

# Clifton All Saints Academy Newsletter

## 08.12.2023

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

### In the classrooms...

We are all beginning to feel festive this week in school with children in all classes practising the songs for their nativity performances or carol concerts. We have a mixture of modern and traditional songs filling the corridors and halls at Clifton All Saints Academy and it has definitely brought some festive cheer to the school.

This week we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children, thank you to everyone for your generous donations on ParentPay. The children and staff all looked fantastic!

We also welcomed Alistair Strathern, our local MP, to school today. Alistair was very keen to hear about the local issues impacting our school such as the Schools for the Future changes. Alistair is going to take our feedback to his next meeting with the Local Authority.

On Wednesday, Cedar Class had a visit from History Off the Page and had a 'Great Fire of London Day'. The children made ink with charcoal and water and used quills to write with, made perfume bags to keep the plague away, did some leatherwork, made candles by dipping wicks into wax, became rat catchers and participated in an archaeologist experience. We were thrilled that Mr Coverdale received an email from our experience day leader to thank Cedar class for their excellent behaviour and engagement throughout the day. I would like to thank Mr Coverdale for organising the day as well as Miss Randall, Miss Parsons, Mrs Townsend, Mr Downer and Mrs Webb for their hard work on the day.

On Thursday, the children in Ash, Birch and Cedar visited the Church and Reverend Caren led our EYFS and KS1 end of term church service. The children sang beautifully, retold the nativity story and read some prayers. Special thanks to our parents helpers and Mrs Lines for organising the service. Special thanks also must go to Reverend Caren for leading the first of three services for our school in the next few weeks.





## Diary Dates

### December 2023

5th December onwards - PTA Christmas Shop

- 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

### January 2024

- Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th January - Dawn until Dusk Holiday Club
- Friday 5th January - Staff Training Day
- Monday 8th January - Children Back in School
- Wednesday 10th January - Visit from The Bishop of Bedford
- Wednesday 17th January - Year 5 Young Voices visit
- Thursday 18th January - Year 6 Grafham water information session for parents (6.30pm - 7.30pm)
- Thursday 18th January - Open Classrooms (9.00am - 10.00am)

## Christmas



### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

This year, Christmas dinner will be on the last day of term, Friday 22 December 2023. If you would like your child to partake in this year's Christmas lunch and have not ordered already, don't forget to order on ParentPay before the deadline of 9am on Friday 15 December 2023.

Unfortunately, ordering on the day will not be possible and those who have not pre-ordered will require a packed lunch on the 22 December 2023.

### **JUNIPER, MAPLE, OLIVE & PALM CHURCH SERVICE**

At 10am on Wednesday 13 December 2023, our KS2 children will attend All Saints Church, Clifton for this month's communion church service. 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.

### **KS2 CAROL SERVICE**

Thursday 14 December 2023 sees our KS2 children perform this year's first carol service in school at 4.30pm. A Google link was posted on Class Dojo a few weeks ago to confirm that your child is able to come back to school to take part in the concert. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the children singing their festive carols if you are unable to attend the carol service at All Saints Church on Wednesday 20 December at 1pm, when it will be repeated.

The children are very much looking forward to entertaining you in the run up to Christmas.



### **THE NEED PROJECT FOOD COLLECTION**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this years food collection for The Need Project. Your donations are very much appreciated.

### **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATIONS**

Thank you to everyone who donated a Christmas Jumper to the school this year. They were distributed to children without a jumper for Christmas Jumper Day and any that were not used are being stored for next year. We will be looking for donations of Christmas Jumpers in the new year in preparation for next year's jumper day.

### **ART EXHIBITION**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our recent art exhibition and to all those who purchased their child's art work. We raised £55.00 in total which is excellent.

Any art work which was not purchased will be placed into the children's art books in the new year.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

A huge thanks to our wonderful PTA for their hard work last weekend putting together a wonderful Christmas fayre for our school and village community. The funds raised go directly back into experiences for the children in school. I hope our PTA are all putting their feet up this weekend!

**MULTI-SPORTS**

**VENUE:** Clifton All Saints Academy

**DATES:** Wednesday 10th January - 14th February (6 sessions)

**TIMES:** 3:30pm - 4:30pm

**CLASS:** RECEPTION - Year 2 (REC & KS1 ONLY)

**COST:** £33.00 - for bookings after 8th January sessions will be priced at £6.50 per session

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**DATES:** Tuesday 9th January - 13th February (6 sessions)

**TIMES:** 3:30pm - 4:30pm

**CLASS:** Years 3 - 6 (KS2 ONLY)

**COST:** £33.00 - for bookings after 8th January sessions will be priced at £6.50 per session

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**French lunchtime Club this Spring Term**

	<b>Wednesdays</b>		<b>Wednesdays</b>
	<b>EYFS &amp; Beginners</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>
	<b>12.00-12.30pm</b>		<b>12.30-1.00pm</b>

£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.

dinidee@hotmail.com

07985587133

All payments to be made online to

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The run-up to Christmas is often packed with busyness, bustle, and bother. Which is why we've made it easier than ever to find and book your child's holiday camp space.

Simply head over to our website (using the big pink button below), pop in your location, and choose from all of the different camps and courses in your area.

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Did you know you can [claim Tax free childcare for our Ofsted registered holiday camps](#)? Many of our camps are already Ofsted registered, and we're working hard on the rest so that you can get your childcare costs covered.

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**MBF** 10% off NEW Year Camp using MBF2410  
 Can be used with other discount codes  
 MUST BOOK ON BY 8TH DECEMBER TO GET ADDITIONAL 10% OFF

**NEW YEAR 2024 2nd-5th January**

**MBF FOOTBALL CAMP**

NHS-MILITARY-POLICE-FIRE-BLUE LIGHT -MOD-WEEKLY MEMBERS please use MBF102024 (10% off)  
 Sibling Bookings please use MBFSIBLING (15% off)

**2ND-5TH JANUARY 2024**

- ✔ Skills & ball techniques
- ✔ Footwork exercises
- ✔ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✔ Fun games & matches

**INFORMATION** | **EARLY DROP OFF AND LATE PICK UP**

5-16 years old | 10AM - 3 PM  
 Extra £5 per day per child  
 9am Drop Off - 3.30pm Pick Up



**BOOK! NOW!**

**Parent Insight**  
 Supporting a Young Person (14-17 years) in Mental Health Crisis

*Guest Speakers*  
 MIND Crisis Service  
 Lucy Foley and Sally Burdenuik

**This session will include information on:**

- Signs and indications of a mental health crisis in young people
- Self harm and suicidal ideation
- Mental Health Crisis myth busting
- De-escalation tips
- When to seek further support including support for parents/legal guardians/care givers
- Referrals available and signposting

**Parent Session:**  
 Wednesday 6th December 2023  
 9.30-10.30am

Please click on the link below to book your place:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/700112825307?aff=oddt&creator>

Resources will be shared after the workshop.  
 Organised by the CBC Early Help Teams  
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And

Finally...



I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Miss Byrne