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Save the date!

2 March 2023

To celebrate World Book Day and the importance of a bedtime story we are having a pyjama day. The children can come in in pyjamas and there will be reading activities and stories all afternoon. *It is just to have a fun relaxing day, so no money is required.*

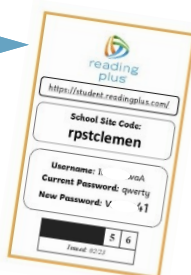
Pyjamas Day



Reading Plus Passwords...

Today we have sent home Reading Plus login cards. They have the current password that is set for your child's account and the new password we would like them to change it to. Please make sure they do this the next time they log in.

If you have any issues with the passwords please contact Miss Greene: socialmedia@stclemce.bham.sch.uk



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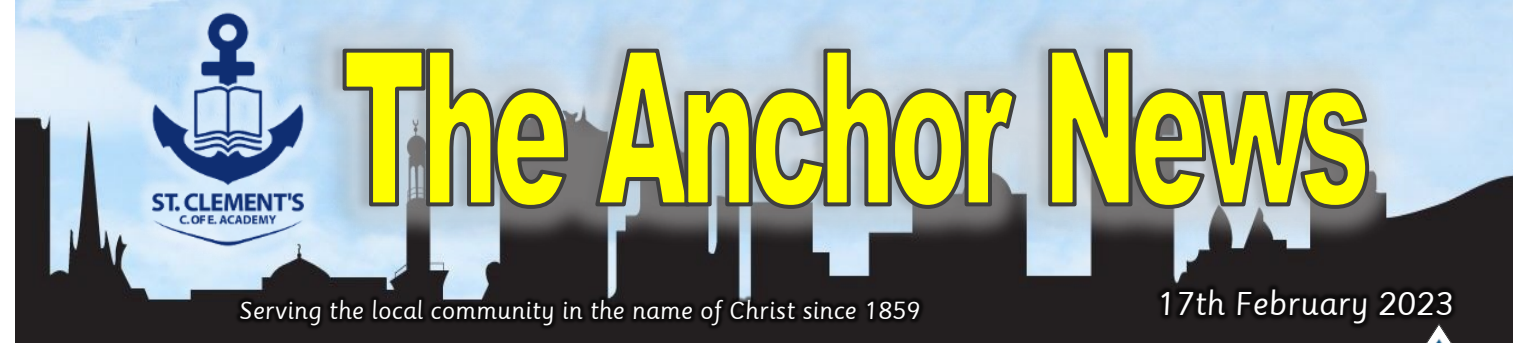
Safeguarding: Mental Health Day

This week we have had 'Mental Health Day' in school. Classes have looked at the importance of staying both physically and mentally healthy and how these two areas work together. Children have looked at positive coping strategies, illness and the importance of 'talking out' and sharing how we feel with others.



School Wellbeing:
Miss Akers

Staff, from the Wellbeing Team, have also taken part in refresher training for Mental Health First Aid, which helps to support staff, parents and the wider community.



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Our values focus this half term

Service

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Hi everyone,

My name is Mr Uddin, and this is my first year teaching at St. Clement's. I am currently teaching Year 5 and already have some highlights from this year!



Year 5 and I have enjoyed reading our class book, "Street Child". This book is set in the Victoria era and is based on the life of Jim Jarvis. We have followed his story carefully and documented all the trials and tribulations that he faced. This book has served us well over the term as the core stem to drive our learning.

We have recently also had our educational visit to the Black Country Living Museum. You can read all about it in this newsletter. The intrigue and questions the children asked showed that Year 5 really are an asset to the school.

In my spare time (not a lot really!) I enjoy travelling to different corners of the world and exploring the rich tapestry of the diverse cultures that surround us. This year I am planning to visit Bahrain and possibly Japan. I love trying out new and exciting foods from around the world, so if you have a recipe that you would like to share, make sure that you drop by my classroom.

Mr Uddin - Class Teacher



Teacher Strike Action: Wednesday 1st March Attention Reception/Year 3 Parents

As you will no doubt be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has balloted its members on strike action in its on-going dispute with the Government on teachers' pay. There are a number of different teaching unions but at the moment it is only the NEU that has the mandate to strike.

The next planned strike day is Wednesday 1st March 2023. I have consulted with staff and considered which classes we can keep in school with expected staffing levels.

Currently the following classes only are likely to be affected: **Reception, Year 3.**

On Wednesday 1st March 2023 the children in the above 2 classes should remain at home.

There are a number of online resources that these children could access on the strike day including:

TT Rockstars: <http://play.ttrockstars.com/login/33255>

Reading Plus: <https://student.readingplus.com/>

please see back for important information about Reading Plus passwords

<https://mathsframe.co.uk>

<https://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/>

Plus they will have their reading book and spellings they can practice.

As this is strike action, in contrast to the COVID 'lockdown closures', remote learning will not be given.

Any children that are entitled to a free school lunch will still be able to access this. Please contact the school by Friday morning if you would like to take-up this offer and arrangements will be put in place for your child.

If the situation changes in the coming days we will immediately contact you.

Thank you
Miss Shryane



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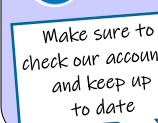
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BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM



This week, as part of their Victorian topic, Year 5 had the opportunity to visit the Black Country Museum, to make their learning come alive.

The children took part in a Victorian lesson, learning about the 3 Rs (Reading, Writing and Arithmetic). They experienced first hand what the phrase "silence is golden", meant and what happened to children who are left-handed. Let's just say ouch!



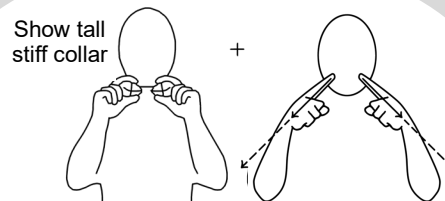
As the day progressed they went underground to the coal mines. It was very dark and they were given a dim torch, that gave out about the same light as a candle. Year 5 had to traverse the mines as they went deeper and deeper. The children could relate the back breaking work that some Victorian children were exposed to.

There were ample opportunities to interact with people who were role playing characters from the past. One of many the many interesting points was when Year 5 visited a hardware store and had the chance to discover the ingenuity of the Victorians and their many inventions, including a carpet beater and the many different types of irons.

All in all, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day and Year 5 were great ambassadors of St. Clement's with their attitude and behaviour.



Horse



Victorian Teacher



Coal



Parents, please do not park on the yellow zig zags in front of school.

The markings are there for a reason. Any cars stopped or parked in the restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road.

Please think, what if it was your child that was hurt because someone had parked where they were clearly not meant to.

When we do get times to put the cones out, some parents have taken to stopping in the middle of the road to let their children out of the car. Please DO NOT do this. It causes danger not only to your own child but other pedestrians and drivers.

SCHOOL — KEEP — CLEAR

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of March 2023

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays. Then Tuesday to Friday between 3 - 5pm selected Kids' meals are £1 & larger meals are £1.50.

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

YO! SUSHI

From February half term, kids eat free all day at YO! Sushi with any adult £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat for £1 is currently on until Jan 31st but expected to be extended

TESCO CAFES

Likely but not yet announced

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Head lice – Let's fight them together

A case of head lice has been detected in school. Please check your child's hair and treat if needed.

A few pointers:

- Head lice range in size from a full stop to a sesame seed
- It is best to use a head lice comb that's white so the lice can be easily seen
- Live lice remain close to the scalp
- Good lighting is important and so is comfort
- Combing through the hair when wet may make the process more comfortable
- If you find live lice, consult your local pharmacy team and only treat if you find a live, moving louse

For more advice on dealing with head lice, visit www.onceaweektakeapeek.com



THANK YOU...

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of clothes, shoes and money for our non-uniform day today. We are extremely grateful for all that you have been able to give at this difficult time.



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Letter Sent Home: Coming Soon: Arbor Parent Portal & Cashless System

Last week we sent home a letter with more information about a new exciting system that is coming soon. To enable us to set you up on the system we need you to complete and return the slip on the letter. Please make sure to return this as soon as possible after half term, if you haven't done so already. Once the system is ready to use you will receive a Welcome email from Arbor with more information. We will also let you know via the newsletter when the system becomes active.

If you have any enquiries or need another copy of the letter please speak to the school office or visit the 'News' section of our website to download a copy.



UNICEF Rights of the Child

Article 32: Protection from harmful work



Children have the right to be protected from doing work that is dangerous or bad for their education, health or development. If children work, they have the right to be safe and paid fairly.

Article 36: Protection from exploitation



Children have the right to be protected from all other kinds of exploitation (being taken advantage of), even if these are not specifically mentioned in this Convention.

This Week's Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are very important to help assist the children with their learning. Being absent or late disrupts not only their learning but that of their classmates.

	Rec	Yr.1	Yr.2	Yr.3	Yr. 4	Yr. 5	Yr. 6
Attendance	87%	93%	97%	93%	98%	96%	97%
Punctuality	5	8	10	8	5	8	5

