



Headteacher's Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 3

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Dear Parents and members of the school community,

Thank you for all the kind and generous donations that you gave for Harvest. The cakes, fruit and breads raised £170 at the sale and the money will be donated to **The Red Cross** Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal. The Pupil Parliament felt that this would be a worthy cause with the current troubles and where aid is desperately needed for all those who victims of the conflict.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/>

The non-perishable goods you donated were taken to The Basingstoke Foodbank today. You donated an amazing 110Kg of food so thank you very much. Well done to Arthur in Willow and Aiden in Oak for winning the pumpkins in the guess the weight competition.



Last week The Year 1 and 2 children had a great day at Beaulieu Motor Museum, travelling by coach spotting different vehicles on the way. They learnt all about the history of transport from early Penny Farthings to electric vehicles today.

The children were really excited to ride on the monorail which went through the roof of the museum! We could see everything.

The vintage bus from London was good fun too. They went on the open top deck and rode around the grounds looking at the old Abbey, the grand house and gardens.

The children asked lots of great questions and were a credit to the school.

On Thursday 12th October, Chestnut Class went to Stubbington Study Centre as part of their Anglo-Saxon History topic. They took part in a carousel of activities including archaeological digging, artefact handling, weaving, making clay pots, using wattle and daub, shield designing and writing with Anglo-Saxon Runes. After a busy morning and a quick lunch, they split into four groups to build shelters, each group was given a tarpaulin, ropes and a long bamboo pole. They were given 15 minutes to build a shelter for everyone in the group to keep dry. At the end of the 15 minutes each group had to be inside of their shelter when Mr Davies and Mrs Hussey tested out each shelter for durability and water resistance.



Tag Rugby

On Thursday 12th October Cliddesden's Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team took part in the first fixture of the Norman League. Despite the long serving organiser of leagues in Basingstoke, Roger Filbey, retiring earlier this year, our local schools agreed to continue.

Cliddesden were last year's league winners and with new players in the squad, continued to show their dominant form. We beat St John's, Hatch Warren and Kempshott Juniors and drew with North Waltham. This currently places us top of the league. In the spring term we will have three more meetings with the teams in our league and hope to carry on the good form.

Parent Consultation Appointments

Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November. You will be able to book an appointment from Monday 30th November and details on how to book will be sent out that day.

It is important that you book a time to see your child's teacher at an allocated time on either of those dates. Teacher's workload is to be respected and that is why we have designated times for these consultations.

PE After Half Term

Please note that PE for the rest of the term will be on:

Oak and Chestnut classes - Thursdays and Fridays.

Willow and Beech classes - Mondays and Fridays.

A Note from Friends and Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 30th November Autumn Disco. More details will be released at the beginning of November. If you would like to volunteer for one or both disco sessions please get in touch with friends via email - friendsofcliddesden@gmail.com or send us a message via our Facebook page. We will also put a sign-up sheet up at the end of the day to add your name to the list, more details will follow in due course.

Friday 8th December (9am - 12pm) Christmas Secret Sale. We will be asking for good quality items to be donated. So now is a good time to have a look in your cupboards and have a clear out. We will announce the date for dropping off your donations in mid-November so keep an eye out on the Friends facebook page and your emails. If you would like to help out at this event please get in touch with us via email - friendsofcliddesden@gmail.com or send us a message via our Facebook page.

I wish you all a safe and peaceful half term break.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

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