



## Headteacher's Newsletter

### Spring Term Issue 3

### March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers



World Book Day The children enjoyed our World Book Day yesterday. In Assembly they talked about their favourite books and carried out various book related lessons in class. We recognise this event every year as reading is so important to a child's academic development and is a life skill that is essential to a successful future.



#### Inter-School Sports

Last week our football team played their last league game this season against Park View. Going into the match both schools were top of the league on equal points with Cliddesden having a slightly better goal difference. However, this was our toughest game yet against a very strong side. Park View started well and were 2-0 up within a few minutes but we managed to equalise and then go 3-2 up in the first quarter.

At the end of the second quarter the score was 4-4 but in the end Park View proved too strong and finished the game winning 7-4. Our team played well and for a small school, coming second in the league was a significant achievement.

Today, Mrs Robinson and I are taking a group of Year 3 and 4 girls to a football festival at Brighton Hill. We hope to encourage more of our girls to enjoy this sport.

#### Attendance

I was hoping that after half term the 'bugs' that are going around would be less. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Unavoidably attendance has dropped and let's hope we can pull it back up as the spring and summer approach. Please avoid taking time off school for other reasons other than sickness if your child has low attendance. You can view your child's current attendance on Arbor. Thank you.

#### Oak PGL

Only a week to go until Oak Classes' residential to Osmington Bay PGL. We will send out any final details next week.

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you for attending our parent consultation evenings this week. If you were unable to attend please contact the office or see your class teacher after school to arrange an appointment. We believe it is very important for you to know how your child is progressing in school.

### **Friends News**

We have some Friends events coming up. There will be an Easter Bake Sale just before the holidays and in April a 'Penny Challenge'. Details will be sent out soon.

Our Spring Disco is confirmed for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **Staffing**

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Edwards our admin officer. Charlotte is taking up a new full-time post working for Hampshire County Council. We thank her for her time at Cliddesden and wish her well for the future. Mrs Hayley Monckton-Smith will take up the position in school from next week.

### **Diary Dates**

- Oak Class Residential 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Term
- Year 6 Easter School - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 9:30 am to 12pm
- INSET Day – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April
- Year 6 SATS week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May
- Friends Spring Discos – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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