



# Newsletter 5

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and friends of Cloudside,

We have been delivering online learning and been open for Critical Worker and Vulnerable families since the second day of term, we know how hard it is for everyone, and I want to thank you for all you are doing to ensure children are continuing to learn. The feedback we have had about the Teams meetings has been really positive, and I have absolutely loved seeing the children for our 'virtual' Praise Assemblies each Friday. The class assemblies are now held on a Monday, however it has resulted in some children telling us that they can't attend these sessions because the device they use is being used by their siblings. If this is the case, please do let us know. We can support you by the loan of a laptop, give you access to Wi-Fi via a school 'dongle' and help with the setting up of equipment. It is imperative that children 'keep up' with their learning rather than trying to 'catch up'. The Government has stipulated that as a minimum children MUST be having 4 hours of work supplied by school, which we are doing. In return we ask that you support us and your children by ensuring that they complete the work assigned to them.

The other plea we have is that although we are open for specific groups of pupils, the Government has said if you can stay at home you must. We are now becoming concerned at the number of pupils we have in school. Obviously if you need a school place we will honour that, but please do think carefully about sending children in, the fewer children we have in the less likely there is of transmission of the virus. Hopefully we will be able to be back together properly soon, but until then, keep safe and keep well!

Susan Wass Head of School

## Dates for your Diary



Inset Day



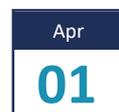
1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring Term 2



Theme Meal – Wizarding World Book Day



Red Nose Day



Easter Holidays

For more information and dates, visit our website.



## Our School News ...



### MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

The focus of Children's Mental Health Week this year was 'Express Yourself'. We highlighted the importance of 'expressing yourself' and encouraged children (and adults) to explore the different ways they can share their thoughts, feelings and ideas. Ahead of the week, the children watched an encouraging video message by HRH The Duchess of Cambridge followed by a great animated video. All pupils then had the opportunity to think about their mental health and strategies to keep it healthy with a variety of tasks that were set during the week.

### LETTERS OF ISOLATION

Cloudside are proud to be working with Letters in Isolation, to spread joy to elderly members of the community who are lacking in company during lockdown.



Some children have written letters, posted them in the post box in the main office and then they have been delivered locally. We have already brought joy to many residents. There is still time to get involved. Drop your letter off at school.

### ROCK OF SUPPORT

Cloudside are asking the children to paint positive messages on stones and then put them around the community for people to see on their daily exercise. Keep your eyes peeled for them appearing in the neighbourhood.

### GARDENING

We have had an exciting few weeks creating our own gardening area at school. We have salvaged raised beds that were in the wooded area and have now successfully moved, fixed and filled them ready for spring. Over the next few months, Cloudside will be growing a range of plants and vegetables for our local community while teaching the children how important and rewarding it can be to grow your own produce.

**GO WILD@Cloudside** was set up to encourage our pupils to spend some time away from their screens and go out and experience nature. Since starting the children have taken part in numerous activities including:

- Making bird feeders and taking part in the RSPB's Big School Birdwatch.
- Looking at the weather to see how it feels and how it makes us feel and completing a five day weather diary
- Looking at how many different habitats we have in our gardens and around school.
- Letting nature inspire us to complete a piece of creative writing.
- Creating a home for Minibeasts

All the children who took part in the bird watch have been sent a certificate from the RSPB which will be available when we return to normal school.

**Look out for information about World Book Day... what will Mrs. Wass be wearing and how many costume changes will she have?**

Please visit our website, twitter and facebook for news, achievements and photographs. Please go to [www.cloudsideacademy.co.uk](http://www.cloudsideacademy.co.uk). @CloudsideJunior

## HOME FIT

This half term we have been focused on Health and Fitness both in school and at home. Pupils have been learning about the physical, mental and social elements of a healthy lifestyle. We have been so impressed by some of the academic and physical work done by both our in-school pupils our home-learners. There has also been some great progress towards each classes virtual journey to Tokyo.

## MATHS VIDEOS

We have recently updated our website with some videos to support parents with the different methods that we use in mathematics. These may be useful while helping your child with their work. If there are any other areas of mathematics that you would like support with, let us know and we will create more videos where possible.

## ONLINE LEARNING

We are very proud of all the children who are completing their work on Seesaw. All the staff are enjoying the wonderful work that is coming through. It is great to see the hard work that the children are putting into their work.

## PARENT FOCUS GROUP

The Parent Forum are continuing to work alongside Miss Milson to create exciting fundraising events as well as looking at how to support the children through parental engagement events.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We will be returning to the school meal voucher scheme after half term, if you are eligible please look out for the email from Edenred. If you believe your circumstances have changed and you are now eligible please go to <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

## STATEMENT OF BELIEF

Each week we will take a positive statement to focus on. It will help children and staff appreciate how we can support each other and grow as individuals. This term we have shared them in our class assemblies / catch ups on Teams. Please do ask your children about these.

### Statements this term

I try to love others as I love myself.

I try to follow our school and classroom rules.

I know I belong in a community that includes my school.

I know we are happiest when we are united.

## Important Notices

### ONLINE SAFETY

**Tip – Block and report:** Teach your child what to do if they want to prevent or report abusive messages, including keeping the evidence with screengrabs / screenshot.

### INSET DAYS 2020/21

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

## Attendance Figures

### Class Attendance so far this year

Curlwus	97.5%	Starlings	97.7%	Doves	97.6%
Robins	96.0%	Wrens	92.3%		
Finches	95.1%	Kestrels	96.1%		
Kingfishers	97.2%	Eagles	97.7%		

Attendance this year is 96.4% which is inline with our target of 96.5%.

Highest Class Attendance this year: Starlings and Eagles both with 97.7%

Most Punctual Classes this term: Starlings and Curlwus

**To support your child in being able to achieve their dreams and aspirations they need to attend school regularly!**

*Student Voice*

I have enjoyed English because it helps me to learn words to create a diary entry about Arthur and the Golden Rope.

**Jemima H**

Home Fit



Snow Day.



Rock Decorating around Sandiacre.



We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.