



Cliddesden Primary School

Headteacher's Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 1

7th September 2018

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community

A warm welcome back to the start of a new academic year at Cliddesden Primary School. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. All the children have settled in well to their classes and are ready for the new academic year. Next week we welcome our new early years (EYFS) children and their families.

Below are the diary dates for this term. Please make a note that next week is 'Meet the Teachers' on Monday after school and The Friends of Cliddesden AGM on Wednesday at 6:30pm. The Friends' meeting is an important one as it involves planning for the year ahead.

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank the parents for the wonderful food you provided for us on our Monday INSET day this week. It was delicious!

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM

Monday 10 th September	New Willow Class EYFS children start Meet the Teachers 3:30pm (all classes)
Wednesday 12 th September	Friends of Cliddesden AGM 6:30pm
Monday 17 th September	Y4/5 Football Tournament at Memorial Park
Wednesday 19 th September	Oak Class Educational Visit to Gosport SEARCH
Tuesday 25 th September	Willow Class Early Years Phonics Meeting 6:00pm
Friday 28 th September	Y5/6 Football Team at Small Schools Tournament at Wide Lane, Southampton
Monday 1 st October	Norman League Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Hatch Warren Juniors 3:30-4:30pm
Friday 5 th October	Harvest Sale
Monday 15 th October	Norman League Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Chalkridge 3:30-4:30pm
TBC	Conker Competition (Bring a conker to school)
Thursday 18 th October	Finish for Half Term Holiday 3:15pm
Friday 19 th October	INSET Day staff only - School Closed
Monday 29 th October	Autumn 2 nd Half begins 8:45am
Tuesday 30 th October	Parents evening 3:30-7pm
Thursday 1 st November	Parents Evening 3:30-7pm
Friday 23 rd and Friday 30 th November	Gifts drop for Secret Sale

Wednesday 12 th December	Salvation Army Carols 6pm
Friday 14 th December	Friends Secret Sale (Non-Uniform Day) Pantomime (pm)
Monday 17 th December	Willow and Beech Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Willow and Beech Nativity 9:15am
Wednesday 19 th and Thursday 20 th December	Friends Santa's Grotto after school
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Dinner Carol Singing 1:30pm End of term 2pm

Clubs this term are as follows.

- **Mondays** - Y5/6 Tag Rugby run by Mrs Garland - After school beginning Monday 17th September
- **Tuesdays** - Premier Sports Cheerleading Club 8am - 8:40am beginning 11th September (all ages)
- **Wednesdays** - Wake-Up Club run by Ms Costen - beginning 12th September 8-8:30am
- **Thursdays** - Premier Sports Dance Club - After school beginning 13th September (all ages)
- **Thursdays** - KS2 Football Club run by Basingstoke FC - After School beginning 13th September
- **Fridays** - Wake-Up Club run by Ms Costen - beginning 14th September 8-8:30am

All after school clubs finish at 4:15pm.

Please note that Premier Sports Clubs are dependent on enough children attending.

More diary dates will be added once confirmed and will appear in following newsletters and in diary dates on the website.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

I wish to remind you that holidays taken in term time may not be authorised and may occur a fine. Hampshire County Council and school policy now states that if the unauthorised absence is for 10 or more sessions (5 days) in any 100 possible school sessions then a penalty notice for non-attendance will be issued.

Leave for exceptional circumstances may be authorised under the Headteacher's discretion. If you wish to make a request for term time leave for your child you must complete the request form and a meeting may be held to discuss the application. I have included a link below to our attendance policy that explains in detail.

<http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/statutory-information/statutory-policies>

MEET THE TEACHERS - MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 3:30pm

Next week we have after school meetings for parents to meet the new class teachers and to be provided with information about the class, the learning topics and the expectations. I hope you can all attend. Please make a note of the date in your diaries. Don't worry if you have children in different classes as these are informal meetings and the teachers will be available until 4:30pm. The school playground will be used as a car park from 2:45pm.

WEBSITE

Mrs Lavender is currently updating the website with new information and class pages. The class pages are not yet complete but next week's homework will be available to view on the pages by Monday.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

We are proud that Cliddesden takes part in many inter-school sports events and our sports teams have been very successful despite being a small school.

We rely on parent volunteers to help transport our children to these events and need new volunteers. If you are interested and able to help please contact the school office.

PE

Please note the days your child has PE this half of term

Willow - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Beech - Mondays and Wednesdays

Chestnut - Wednesdays and Fridays

Oak - Tuesdays and Fridays

Please ensure your child has full PE kit on those days. PE is a curriculum statutory requirement and children who forget their kits will be sent a letter home. Some lessons are outside. Cliddesden PE hoodies are part of the school PE kit and all pupils are encouraged to have one. They are available from Tesco and Skoolkit.

If your child wears earrings, please train them to remove them prior to PE or don't wear them at all on PE days.

<http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/school-uniform>

MORNING TIMES REMINDER

Please do not arrive at school before 8:15am. The playground is staffed from 8:15am in the morning, the office from 8:30am. Please remember that it is a good will measure to staff the playground from 8:15am and not a statutory requirement. On occasion there may be a reason for the staff member on duty to be a little late getting out. If this is the case you should remain with your child. Willow and Beech classes only are open at 8:30am. Registration is from 8:45 to 8:55am. Lessons start promptly after registration. Should you wish to speak to a teacher please do arrange an appointment with the office or see them in the playground after school. The link door will be closed after the children have been escorted to the playground at the end of the day. If you or your child needs to re-enter the building please ask a member of staff or call in at reception. All these measures are for the children's safety and I thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Just to remind parents of children in Willow and Beech classes that all children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal. The cost of a meal is £2.30 for children in Key Stage 2 which we still feel is good value for money. Please ensure school dinner money is paid in advance at the school office, cheques payable to HCC. Please check the dinner menu in virtual office on our website.

The school promotes healthy eating and this includes packed lunches. For more details of our policy please refer to <http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/school-meals> on our website.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child requires prescribed medicine including inhalers or epi-pens, please ensure these are brought into the school office and all paperwork completed. Thank you.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

There are a number of important letters that will be sent out next week in hard copy. One is the Home School Agreement that needs to be signed annually. Please ensure that all the signed documents are returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Home School Agreement
- Data Collection Sheet
- Medical Questionnaire
- Permission for school-held medicines to be administered.

SAFEGUARDING ADVICE

At Cliddesden we do not accept bullying in any form. To avoid cases of cyber bullying please remember that children should be 13 or over to have Facebook, Instagram or similar social media accounts. We advise that children do not have access to computers in their bedrooms and that parents are aware when their children are using the internet. For useful advice please refer to our Family Internet Safety pages on our website or ask a member of staff.

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

CONTACT US

Cliddesden Primary School,

Cliddesden, Basingstoke,

Hampshire RG25 2QU

Tel: 01256 321571 Fax: 01256 333628

Email: adminoffice@cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

Website: www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk.