

### Mrs Stewart Farewell

Mrs. Stewart has been a very faithful and dedicated teacher at Clough Primary School spanning the past 35 years.

For most of that time she has been our senior teacher and for a period of time, acting principal. Her very positive, friendly manner and professionalism will be greatly missed by the children, parents and all of her colleagues at school.

Thank you to all of you for contributing to her retirement gift. We will use this money to buy Mrs Stewart something from you as a reminder of her time here at Clough. We hope to be able to present this to her at a future event that you as parents and your children will be able to attend Covid-19 permitting. We will keep you informed when this is allowed.



### Mrs Nelson

Mrs Nelson is our new Primary 4 teacher and we are delighted that she has settled in well during her 1st half-term at Clough Primary School.

Mrs Nelson really impressed our Governors during her interview, with her skills and obvious love and concern for children. She is a gifted French and Spanish linguist and she is using these skills to teach our P4-P7 pupils Spanish in their afternoon timetable. This will really benefit our children.

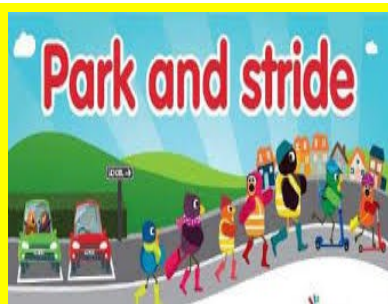
We wish her many happy and successful years at Clough Primary.



### Park and stride

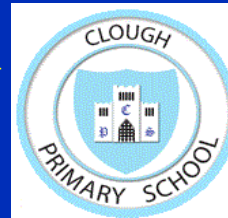
We are very aware of the lack of parking space on our school layby, for this we apologise. However, we would respectfully ask you not to park on any prohibited areas for safety reasons. We are awaiting EANI to provide us with extra parking spaces.

In the meantime, we have the use of the Masonic Hall and Vivo carparks. These can be used as 'Park and Stride' facilities. We hope that this, in some small way, will help alleviate traffic problems thus making the area safer for our children and parents.



**Remember—if you have any queries, questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher or Mr Hutchinson.**

# Clough Primary School



## Newsletter

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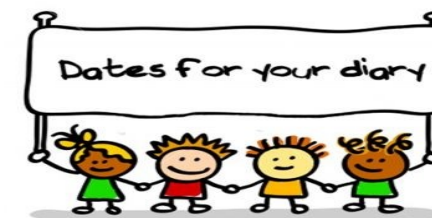
Our first half term of the new school year has been very busy with many activities happening in school. In this news sheet we want to bring you up to date with some of these.

We know that school life continues to be far from normal and we too are aware that this has led to tremendous stress and inconvenience for parents and staff alike. Despite all this, we are continuing to try our very best to provide a safe, secure and reassuring environment for your child to continue to learn and develop. Thank you once again for your cooperation and thank you too for the many kind words of encouragement that you have given to me and individual staff members. That is truly appreciated.

We wish you all a pleasant and restful break and hope that everyone in our school community stays healthy and safe. We continue to wish you and your families God's blessing in the days to come.

I Hutchinson

### Provisional Diary Dates



**Please note that, due to Covid-19, these provisional dates could be subject to change.**

- 1st November
- 20th Dec — 3rd Jan
- 4th Jan
- 7th—10th Feb
- 14th — 18th Feb
- 11th — 22nd April
- 25th April
- 2nd May
- 30th May— 3rd June
- 30th June

New Half Term begins  
Christmas Holidays  
New Term Begins  
Parent Interviews  
Half-Term Holiday  
Easter Holidays  
New Term Begins  
May Day Holiday  
May Holiday  
End of Term



## School Improvements

For many years we have appealed to DENI for a new school. In the meantime we have to make the most of the facilities that we have. We are always striving to make our school environment welcoming and stimulating for our children to learn in and enjoy. That is why our Governors have a plan to redevelop a classroom each year, as our budget allows.

- We are delighted that Mrs Campbell's husband has repainted her P3 classroom with suitable colours chosen by Mrs Campbell, It is now a colourful inviting room for the Primary 3 children.
- An art design for our music room wall has also been very tastefully hand painted by Demi Alexander and Ella McPhee. We really appreciate the time and effort these girls have given to this. This art piece is extra special as it is painted by two of our past pupils.
- Our storage units have been painted and eventually these will be decorated with an outdoor learning activity for all children to use.
- New playground markings have been ordered, however, these cannot be laid in the winter months, therefore, we can look forward to April. I know that our children will enjoy using these when they are laid then.
- New picnic benches at the front of school have already been used as an outdoor learning classroom and well-being area for our children.
- Interactive whiteboards have been added to our Nursery Unit and our assembly hall. These will greatly benefit children's learning.



## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We want to thank all of you for your very generous donations to Macmillan. We are delighted to announce that you have raised **£1000**. This is a tremendous amount for a school of our size. Thank you all so very much.

Thank you too for everyone who sent in photographs of your children baking or enjoying a tea party. We do hope that your child had great fun as they found out about this wonderful charity and how we can all help those less fortunate than ourselves.



## Healthy breaks for schools

At this school,  
we are committed  
to healthy eating

At break time we enjoy healthy snacks because they help us grow properly, do our best in school and make us healthy and happy in the future.



We follow a healthy breaks policy within school.



Toast or baguettes are available from our school kitchen. If your child doesn't take this, we would encourage you to send a small healthy break with your child each day. I would suggest a piece of fruit or small biscuit. Friday can be a treat day.

At times, some children have too much food for their break. This is not necessary. Remember, your child only needs a small mid-morning snack.

Your child can also have a water bottle for class, however, please fill it with just enough water for your child throughout the school day. If possible please don't send sugary drinks as these can make your child even more thirsty.

## Outdoor Play



Outdoor Learning is an area that we have identified in our School Development Plan that we seek to further develop over the next few years.

Our continuing Shared Education project with Castletower School has enabled us to purchase a range of outdoor play equipment for our children to use and explore.

Added to this, we wish to thank a number of our parents who have responded to our request for help to build play items. We really appreciate this support.

