



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your children back to school, and to wish you a Happy New Year.

There are lots of exciting events happening over the coming months, and we know the children will benefit from the opportunities that are available.



Charity

Our Year 4 children are selling bookmarks and a variety of other items this week to raise funds for Canine Concern, the charity who provide us with the wonderful therapy dog, Barney, and for cat and dog rescue charities. I am sure you are aware that at this time of year the need for these rescue charities increases.

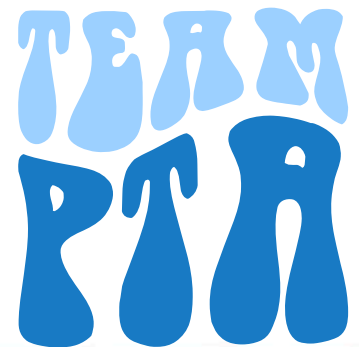
One of our parents is running the London Marathon this year in aid of Mollie's Miracle, a charity very close to our hearts. If any of you would like to sponsor him, his Just Giving page can be found here: [Oliver Cuthbert is fundraising for Action for A-T](#)



PTA

Our PTA continue to meet regularly and plan some exciting fundraising ideas for the school.

This year so far the discos are planned for February, Mothers' Day Wrap in March and our PTA are bringing back the Colour Run during May. Further information will follow directly from the PTA.



Enrichment

We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to offer piano and violin lessons during school hours, and I have attached a letter from Piano Fun Club detailing how you can access these lessons.

Our Year 6 children have been working with Southeastern Railway, creating posters for using the train instead of travelling by car to be more environmentally friendly. Margareta Hills and Katie Lees-Williams from Southeastern Railway carried out a workshop back in November. They were very impressed with the children's behaviour and the quality of the posters and they are planning to come into school again to do more workshops for the children. The first two prizes were £50 Waterstones vouchers, and there were also another 4 prizes of £30 each. We would like to thank Southeastern Rail Network who kindly rewarded the children for their efforts. All the children also received a cup cake and a small flashlight for their efforts.



SEND

A reminder that our regular SEND coffee afternoon will take place next week, on Monday 20th January at 2:30pm. We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker, Leia Williams, who is a Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist and Advanced Sensory Integration Practitioner. She will join us to talk about sensory processing issues in children and how we can support. Please come for a cuppa and a chat. We look forward to seeing you there!

Safeguarding/Wellbeing

As the darker mornings and evenings are upon us, we encourage children walking or cycling to and from school to wear bright or reflective clothing to increase visibility.

Some of you will be aware that we have been working closely with Medway Emotional support Teams, and we are delighted to share that they are offering some online workshops around key topics. These are designed to help understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

If you would like to join, please use the links on the attached flyer, and if you have any questions, please speak to our Pastoral Team.

Many of us at this time of year begin to think about a healthy lifestyle. One of our teachers, Miss Gamble, who supported the Trust's Movember charity appeal, runs a beginners2runners club to help with our fitness goals. I have attached a flyer for those who are interested in this.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Connolly
Head of School

Dates for the Diary

Please take a careful look at the following dates, all of which can be found on the Events Calendar on the school website, and make a note of any that may affect your child.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Tuesday 14th January	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15th January	Recruitment Fair at St Georges- 5:30pm
Thursday 16th January	Parent Consultations
	Census Hot Dog Day Lunch
Monday 20th January	SEND coffee afternoon -2.30pm
Tuesday 21st January	PTA Meeting
Thursday 23rd January	Tiger Class Assembly - 2.30pm
Friday 24th January	Young Voices at the O2
Tuesday 28th January	Gosling Class Stay and Play - 2.30pm
	HMD Event
Wednesday 29th January	Puggles Class Stay and Play - 2.30pm
Thursday 30th January	Springbok Class Assembly - 2.30pm
Thursday 6th February	Panther Class Assembly - 2.30pm
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Numbers Day (Details to follow)
Wednesday 12th February	PTA Disco
Thursday 13th February	Panda Class Assembly
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Term

Have Your Say Meetings:

Tuesday 4th February at 2.30pm

Monday 23rd June at 2.30pm





Online Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Workshops

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour 22/1/2025 10:30 – 12:30pm

[Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 336 234 531 867 Passcode: P7df6fg9

Understanding ADHD 4/2/2025 – 5:30 – 7:30pm

[Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 357 257 416 30 Passcode: ad9Xi6Pz

Introduction to Autism 28/02/2025 12:30 – 2:30pm

[Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 342 957 959 572 Passcode: UR22px2W

Understanding Anxiety 10/03/2025 5:30 – 7:30pm

[Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 375 848 985 296 Passcode: 2v3dM2xX

Sleep & Autism 27/03/2025 5:30 – 7:30pm

[Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 380 423 848 345 Passcode: cq2qv9U5

Me & My Child: Understanding Resilience 9/4/2025 10:30 – 12:30pm

[Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 320 369 568 303 Passcode: Qz9WN7Ru

**Workshop times alternate from term to term*

Our online workshops offer information around key topics to help understand what is going on for your child and strategies to support them, based on the latest evidence and practice.

If you would like to join, please use the links above. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's school.

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You do not need an account to join. You will need access to the internet. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending a EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email:

EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you!





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Date: January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Introducing: **PianoFunClub**

At Cliffe Woods Primary School we believe that every child should have the opportunity to play music.

We would like to offer your child the chance to learn the piano and violin during school hours. Lessons are open to all children and will be arranged by PianoFunClub.

Piano and violin lessons will be taught by visiting professional tutors with all teaching material provided. Each pupil will receive 10 lessons per term - lessons are booked in and paid for at the beginning of every new term and half term. The tutors collect children from their classroom for their lessons.

Instruments for school lessons will be provided by PianoFunClub (you will have the opportunity to have an instrument to keep at home for a £50.00 deposit)

Stage 1 lessons: 1 x 20 minute paired lesson weekly £42.00 per half term

Stage 2 lessons: 1 x 20 minute individual lesson weekly £84.00 per half term

Stage 3 lessons: 1 x 30 minute individual lesson weekly £125.00 per half term

BOOKING PROCESS:

Please fill in this form from our website to enrol your child:

<https://www.pianofunclub.co.uk/parent-page>

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Brand New Couch 2 5k
Monday 13th January @ 7:30pm

First session FREE!
📍 **Temple Mill School**

www.beginners2runners.co.uk

Achieve your fitness goals whilst making friends