



Headteacher's Newsletter

Summer Term Issue 2

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Dear Parents and members of the school community,

It was the first full week for a while and the children have been busy learning. Walking the school, I have seen some lovely work and I am looking forward to our celebration assembly later today to see some of the outcomes. Here is some of the news from the last few weeks.

Coronation Celebrations



The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III a couple of weeks ago.

They were able to come to school in their 'best' clothes or red, white and blue. They also feasted on a Coronation lunch, made crowns, learned songs and enjoyed sharing these during our special assembly.

Oak Class Parent Workshop

On Friday 5th May, Oak class invited our parents in to school to finish the final part of our Design and Technology project. We had been constructing miniature fairground rides, like carousels and Ferris wheels. The final stage was to link our construction skills with our computing skills. We had been developing our coding skills throughout the term and we then used these to create codes which controlled the lights and motor. We all had to think logically and problem-solve – if we made the motors go too fast, our passengers would be sick or even fall off!

We all really enjoyed the project and our families were very impressed. We would like to thank the Friends of Cliddesden, who were kind enough to fund the purchase of the Crumble kits for our class.



To view examples of our work, and to see what else we have got up to, please view our class blog: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/cliddesdenoak>

Sports News

This Week Neil from Chance to Shine came into school to run cricket workshops with the children from Years 1 to 6. On a lovely sunny day, perfect from cricket, the children learnt a variety of cricket skills. The Year 5s even got to test their bowling speeds with a speed gun. Well done to Aiden who achieved a

bowling speed of 40mph! Our cricket team will be taking part in the district competition in June. We are hoping for another Cliddesden sporting success.

Next Monday our tag rugby team, winners of the Norman League, take part in the finals at Overton Rugby Club. This is a special occasion as Roger Filbey, who has run the competitions in the North Hampshire for many years is retiring. We hope to set up our own league with local schools next year and keep the legacy going.

Year 6 News



Last week our wonderful Year 6 children took their SATs tests. As you may well have read in the media, the tests were controversially very challenging this year. However, our children demonstrated the school value of resilience and tried their very best. They were focused and didn't show any stress.

We rewarded them with a tasty cooked breakfast every day and after the final test the children had an afternoon of bowling at The Hollywood Bowl.

Well done to all the children and to the Year 6 staff and everybody else that has played a part in these children's educational journey so far.

School Dinners

We are very pleased to announce that we now have a new School Cook. Ms Martino, who has now been with us for a few weeks on induction, will be taking up the position permanently. Mrs Woodman who has also been with us as a temporary cook will be remaining for a while to complete Ms Martino's training and induction.

From Monday 5th June, the price of school meals for children in Key Stage 2 will be further increased from £2.80 to £3.00. Unfortunately, this price increase is outside of our control, as our meals provider (HC3S – run by Hampshire County Council) has had to increase their prices again, and as a school we are unable to subsidise the difference.

HC3S does not price to make a profit, only to cover costs. Unfortunately, despite all their efforts and efforts from their suppliers, the current national economic climate has meant that HC3S has no other option but to increase their prices.

Please do feel free to check your eligibility for receiving free school meals, using the link below

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals>

Gardening Club Volunteer Required

We are looking for a parent volunteer to help run our lunchtime gardening club. If you have green fingers and a lunchtime free one day a week, please contact the office.

-----FRIENDS OF CLIDDESSEN NEWS-----

D.I.S.C.O Time!

Just a little **reminder** that the deadline to pay for your child(s) disco entry is **3.30pm Monday 22nd May**. Please complete the form (already emailed to you) and hand in with cash to the school office, we can also take BACs payments, please email friendsofcliddesden@gmail.com for the details.

Snacks will be provided at the disco - it will be breadsticks and raisins. If any child has an allergy or intolerance please let friends know (either by emailing us or send us a message via our facebook page) and we will endeavour to accommodate their needs.

Volunteers - we are still needing a few more volunteers. If you can help out, especially at the KS2 disco, then please get in touch. Without your help we cannot run these events safely and smoothly. Thank you.

SUMMER FETE & BBQ

Friends are in the midst of planning our annual Summer Fete & Family BBQ but to run this event smoothly and safely we require your help.

We require volunteers to help run and cover the stalls. Here are some of the stalls that we be running this year: tombola, 'old skool' games, best the goalie, the BBQ and many more fun and enjoyable activities.

If you can spare an hour or more then please let us know! Please email us (friendsofcliddesden@gmail.com) or Facebook message us from our page, or even speak to one of us on the playground, we really appreciate your help and support. Thank you, Friends.

Dates for your diaries

- Thursday 25th May – Friends School Discos FS/KS1 3:30 to 4:30pm and KS2 4:45 to 6:00pm
- Monday 19th June – Sports Day at BHCS
- Monday 3rd July is an INSET day. Staff only are in school that day
- Saturday 8th July – Friends of CPS Summer Fete 12pm to 3pm
- Monday 17th July – Oak Class Production
- Thursday 20th July – Year 6 Graduation
- Friday 21st July -Last day of the summer term

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

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