



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term Issue 7 20th July 2018

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community

Our Year 6 pupils leave us today for a well-deserved summer break and then their onward journey to secondary school. Once again this year's cohort have all achieved so much, not just academically but also they have shown increasing maturity over the year and have become confident young citizens, ready for the new challenges ahead of them.

We gave them a good send off over the last few days with a very special graduation assembly where we celebrated the children's individual achievements as well as those they achieved as a class. They also had a handball match against the staff and a lovely pizza evening with their parents on the school field.



This Wednesday we were treated to Oak Class' performance of, 'Go for Gold', a story based around the myths and legends of Ancient Greece and the Olympic games. Well done to Mrs Montgomerie and Mrs Hussey and all of Oak Class for giving us a truly outstanding show. Thank you also to the parents for attending our end of year events and being very supportive in your children's education. For those of you

leaving us, thank you for everything and I wish you well.

It has been another very productive year at Cliddesden and I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work, the pupils for continuing to be delightful children and showing determination and you as parents for your support to the school.

I wish Mrs Wood well in her new role at Great Binfields. I also say thank you and good luck to our School's Direct Trainees, Miss O'Hagan and Miss Chetwode, who start their newly qualified teacher positions at Great Binfields Primary and Southmead Primary School in Wandsworth this coming September.

Lastly I would like to wish everybody connected to the school a very happy and safe summer holiday and thank you on behalf of all the staff for the lovely thank you cards and gifts.

Mr Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

We will confirm all the after school and before school clubs we are providing for the autumn term in September. There will be no clubs in the first 3 days of term. However, Premier Sports will be running 2 clubs next term which you can now book online.

Tuesday Before School Cheerleading Club

Every Tuesday 8am - 8.40am

Starting on Tuesday 11th September for 13 weeks

Thursday After School Dance Club

Every Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Starting on Thursday 13th September for 13 weeks

Details have been sent out with this newsletter.

BAGS IN SCHOOL

Please do not rush out and buy your child a new ruck sack this summer. We are finding that storing ruck sacks is becoming a problem. The cloakrooms have limited space and every day we find rucksacks covering the floor and obstructing the classrooms. This potentially is a safety risk. At this stage we are not banning rucksacks but very much encourage your children to use a book bag which can be stored in class and a Cliddesden PE kit bag that takes up less space. Both these items can be purchased from Skoolkit and Tesco. Children only need to bring to school: their reading and homework book, a PE kit, water bottle and lunchbox if required.

SAFETY MESSAGE FROM HCC

The following water safety message has been issued to all parents by Hampshire County Council.

As school holidays approach and the country experiences the current warm weather, children want to cool down quickly and have fun in the water.

It is important to remember that a child can drown within seconds. In particular, babies and small children can drown in very little water as they do not have the range of motion to move their heads. A child drowning is often silent and without struggle.

Wherever a child is enjoying the water there are a number of steps that can be taken to reduce risk and accident:

- Be vigilant, make sure your child is supervised at all times in or around water.
- Always swim at beaches and pools where there is a lifeguard.
- Make sure there is a fence around any garden pools or ponds.
- Familiarise yourself with the location of any ponds, lakes or pools at new locations.
- Make sure your child stays hydrated and takes regular breaks.
- Satisfy yourself that your child is not out of their depth when in water.
- Make sure paddling pools are emptied and turned upside down when not in use.
- Keep paddling and swimming pools free from trip hazards.
- Don't leave toys in paddling and swimming pools.
- Make sure your fence and gate is secure to ensure that your child can't access water hazards in neighbours' gardens.
- Supervise your child in the bath at all times, even if their elder sibling is present.
- Don't expect an elder child to be responsible for the safety of younger siblings.

Should an accident occur seek medical attention immediately by ringing 999

Contact details for the HSCB:

www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk

Telephone: 01962 876230

SCHOOL DINNERS

Year 3 and above will have to pay £2.30 per school lunch from September. This will make a full week total £11.50.

The policy is that payment for meals should be made in advance at the start of the week however, we realise that meals taken each week can vary so we are happy for the payment to be received a week in arrears but would ask that the debt is not allowed to accumulate.

Payment is by cash in an envelope or by cheque. Please write on the outside of any envelopes - child's name, amount enclosed and whatever the payment is for (eg 'Lunches'). Small brown envelopes are available in the office if you require. Or cheques should be made payable to Hampshire County Council (or HCC) with the details on the reverse.

All payments should be placed in the red box in the school office (this is there so the office staff do not need to be disturbed) or given to teachers as they take the register.

MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL

Medication in school will be sent home with your child today. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure these are in date and inhalers are cleaned.

Please bring any necessary medications to the office on your child's return in September as you will be asked to complete paperwork for the new academic year.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

We apologise that the attendance figures on some of your end of term reports may have been incorrect. The figures are automatically entered by SIMs on the computer and may have not taken into account the days the school was closed for bad weather. Half a school day equates to one period of absence; thus 10 absences equates to one whole week. The whole school overall attendance for the year was 96.5%.

NOTICES

- Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September are INSET days for staff only.
- Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 5th September.
- New Foundation Stage Home Visits 5th to 7th September
- New Foundation Stage pupils start Monday 10th September.
- Don't forget to read all about the many enriching activities that we had this year on our website.

To view diary dates and class pages, find out about our curriculum, read all about our events in school, view your child's homework tasks, learn how to stay safe on the internet and much more please visit our school website www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

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