



Newsletter

Friday 31st January 25

The Reading Agency Winter Challenge

The Winter Mini Challenge is a free online reading challenge that encourages and promotes a love of reading! It's easy to join in - head to wintermini.org.uk to sign up, find fun activities, and earn rewards for reading. The challenge ends on 20th February. Read three books or more of your choice to unlock a limited-edition online badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.



Happy Reading!

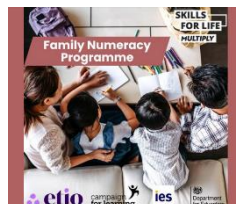
For the attention of our Year 2 parents



We have recently sent you correspondence regarding a FREE family learning numeracy course that will take place here at Old Clee. This is an exciting course for families who will get the opportunity to learn Maths alongside your child in school.

On the course you will learn:

- How to help your child with fun family maths activities
- How much you already know about maths
- How to feel more confident about your maths
- In order to be eligible to take part in this course, you will need to meet the following criteria:
- Aged 19+
- Do not have a Level 2 qualification in maths (e.g. you don't have GCSE Maths) / you do have GCSE maths but you are not confident in maths
- Have a child on Key Stage 1 Year 2
- Have not taken part in a family numeracy programme before



The course will take place over 6 weeks with the start date to be confirmed. If you are interested in taking part, or require any further information, please contact the school office.

Reading Ambassador Webinar



On Friday, the Reading Ambassadors took part in a virtual author event with Jenny McLachlan, author of: The Land of Roar. Jenny asked the children a series of questions and whichever answer they picked would determine which house they belonged to (Fang or Flame), just like her book. She then read a snippet of her new book (Dragon Riders of Roar) which the Ambassadors thought sounded amazing and is our new recommended book for after half term! They then learned how to draw their own dragon, which will be displayed in the Reading Huts over the coming weeks. Watch this space for more dragon pictures as the Reading Ambassadors teach others how to create their own as one of our playground activities this week.

Late Arrivals



There has been an increasing number of children arriving at school late each day. Can we please ask you to ensure your child arrives on time every day.

The children can arrive from **8.30am** and must be registered in class by **8.45am**. Please be aware the gates will close promptly at **8.55am**.

Lateness not only affects your child's education, but it also doesn't allow them the social time to settle with their friends and they may feel upset and embarrassed when entering class.



Holidays in Term Time



Department of Education states that **no child is expected to be absent from school on holiday during term-time**. We expect that parents will take their child on holiday during the approved school breaks. It should be noted that there are **175 non-school days each year** which is sufficient time for holidays to be taken.

If you wish to take your child out of school during term time, you **MUST** complete a Leave of Absence request form. All leave requests **MUST** be requested at least 10 days prior to leave taking place, you will receive a written response from school.

Leave of absence forms can be requested from the school office.

Parliament Day



What a fabulous day the Academy had on Friday 17th January, learning all about the UK Parliament. Our Year 6 pupils were set the task of creating their own Political Party, including putting together their own manifesto for what they would change if they could have their 'dream school'. Each class party chose their own colour to represent, created their own advertising campaign and presentations. These were delivered to the whole school in an assembly and children were then given the opportunity to vote for their favourite manifesto.

The children also learnt about the Houses of Parliament, the Government and their role and about what the word 'democracy' means. Children took part in debates in our very own replica of the House of Commons, created art work and green papers.

We were excited to be visited by the Mayor and Mayoress of North East Lincolnshire who joined us to announce the winning party.

Our winning party was the Red Party, 6EP, who last week had the opportunity to meet with Miss Richardson to discuss how we could improve the school further.

Clee BeeBies Success



A huge thank you to all our lovely families who have helped to make Clee Beebies a huge success in its opening month.

We have been absolutely blown away by the support from you all and the weekly attendance has been greater than we could have ever imagined. It's been fantastic to welcome so many new families into the Academy too.

Please remember to book onto each session via the school office session as we have a limited number of places each week.

Virtual Reading Events



Over the last few months, a number of year groups have participated in a virtual author event. These events have been led by famous authors and been super interactive. We have more scheduled over the coming months so that every year group gets to experience these fabulous events.

Water Bottles



REMINDER: Children can only drink plain water in class during the day, flavoured water or juice is not allowed due to the citric acid it contains that decays tooth enamel.

Children that stay for a hot school meal will be provided with a drink at lunchtime. If your child attends with a packed lunch, they are able to bring in a drink of their choice (**fizzy drinks are not allowed**) to be consumed while they are in the dinner hall eating.

Nut-free School



We would like to remind parents that we have several children in school with a severe nut allergy. If they were to come into contact with nuts in any way, they could have a potentially life-threatening reaction. Because of this, we are asking that you refrain from putting anything that may contain nuts into your child's packed lunch. This includes peanut butter and chocolate based products. As we are sure you will agree, it is vital that all pupils are kept safe in school.

Diary Dates

- w/c 3rd February
 - **Children's Mental Health Week**
- 11th February
 - **Safer Internet Day**
- 24th February
 - **Training Day**
- 6th March
 - **World Book Day**

