Newsletter

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CLOVER HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 20th November 2026

This week has been another busy and productive one at Clover Hill, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the school.

We have also welcomed a number of prospective families on school tours and have been delighted to showcase all that Clover Hill has to offer. Due to the lower birth rates predicted over the next five years, we are welcoming applications from families living outside our usual catchment area. If you know anyone looking for a primary school place who may be interested in Clover Hill, please encourage them to get in touch. The Local Authority has advised that parents are highly likely to be offered their first-choice school even if they do not live within the catchment area.

I would be very happy to chat with any families who are considering applying and answer any questions they may have.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Mrs Holden

Celebration Assembly

Well done to Zuzia in Year 1 who is this week's 'top Dojo-er'. The top skill being celebrated this week is Responsible – everyone is on task!

Students

1	**Zuzia Jarmuz** Year 1	15
2	**Willow Greener** Year 3	14
3	**Matthew Maguire** Year 1	13
4	**Louie Foster** Year 1	12
5	**Thea Mankin** Year 5	11

Skills

1	**on task - Responsible** Schoolwide	110

Christmas Jumpers

As the festive season approaches, we would like to create a Christmas jumper stall for our families. If your child has outgrown any Christmas jumpers, shirts or festive tops that still have plenty of wear left in them, please send them into school by Wednesday 15th November. This will provide a great opportunity for families to pick up a free pre-loved item (on Friday 27th November), helping to save money and support a more sustainable Christmas.

Christmas gift donation

To help us run our Christmas Gift Wrap Day, we would be very grateful for any donations of new or unwanted gifts that could be rehomed and wrapped by our children. We are looking for items such as toiletries, jewellery, handbags, accessories, chocolates and other small gifts suitable for family members and friends. Please note that we cannot accept alcohol. Donations can be sent into school from next week and will help ensure every child has the opportunity to choose and wrap a special gift for a loved one this Christmas.

Northumbria Police Visit

This week, our children enjoyed a visit from Northumbria Police, who delivered important safety sessions across the school. In Key Stage 1, pupils learned how to keep themselves safe when riding a bike, travelling in a car and walking as pedestrians. They also discussed who their trusted adults are, learned about the role of the police in helping and protecting people, and talked about the importance of staying safe around strangers.

In Key Stage 2, the focus was on anti-social behaviour, online safety and the increasing use of e-scooters. As part of these discussions, pupils explored the responsibilities and risks associated with using e-scooters.

We are sharing a Parent's Guide to E-Scooters alongside this newsletter and strongly encourage all families to read it, particularly if you are considering purchasing an e-scooter as a Christmas gift. It contains important information about safety and the current legal guidance surrounding their use.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking during drop-off and collection times. Over the past few weeks, we have received a number of complaints from local residents about driveways being blocked and vehicles being parked on both sides of the road, making it difficult for traffic to pass safely.

We ask all parents and carers to park responsibly, avoid blocking access to homes and be mindful of our neighbours.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th November

Parent Consultations: 3.30-6pm (Bookable on Arbor from Friday 6th November at 6pm. 1 appointment per child.)

Christmas Lights Switch On (Whickham Village) 3.45-4.30 (approximately). Mini Health Champions and School Council to attend. We will walk the children down and parents are to collect at 4.30pm.

Wednesday 25th November

Parent Consultations: 3.30-6pm (Bookable on Arbor from Friday 6th November at 6pm. 1 appointment per child.)

Thursday 3rd December

Whole School Pantomime at Consett Empire Theatre. School uniform to be worn.

Monday 7 December - 3.30-5pm

Christmas Cinema Club

Children are invited to enjoy a festive film afternoon complete with hot chocolate and a Christmas cookie. A lovely opportunity to relax and get into the Christmas spirit with friends.

Tuesday 8th December/ Wednesday 9th December/Thursday 10th December

KS1 Christmas Sing along.

Parents are invited to join us for coffee and biscuits from 9am. The children will join us from 9.30am for a Christmas sing-a-long. Ticket information to follow. KS1 children are to wear Christmas jumpers/outfits for all three days.

Friday 11 December

Christmas Gift Wrap Event

One of our most popular Christmas events returns! Families will be invited to donate gifts for children to choose from. Children will then be able to choose a gift for a family member and wrap it, write a gift tag and take it home ready to place under the Christmas tree. Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers and enjoy a festive morning while creating a surprise for someone special.

Christmas Parties – children to come into school wearing party clothes.

Tuesday 15th December – KS1, Y3/Y4. **Thursday 17th December** – Y5/6

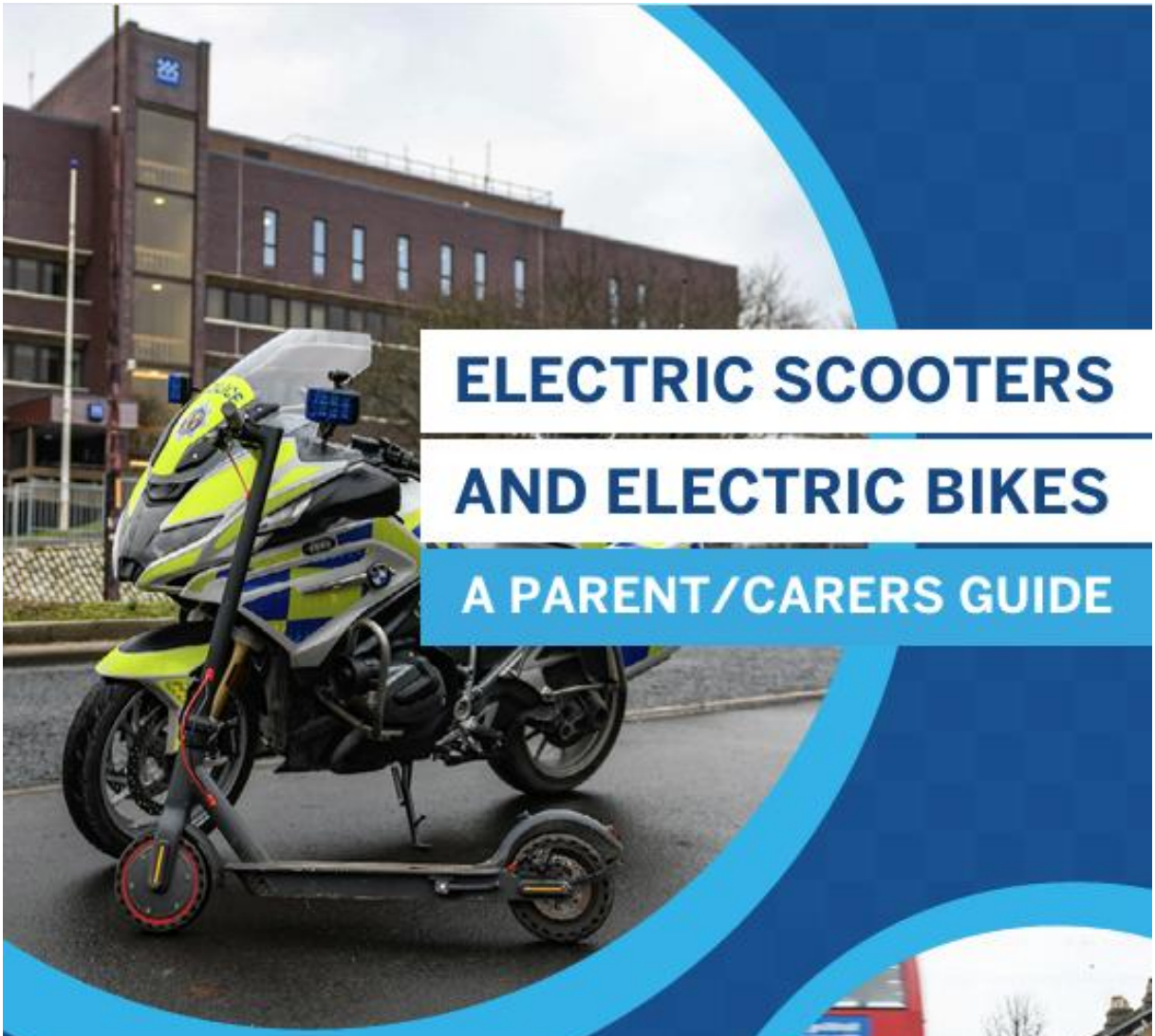
Christmas Lunch Day

Monday 14th December

KS2 Carol Service rehearsal

Friday 18th December

KS2 Christmas Carol Service. **9.15am** Parents are invited back to school to join us for mince pies and a hot drink afterwards.



ELECTRIC SCOOTERS AND ELECTRIC BIKES

A PARENT/CARERS GUIDE



THIS LEAFLET EXPLAINS THE LAW IN RELATION TO E-SCOOTERS AND ELECTRIC BIKES

Northumbria Police are offering information to help you make informed choices when it comes to e-scooters and electric bikes

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

WHAT IS AN E-SCOOTER

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of "powered transporters". This covers a range of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor. Examples include:

- Segways
- Powered unicycles
- Hoverboards
- U Wheels
- Go-Peds
- E-Scooters / E-Motorcycles

E-scooters are **classed as a motor vehicles** under the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters. These include the need to have:

- A licence
- Insurance
- MOT
- Tax

As most e-scooters don't meet the technical requirements for insurance and MOT, **they are illegal to ride on roads/ pavements or in public spaces** (including publicly accessed areas, such as car parks and play parks).

If you're riding your e-scooter in one of these places, you will risk it being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 and you **won't get it back.**

If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter, it will be investigated in the same way as if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

WHAT IS AN ELECTRIC BIKE

Road legal electric bikes in the UK are officially called 'electrically assisted pedal cycles' or EAPCs.

EAPCs don't need to be registered, taxed or insured, and anyone aged 14+ can ride one under the same rules as riding a normal bicycle.

But to qualify as a road legal EAPC, the electric bike must comply with strict official rules, as set out below.

	EAPC
Does it have pedals which you need to turn to propel it?	An EAPC must have working pedals and be pedal assisted
Is the power of the motor 250 watts or less?	EAPC motors must have a maximum output of 250 watts
Does the electrical assist cut out at 15.5mph?	An electric bike motor must not assist the rider when travelling at over 15.5mph

If you can answer '**YES**' to ALL three questions, it's a road legal electric bike.

If the answer to ANY question is '**NO**', the bike is classed as a motor vehicle.

This means it can only be used legally on a road when you have a licence, insurance, MOT and tax. You must also wear an approved motorcycle helmet.

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