



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 4

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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community,

Half a term has passed and yet again it has been a busy one at Cliddesden Primary. This week Chestnut Class had a Superhero Day in which the children dressed up as their favourite superhero or a superhero of their own creation. They had a visit from Simon Cushing, an ex-Basingstoke Headteacher and expert on superhero stories and comics. He brought in a big collection of superhero comics, posters and other items from his collection including a life size Batman!



Beech Class held a parent workshop this week designing and making lanterns as part of their topic 'On a beam of Light'. Thank you to all the parents who attended.



Last week we held our Harvest Festival. All of our non-perishable goods were donated to the Basingstoke Foodbank. Cakes, biscuits, fruit (including apples from our own trees), vegetables and flowers were then sold at our Harvest Sale. We raised an incredible £227.09 and our Student Council decided that the charity this will be donated to is The Life Right Foundation which is a registered children's charity providing grants to disadvantaged children who have suffered abuse, neglect or trauma.

More details on these events can be seen on our website - www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk

I wish everyone a happy and safe half term holiday and just a reminder that Monday 31st October is an INSET day. School reopens for the children on Tuesday 1st November.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- There is a new school dinner menu from the start of November. The menu was sent out to parents this week and will also be available to view on the website in Virtual Office from next week.
- Please ensure that school dinners are paid for in advance. This will avoid large debts being accumulated and reminders having to be sent out.
- Just a reminder that it is school policy to send parents a text if their child has a bump to the head during the school day. This replaces the old system of the 'bumped head letter'. There is no need to respond as if the injury was more serious we would call you directly and immediately.
- We hope that you have been inspired to support the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. Just a reminder that the shoe boxes need to be brought to school for collection from The Rotary Club by Wednesday 2nd November.

FURTHER REMINDER - AUTUMN WEAR

Autumn is certainly in the air now and so can I please ask that your children bring a coat to school after the holiday.

We will be continuing to have some outdoor PE lessons throughout the cooler seasons and can I please remind you that the 'PE hoodie' is now part of our outdoor PE uniform and they can be purchased at either SkoolKit or Tescos. Details are on our website. Also a reminder that our PE kit is a yellow t-shirt, navy, black or bottle green shorts/joggers and trainers for outdoor PE. Plimsolls are a recommended option for indoor PE if you do not want your child to do indoor PE in bare feet. Trainers are not suitable for indoor PE.

The timetable for PE days can be found on the class pages on our website and details of our uniform and where to purchase it can be found at:

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

PARENTS EVENING

Our Autumn term parent consultation evenings will be on the 16th and 17th November. Details and appointment timings will be sent out after the half term break.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Applying for a place in Year 7

If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2017. The deadline for applications is **31 October 2016**.

Hampshire residents can apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/ad-applyonline

Is your child due to start school in September 2017

Will your child be 4 years old between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017? From 1st November you can apply online at www.hants.gov.uk/admissions. Application deadline is Sunday 15th January 2017.

It has already been a great pleasure to show many prospective parents around the school this term. Many have commented on how they have heard many positive views on Cliddesden Primary School.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Please can I ask parents to refrain from using mobile phones in the school or the playground. This is for safeguarding reasons as most phones have cameras on them. During school performances photography on phones and devices is allowed but permission is required from myself or a member of staff. Clear instructions for photography are always given at such events. In accordance with this policy staff are only allowed to use their phones in designated private areas of the school. Should there be an emergency please come into the school office where taking a call on your mobile will be permitted.

You may notice that one of our pupils has an i-phone and uses it before and after school on the playground. He has our full permission to do this as it supports his specialised learning.

ATTENDANCE

This half terms attendance figures are:

Willow Class 97.42% Beech Class 99.38% Chestnut 98.44% and Oak Class 98.53%

These are very pleasing figures and I thank you all for keeping absence low.

ATTACHMENTS

- Safer North Hampshire newsletter
- Basketball Coaching
- Hampshire Cultural Trust - What's on Autumn 2016
- Community Trust Winter Soccer Schools

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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