

Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 4 18TH OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents and Carers.

It is the end of the first half of the autumn term and as usual it has been a busy one. The EYFS children have all settled into school really well and showing great independence especially when arriving at school and preparing for the day. Thank you to our parents for enabling your children to be more independent.

This week we held our first 'Pupil Voice' meeting. The 'Pupil Voice' are elected representatives from each year group (1-6) whose role it is to inform me of how life is at school from the children's perspective. We will meet every 3 weeks to discuss school matters and then the 'reps' feedback to their class. The 'Pupil Voice' replaces the student council. The elected representatives, in class order are Macy, Freya, Alexander, Bella, India, Ailani-Mai and Luca. Some of the topics we discussed were new playground games, an event for Children in Need and what work we enjoy the most in school.

The first week back after half term is Parents Evening. We look forward to seeing all parents attending to discuss their children's progress.

A reminder that Friday 19th October is an INSET day. The staff are attending training being delivered at a local cluster school.

We wish our school community a happy and safe half term break and will see you again on Monday 29th October.

CLIDDESDEN CONTINUE STRONGLY IN THE NORMAN LEAGUE



Our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team continue to do well in the Norman League. This week was the second meeting of the teams with Chalk Ridge Primary hosting. Cliddesden beat St John's 3-2, Chalk Ridge 3-1 and drew 2-2 with Hatch Warren. With a break until March due to the dark winter evenings, Cliddesden sit currently at the top of the league. Monday's tag rugby club is also now over for the winter and will resume in February.

FRIENDS OF CLIDDESDEN

Friends will be running the tombola at this year's Cliddesden Village Christmas Fayre. It takes place on Sunday 25th November in the Village Hall from 11am-2pm. We would be grateful for any donations for the stall and any volunteers willing to help on the day for an hour or so. All profits will be will be given to Friends to be spent on the school and the pupils.

MENU

There will be a new lunch menu starting after half term. This has been sent out to parents and will also be available to view via our website.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

On 16th November we will be fundraising for Children in Need. The 'Pupil Voice' representatives have decided that as last year's 'Welly Walk' was so popular that we would hold a similar event. 'The Children in Need Countryfile Ramble' fits perfectly, so that is our chosen fundraiser. This will be a non-uniform day: casual clothing suitable for walking in and wellies of course! As ever we need parent volunteers to help and join us for the walk so please keep the date (afternoon) free if you can.

On 23rd November our Junior Road Safety Officers, Alice and Quinn we be leading a 'Be Bright be Seen' event at school to promote road and pedestrian safety during the winter months.

Details of both events will be sent out after the half term break.

CLUBS

A reminder that Wake-Up club will be on <u>Fridays only</u> after half term. This club is currently full. There will be no after school football club or Street-dance on Thursday 1^{st} November as it is parents evening. Faye will be offering an additional Street-dance date before the end of term (TBC) and football club has twelve sessions, the remaining six being from 8^{th} November through to 13^{th} December.

CELEBRATION

A big well done to the children who achieved our special Cliddesden star awards this half term. Ashritha is our Times Table Rock Star Champion; Luca is our Creative Writing Star; Max, Ewan, Oscar and Naa-Lamle are My Maths Champions and Kyla won the School Values award.

ROTARY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to those who have made a shoebox donation for The Rotary Appeal. A reminder that the boxes need to be brought to school by Tuesday 30^{th} October.

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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