

**Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**Matthew 5:15**

## Reading...

Reading is the most important skill a child can learn. In school we include aspects of reading across the whole curriculum. It begins with Phonics in Early years and Year 1, and I know many of you will have been or will be coming to one of our Phonic workshops.



Then we have specific reading lessons, reading in all other subjects, library time and reading for pleasure sessions where the children are encouraged to read, talk about and share their favourite books and authors. We also have class novels that are read to the children regularly so all children regardless of age can have the simple joy of engaging in a story without worrying whether they can read all the words etc.

Listening to, and reading stories encourages a wider vocabulary in children and supports the development of their ideas for writing. This is why it is so important. Make sure to check your child's book bag for their new reading book or sharing books and give yourself the pleasure of reading to or with your child and seeing how much enjoyment they get out of it.

## Attendance

Attendance for all classes should be greater than 97%. Which classes can get higher than the target!

**EYFS - 88%**  
**Year 1 - 92%**  
**Year 2 - 92%**  
**Year 3 - 95%**  
**Year 4 - 90%**  
**Year 5 - 99%**  
**Year 6 - 93%**



## Punctuality

Punctuality is also very important. Below you can see how many children have been late in each class this week.

**EYFS - 3**  
**Year 1 - 9**  
**Year 2 - 12**  
**Year 3 - 5**  
**Year 4 - 5**  
**Year 5 - 7**  
**Year 6 - 5**



## Safeguarding: E-safety and Keeping Your Child Safe

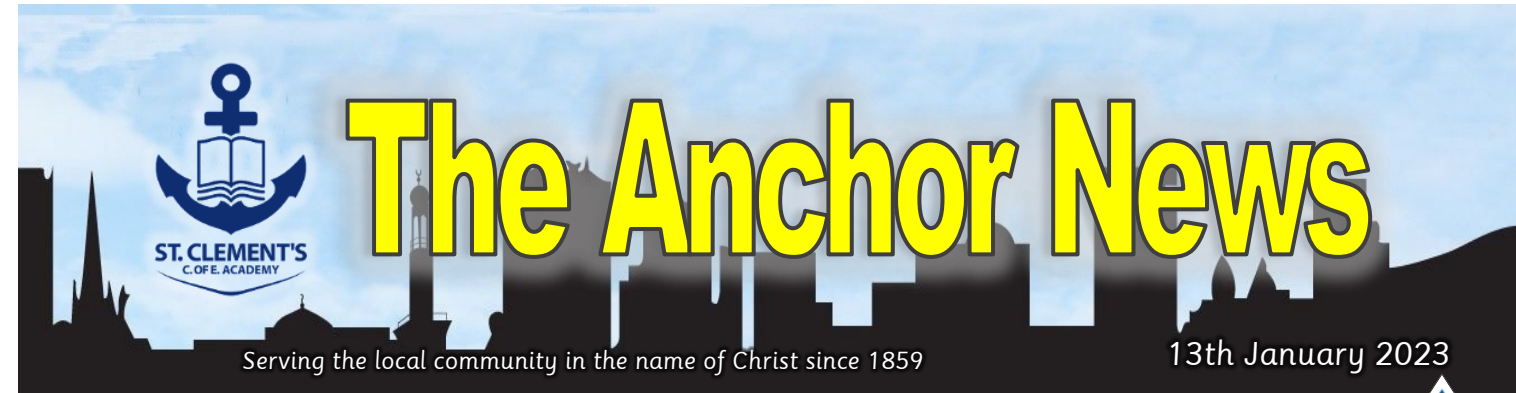
Over the Christmas time many of us, including children, will have received new electronic devices. These give children access to the internet via watches, consoles, phones, tablets and many other platforms. Ensuring the correct privacy settings are in place and that you know what your child/children are accessing is paramount.

There are several ways to help keep child and young people safe online:

- Educate yourself and children and young people know about the dangers online
- Tell them what they should do if anything goes wrong online or upsets them i.e. tell someone about it
- Explain that anything shared online or by mobile phone could end up being seen by anyone
- Ensure computers and laptops are used where you can see and not out of sight in a bedroom
- Use parental settings, filtering software and privacy setting to block inappropriate sites and content

Useful sites for further information and advice

**NSPCC** - National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children: Advice and support for adults concerned about a child.  
**CEOP** - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre: Organisation that works to stop child abuse on the internet.  
**Childnet** - Information on benefits, risks and safety on the internet.  
**Which?** - Information and advice on child internet safety.  
**ThinkUKnow** - Resources for parents and carers.



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Our values focus this half term

**Service**



## Home School Values Newsletter

As you can see above our value for this half term is service. We will send home a newsletter each half term to support children and families to demonstrate our Christians values in everyday life.

We know every small step we take can make our community and world a more cooperative and supportive place to be.

This term's newsletter was sent home on Wednesday and can be accessed on our website in the 'News' section.



Hi, my name is Mrs Akhtar and I have been a HLTA at St. Clement's since 2008. I am still amazed by the beautiful smiles that greet me in the mornings and it is a pleasure to work alongside amazing staff and children.

Being a HLTA is both an exciting and challenging job, however it is very rewarding too. I have experience working with children one to one, in small groups or as a whole class. I also have experience working with children whose English is not their first language, which is ideal because I am multilingual.

My goal is to help each child learn by whatever method he or she learns best. I want them to be so excited about learning that they want the desire to learn more. I firmly believe that everybody learns every day and life itself consists of a life-long learning and the desire to learn more as we go along.

Have a lovely weekend and don't forget to wrap up warm as the weather is getting colder again.

- Mrs Akhtar -  
Higher Level  
Teaching  
Assistant



## Menu Change - Census Day Lunch

*Thurs 19th January 2023*

Next week there will be a different lunch menu offered on Thursday.

If your child is in Rec, Years 1 and 2, or entitled to a FSM, then a meal will be provided.

**For all other children in KS2 it will cost the standard lunch price of £2.60.**

*Beef Burger (M)  
Quorn Burger (V)*

*Potato Wedges*

*Ice-Cream*



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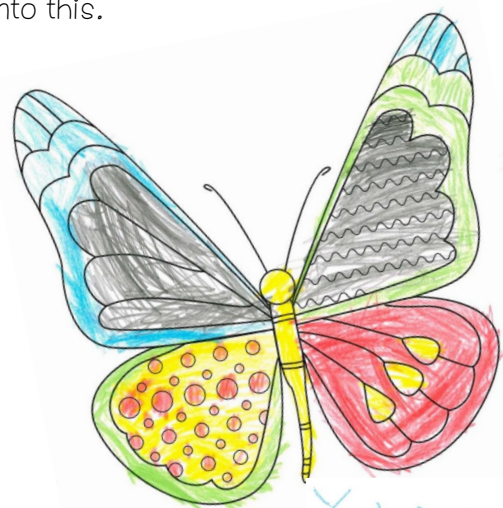


## BIG SCHOOL SKETCHATHON

# Colouring Sheet Winners.

I would like to congratulate our colouring competition winners. It was a hard choice but well Done to Yaaqub (year 1) and Hujaifa (year 4) who did an amazing job with the butterflies.

Well Done also to an extra winner, Hamza (year 4) who exceeded expectations with his submission to the "Sketching the Past" side of the sheet. As you can see below the colour and detail about the Anglo Saxons shows the time and effort that went into this.



Miss Greene



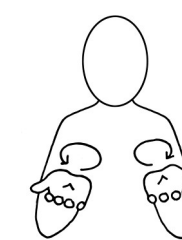
It is important to say the words while doing the sign.



Who



What



Where



When



Why

## UNICEF Rights of the Child



### Article 13: Sharing thoughts freely

Children have the right to share freely with others what they learn, think and feel, by talking, drawing, writing or in any other way unless it harms other people.

### Article 31: Rest, play, culture, arts

Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities.



## Star Pupils

- Kehlani & Ali Asghar
- Abdur Raheem & Mustafa
- Olivia & Mozan
- Victoria & Slimane
- Hamza & Ismaeel
- Hanifa & Maryam
- Danial & Zulaikha



Over Christmas we had some new markings laid in the Key stage one playground and a couple around school. These are to encourage the children to be as active as they can when they are outside.

We all know how keeping active is part of a healthy lifestyle. It is important that young children learn about healthy lifestyles and keeping active to prevent health problems in later life.



## Upcoming Diary Date

We will be holding a Parent's Evening this half term, on

Wednesday 15th February  
3:45pm - 5:45pm.

Please look out for letters with more information being sent home soon.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform is worn in school to deepen the understanding that we are all one and part of the same school family, so that children feel a sense of belonging. It also helps as a level playing field for all pupils. We are aware of costs to our families especially at this time, which is why we do not encourage expensive items of clothing, footwear or jewellery be worn.

May we remind you that trainers in any form are not school uniform. If pupils are wearing plimsols they should be just black with no additional colours or patterns.

### Expected Uniform:

Black/grey trousers or skirt/pinafore; blue & white checked summer dress; navy blue cardigan/jumper; white shirt/polo; black shoes/boots; black, grey or blue elasticated/one-piece headscarf.

### Jewellery

For health and safety purposes, the only jewellery allowed in school is small stud earrings, watches and jewellery of a religious purpose. No other jewellery should be worn and children will be asked to remove any jewellery and it will be handed back at the end of the day.

## School Uniform

You can purchase our school uniform from Trutex, either in person at our local Trutex store or online via their website below.

Our closest store is:

Trutex Erdington,  
71 High Street (Opposite Co-op)  
Erdington Town Centre, B23 6SA

Open:

Monday - Saturday  
9:30am - 5pm  
Closed: Wednesdays  
Tel: 0121 350 8444

Or you can order online at [www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk)

When purchasing from the website

- 1) Select the SHOP tab from the top of the main page
- 2) Select Schools S-U
- 3) Click on School Logo, where you will find all products relating to our school

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