

# Clifton All Saints Academy Newsletter

## 01.12.2023

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

In the classrooms...



Ash class have been reading the book 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson this week and have been thoroughly enjoying learning all about the special tradition of the Christmas tree that stands in Trafalgar Square each year. The children produced some excellent writing to accompany their pictures of the Christmas pine travelling to the UK on a ship. They have been using their phonics from the term and applying their knowledge of how to form their letters correctly. Impressive work for only 11 full weeks in school!

Juniper Class have been paying particular attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) in their writing lessons this half term. This week they have been SPaG detectives and have needed to spot the errors in their teachers work. The children have had a brilliant time and have learnt lots in the process.

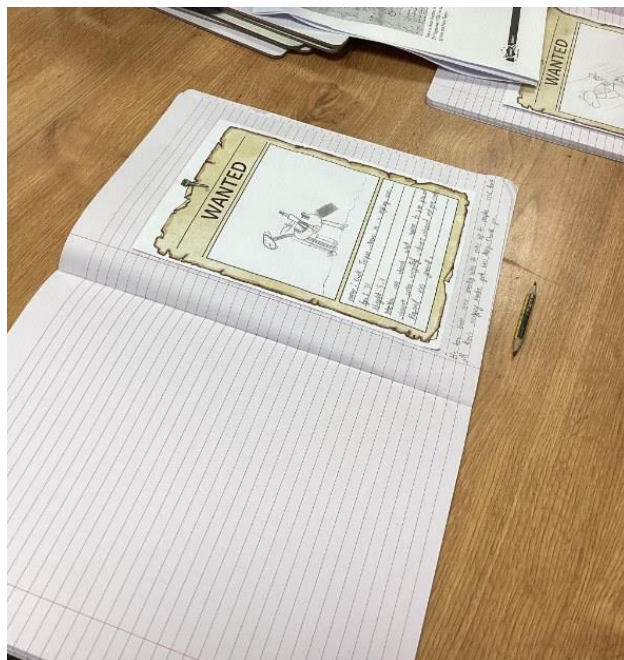
Maple Class have continued their History unit of work about Crime and Punishment and have written 'wanted' posters for Dick Turpin the Highway Man. It has been excellent to see the children so enthralled with their learning.

Two of our Olive Class pupils have organised, advertised and begun running 'Book Club' for some of our KS1 children. The club has been well attended and the girls have carefully and thoughtfully planned the texts that are selected for each session. The KS1 pupils who have attended have enjoyed listening to the stories and responded to the questions planned by the girls well. We are so proud of our Year 5s and their leadership skills.

This week we also enjoyed our first ever Clifton All Saints Academy Art Exhibition. It was wonderful to see the children take pride in their work being show cased, understanding the process of producing a piece of artwork for an audience

and appreciate artwork from across the school. We were delighted with the turnout of parents of and carers who attended the exhibition too. I would like to thank Ms Sykes for organising this event for our school community.

We also hosted our Spiritual Garden Blessing this week, led by Reverend Caren. Our Spiritual Garden has been a wonderful addition to our school, it is a quiet space that children and adults alike can access throughout the school day for a moment of calm and peace. Mrs Swain did a wonderful job of bringing the vision of the garden to life. We were joined at the blessing by members of the Parochial Church Council, Mr and Mrs Blackmore and Mrs Peacock who kindly donated £500 to our Garden, and Mrs Howe and Miss Howe who donated £75 in memory of Peter Howe. We were also joined by our Vice Chair of Trustees Mrs Weller. Mrs Lines also applied for a £750 community life fund grant from St Albans Diocese which prompted the idea for the garden. Children shared prayers and read thank you pieces to our visitors, Reverend Caren blessed our garden and we had a moment of reflection for the space. It was a truly wonderful afternoon and I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Lines for her support in organising this event. I would also like to thank those who attended the blessing and contributed to our garden for the valuable contribution they have made to our school.



## Diary Dates

- Saturday 2nd December - PTA Christmas Fayre 12pm - 3pm
- Saturday 2nd December - Light up Clifton - 5pm
- Tuesday 5th December onwards - PTA Christmas Shop
- Wednesday 6th December - Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
- Wednesday 6th December - Year 5 Remote learning session with Sutton Hoo
- Thursday 7th December - 9.15am EYFS & KS1 Church Service
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 13th December - 10am - KS2 Communion Church Service
- Thursday 14th December - KS2 Christmas Carols in school (4.30pm)
- Monday 18th December - EYFS Christmas Nativity Performance (9.30am & 2.00pm)
- Tuesday 19th December - KS1 Christmas Performance (9.30am & 2.00pm)
- Wednesday 20th December - 1.30pm - KS2 Carol Service in Church
- Wednesday 20th December - EYFS Pantomime in school
- Thursday 21st December - KS1 & KS2 Pantomime visit
- Friday 22nd December - Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 22nd December - Last Day of the Autumn Term
- Friday 5th January - Staff Training Day
- Monday 8th January - Children Back in School

### Advanced notice:

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

## Christmas



### Christmas Tree Donation

Thank you to Aracde Nursery, Arlesey for the lovely tree and to the PTA for making it look ultra beautiful with the amazing decorations. It really has made the school feel like Christmas is near.



We hope you can all make the Christmas Fayre this coming Saturday. The PTA have been working very hard behind the scenes and we are sure this will be another magical Christmas event.

### **LIGHT UP CLIFTON**

We are really looking forward to hearing the children's beautiful singing at the Christmas light switch on in Clifton this Saturday evening.

For those parents of children in years 1 to 6 who signed their children up to take part, please meet with Mrs Hook, Mrs Cartmell and Miss Mead by the Christmas tree no later than 4.55pm. At least one parent/carer must remain around the tree during the event and children must not be taken until they have been released by a member of staff at the end of the event.

### **ASH, BIRCH & CEDAR CHURCH SERVICE**

At 9.15am on Thursday 7 December 2023, we see the first of our Services in the run up to Christmas taking place at All Saints Church, Clifton. Parents, carers and their families are welcome to come and join us at the service. Teachers will be either posting on Dojo or speaking with parents directly next week for any volunteers to help walk the children to and from school.

### **CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOX**

We are pleased to confirm that the Christmas post boxes are now available for children to place their Christmas cards in. There is one post box on the KS1 corridor and another on the KS2 corridor. Please ensure the year group is added onto the front of your child's Christmas card or the full name (first name and surname) of the pupil so we can ensure every card finds its way safely to the recipient.



This Christmas, we have decided to hold a collection for The Need Project from Monday 4 December to Thursday 7 December.

Ideally we would like to collect items for Christmas hampers i.e. Christmas biscuits, tubs of chocolates (heroes, quality street, etc), Christmas puddings. However, normal food hamper items which are non perishable and toiletries would also be very much appreciated.

The items will then either be collected or delivered by a member of staff to our local Need Project and be used to prepare Christmas hampers for families within the Bedfordshire area.

If you would like to make a donation, please ask your child to take the donation into class and they will be brought to the office each day.

## Year 2 Great Fire of London Day



On Wednesday 6 December, Year 2 will receive a visit from History off the Page to recreate the Great Fire of London, hopefully not literally!

Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in period dress (1600's) for the day and ideas were sent out via Mr Coverdale on Class Dojo on the 7 November 2023. However, if your child does not wish to come in costume, please do not worry, this will not have any impact on their experience of the day.

## Year 5 Sutton Hoo, National Trust Learning Call



On Wednesday 6 December 2023, Year 5 will experience a 30 minute virtual visit to Sutton Hoo. The children will learn about the artefacts used by the Anglo-Saxons, enriching their Anglo-Saxon knowledge.



The PTA really do an amazing job every year raising valuable funds for the school. These funds benefit the children in many ways.

We would like to extend our thanks to the PTA for their very generous donation of £4000 to fund the blinds in the hall. This has been an excellent addition to the school following the completion of our new building last year.

For 2024 please keep an eye out for information on the following events:

14th February - Valentines event  
7th / 8th March - Cake sale  
18th March - Mother's Day gifts  
25th March - Sponsored bunny hop bounce  
March - Wonka chocolate raffle

**Summer Term 2024 :**

Father's Day gifts  
Frozen Fridays  
Sports day breakfast  
Saturday 18th May - Summer festival event  
Friday 5th July - Summer event

We are sure that all of the above events will be amazing and not to be missed. Thank you in advance for all your support in either being a part of the PTA, helping out at events, publishing the events locally or attending and helping us raise those valuable funds. Every little helps.

To Everyone at Clifton All saints Academy.

At All saints school you raised  
an amazing £213-65. Thankyou  
all so much. Denise

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## THANK YOU

YOUR **POPPY** SUPPORTS THE ARMED FORCES  
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Thank you for supporting The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised:

£ 2669.55

To find out more about how your donation helps,  
visit [rbl.org.uk](http://rbl.org.uk)

Registered charity number: 219279

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## Ivel Valley Weekly Bulletin

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

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCBCC/bulletins/37d284d>

## Collection Boxes

We are pleased to inform you that as well as ink and toner cartridge collection, we are now also collecting used batteries. The donation boxes can be found in the entrance area so they are accessible at all times.



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**French Lunchtime Club**

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**French lunchtime Club this Spring Term**

Wednesdays EYFS & Beginners 12.00-12.30pm	Wednesdays Intermediate 12.30-1.00pm
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£30 for a half term block of classes.  
Places are limited so please click [HERE](#) to book online or get in touch for more information.

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French club is open to all years from EYFS -Year 6 and we are now taking bookings for next term. We sing well known songs in English, followed by French and accompanied by sign-language to help the children learn. We play games and activities that make language learning fun! If you would like to sign your child up, please click on the link in the leaflet. Sessions cost £30 for a half term and if you sign up before the 8th December you will get a free Christmas French album. Current pupils have had invoices sent already. Term starts on Wednesday 10th January and runs for 6 weeks until half term, with the last class on Wednesday 14th Feb.

## DRAMA CLUB - JANUARY 2024!

We are really pleased with how many children have shown an interest in our drama club in January. If you have signed your child up to take part, please remember to secure your slot by making payment ASAP. Dini currently only has one slot available so if your child would like to take part in drama club please read the information from Dini below.

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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the national sleep helpline

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

**03303 530 541**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



the national sleep helpline

**50%**

**Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\***

**WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?**

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

**HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?**

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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And Finally...



I hope to see lots of you at the Christmas Fayre this weekend. I will be popping along for a few hours with my little girl who is very much looking forward to having a ride on Roski the 'reindeer'.

Miss Byrne