help us achieve that.

## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, is Anti-Bullying Week, and to kick start the week we will be having a Playground Games workshops to focus on friendship. Children will need to be in PE Kits on Monday so they are ready to participate. Our teachers and Midday Supervisors will also be taking part in a playground games workshop so that we can ensure the days learning is used at play time and lunchtimes. Some of our Year 5 and 6 children will also be trained to become playground leaders so they can organise games for the other children in the school.

In addition to this the children will also be taking part in a special assembly with Miss Pepper and Mrs Lines on Tuesday and Anti Bullying activities in their classes all week. Keep an eye out on Class Dojo to see what your children have been up to. For more information about Anti-Bullying Week please follow the link: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying#:~:text=Anti%2DBullying%20Week%202023%20will,bullying%20this%20Anti%2DBullying%20Week.>

## Diary Dates

- Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday
- Monday 13th November - Playground Games Workshops - whole school/Antibullying Week/Odd Sock Day
- Tuesday 14th November - Flu Vaccinations
- Thursday 16th November - Open Day for those starting school in September 2024
- Friday 17th November - Pyjama day in aid of Children in Need. Donations to be made via ParentPay.
- Tuesday 21st November - Mad Hatters Drama Workshop - Whole School
- Wednesday 6th December - Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
- Friday 22nd December - Last Day of the Autumn Term
- Friday 5th January - Staff Training Day
- Monday 8th January - Children Back in School
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### Advanced notice:

- Dawn until Dusk Christmas Holiday Club 2nd -5th January

## Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday 14 November 2023, we are expecting the immunisation team on site to give the children their annual flu vaccination. Only pupils whose parent/carer have completed the consent form will be given the vaccination. The deadline to give consent is Friday 10 November 2023 via the link below:

[CENTRAL FLU CONSENT FORM](#)

## New Starter Open Day

Thursday 16 November 2023 is Clifton All Saints Open Day for parents interested in their child joining the school in Reception, Year 5 or Year 6. We have 3 tours during the day at 9.15am, 2.15pm and 6pm (this includes a talk by the headteacher). If you would like to book onto one of our tours or know somebody who would, please ask them to sign up via the Google link below:

<https://forms.gle/cSwE5ToAFjqvGFkd6>

## Mad Hatters Drama Workshop

We are very excited to let parents/carers know that on Tuesday 21 November 2023, Mad Hatters Drama club will be coming into school to hold workshops with each class. This is an excellent opportunity which we are really pleased to be able to offer. Pupils should come to school in their school uniform as normal. We really do look forward to seeing those children who excel in this area.

## Ivel Valley Weekly Bulletin

Please find below a link to this weeks Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin. This contains information to various information which you may find useful.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCBCC/bulletins/379cc7b>

## DRAMA CLUB - JANUARY 2024!

Dini can't wait to teach you all at Clifton All Saints Academy!

Professional TV and stage actress Davina, known as Dini, has been teaching for 20 years and teaches in many theatre schools including Emil Dale in Hitchin. Dini's classes centre around the 4 C's which are Confidence, Concentration, Communication and Coordination. These core elements help children thrive both in and out of school as well as have a lot of fun! Check out my website for more info on me <https://www.dinisshowstoppers.com/>

When is it? Tuesday 3.30-4.30

Who is it for? Year 1 to Year 6

How much is it? £55 for a 11 week term £5 per session Term commences Tuesday 9th Jan (no class half term)

Please email to secure your place before paying with child's name and your mobile number. It's first come first served, so be quick as I only have 20 places available for you little ones.

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All payments to be made online to

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And Finally...



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Byrne