

Friday Flyer



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In School this week:

Hello everyone,

Time has certainly flown in school since the start of term and it is hard to believe that we are already hurtling towards the end of September. It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and there is a happy, purposeful buzz in school.

New Starters

As well as the new children and families that we have welcomed into our school community, we are also pleased to welcome new members to our staff team. Miss Hickman and Mr Marsh have joined the teaching team, whilst Mrs Lort and Mrs Collier are on maternity leave. Mr Simpson has also taken on a part time role with us, teaching both Hedgehog and Kestrel Class whilst Mr Dawes and Mrs Mountjoy fulfil their leadership roles. Our support staff team also has new members, with Ms Crumpton and Ms Oakes joining us as Teaching Assistants. Finally, I am delighted to announce that we now have our own, dedicated Site Assistant—Mr Mark Davies.

Ofsted—June 2023

As you may recall, we had a visit from Ofsted in June 2023. On the very last day of the summer term, our report was published. If you have not yet read it, it can be found here: [50225199 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50225199)

We were thrilled to receive such a positive report that graded the school as '**good**' in all areas. I am incredibly proud of all of the children and staff that make Cleobury Mortimer Primary School such a special place. The inspectors described our school as '*...a fully inclusive school where all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), are supported to flourish and achieve well*'. I am sure that parents and carers were as proud as I was when the inspectors also commented that: *Pupils are proud of their school and rightly so. . .Pupils are happy, behave well and show excellent manners. They hold doors open for others and say please and thank you.*

As we start a new school year, the staff team and I are all committed to working hard to ensure our school goes from strength to strength.

Arbor

Finally, I would just like to thank you all for being patient and showing understanding as we (along with the other primary schools in the Trust) have moved over to a new Management Information System. We are aware that we are still needing to make 'tweaks' as we implement new systems, but hopefully, we are resolving these as we come across them. If you are aware of an issue that you would like to bring our attention to, please let the office know.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Desborough

Dates for your Diary:

26th September—PSHE Parent / Carer Workshop (school hall)

29th September—After school Uniform Sale

• **October**—Black History Month

3rd October - Harvest (donations welcome)

4th October—'Jon the Potter' in school (Eastnor Pottery) creating a school mosaic.

6th October—Hare Class Woodland Walk

10th—13th October—Y6 Residential

25th October—Parents' Evening

26th October—Parents' Evening

30th October—3rd November—Half term

6th November- PD Day (staff only)

7th November—Pupils back in school

9th November—Y2 Trip 'Blists Hill'

20th November—Author Visit (in school)

11th—15th December— 'Enterprise Week'.

20th December—Owl Theatre Trip



STARS OF THE WEEK



Ducklings: Orla

Fox: Lenny and Olivia P

Badger: Danny and Autumn

Cubs: Eddie and Joseph M

Hedgehog: James and Ollie-Jack

Rabbit: Daisy and Cooper

Hare: Arlo and Ameila

Kestrel: Summer and Hugo

Mole: Jamie and Poppy

Owl: Logan

Cleobury Mortimer Primary School:

Our new Early Years Play Area: Before and After!



NOTICES AND REMINDERS



Music Mark Award



I am delighted to announce, that Cleobury Mortimer Primary School has recently been awarded the Music Mark. We are one of only 12 schools in Shropshire to have this award. It demonstrates the importance that we place on music in our curriculum, and is evidence of our willingness to engage in the development of music at our school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Martin for all of the work he has done to ensure that music is prioritised and that the children receive amazing experiences as well as wonderful opportunities to develop their musical ability and interest. When we receive our icon, we will place it proudly on our letterhead, next to our Sports Mark award.

Important Information: Holidays

Schools work with an EWO (Education Welfare Officer). One of the roles of the EWO is to monitor attendance and they can take action where attendance falls below an acceptable level **and** has been recorded as unauthorised. Please note that there is an increased national focus on deterring families from taking holidays in term time. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, Headteachers are not able to authorise family holidays and term time holidays are recorded as an 'unauthorised' absence. The EWO will issue a fine to families who take their child out of school for a family holiday. **The fine is currently £60 per child, per parent.** Please be aware this means a family with two children and two parents will be issued with a £240 fine.

Reminder: Breakfast Club and Wraparound Child Care

Please remember that both Breakfast Club and the Afterschool Childcare need to be booked on Arbor in advance. Please note that all of the 'wraparound' childcare services are charged at £4.40 an hour from September. This is a Trust wide charging policy and applies to all schools in the Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust. If your child is in receipt of 'means tested' free school meals, this service is offered with a 50% discount. I know the children who have been have had a great time—we hope to see you there soon!