



Dear Families,

Happy Friday to all our Lower School families! I was very pleased to see the wet and murky weather disappear yesterday to be replaced with frost and sunshine. January can feel like a long month for lots of reasons and in school we are particularly focusing on looking after our mental health and well-being by engaging with art activities that help us to be mindful. Monday is 'brew day' for the staff team when we are all going to aim to have a cup of tea with a colleague - not as easy as it may sound! If you need any support or ideas on mental health don't hesitate to reach out to us for support.

Jo Thorn

Assistant Principal – Head of Lower School and Interim SENCO

## Communication

If you have trouble receiving e-mails and texts, please contact the office on 01179 927 129 or email [koa.primary@clf.uk](mailto:koa.primary@clf.uk). Hard copies are available, if requested.

## Important Dates

Thursday 20 January: Y6 Hooke Court Information Evening at 6pm

Thursday 3 February: Lower School Coffee Morning

Thursday 10 February: Middle School Coffee Morning

Friday 18 February: Last Day of Term 3

Monday 28 February: First Day of Term 4

## Flu Vaccines

A team of nurses were on site on Thursday administering the Flu Nasal Spray to children in YR – Y6. If your child did not receive the vaccine, Sirona Care and Health will be arranging Community Clinics with dates to be confirmed.

If you would like to discuss the vaccine you can call the School Immunisation Team who are part of Sirona Care and Health on 01275 373 104.

## Headlice

We have had a number of reported cases of head lice in school. Please can you check your child's hair and treat as necessary. If you would like any advice on treating head lice, please speak to a member of staff.

## Road Safety

We appreciate the current roadworks on Tenniscourt Road and Grace Drive are making parking and dropping off/ collecting your child at the beginning and end of the day difficult. Please can you be mindful of oncoming traffic, pedestrians, be vigilant when crossing the road and use the zebra crossing at all times.

## Recognising Positive Behaviour

As a way of recognising positive and expected behaviour we have introduced Little Stars! When children have earned 10 little stars through displaying expected behaviour throughout the day, teachers will send a postcard home.

Teaching staff will also be making phone calls home to feed back a child's positive and expected behaviour throughout the school week.

### Reading Reminder

Reading aloud to your child has a significant impact on their language development and love of reading. Listening to your child read significantly improves their progress and those that don't often find a gap opens up in school. Please support your child by aiming to read at least 4 times a week for 10 minutes and sharing stories at bedtime. Children will be recognised for this in school with little stars and raffle tickets to win a beautiful new book!

### Year 6 Celebrations

The Senior Leadership Team are meeting to discuss end of Year 6 Celebrations! Once arrangements have been made, these will be communicated to families.

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