



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
Spring Term Issue 1
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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and that the new year is treating you well so far.

On behalf of the staff I would like to say a huge thank you for all the kind gifts, cards and messages we received at the end of last term. We never expect them but very much appreciate them all.

Please make a note of the dates for this half of term below and I will update you when more are confirmed.

SPRING TERM 1st HALF DATES 2017

JANUARY

Monday 9	Perform Drama workshops for Beech and Willow classes (pupils only)
Tuesday 17	Oak Class Victorian Parent Workshop
Tuesday 24	Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics team at Cranbourne (selected team)
Friday 27	Chestnut Class science educational visit to QMC
Monday 30	Oak Class science educational visit to QMC

FEBRUARY

Friday 10	Mad Hair Day - Charity fundraiser
Monday 13, Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16	Year 5 Bike-ability (cycle proficiency)
Friday 17	Finish for Half Term Holiday 3:15pm

CLUBS

This term's clubs are:

Mondays: KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics - 3:15 to 4:15pm - Premier Sports

Tuesdays: KS1 Sports Club - 3:15 to 4:15pm - Debs Costen

Thursdays: KS1 and KS2 Streetdance - 3:15 to 4:15pm - Premier Sports

Fridays: KS1 and KS2 Wake-up Club - 8:00am to 8:30am - Debs Costen

We intend to introduce additional clubs after the February Half Term break.

THIS TERM'S TOPICS

WILLOW CLASS Reception and Year 1	BEECH CLASS Year 1 and Year 2	CHESTNUT CLASS Year 3 and Year 4	OAK CLASS Year 5 and Year 6
People who help us (1st Half) Castles and Kings (2nd Half)	The Great Fire of London	Time Travellers (Roman Britain)	Imagine that - Inventions

Details of the topic and the curriculum that the classes are covering this term will be available to view on our website on the relevant class pages.

WINTER WEATHER

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day during the remaining winter months.

- Make sure your child wears a hat and long trousers/tights in very cold weather.
- Protect hands with mittens or gloves for warmth.
- Remember, if your child's feet and hands are warm, it's usually a sign that they are dressed appropriately for winter weather.
- Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor PE (Chestnut and Oak Classes Wednesdays).

The Cliddesden Sports Hoodie is now part of our PE kit and we would appreciate all our children owning one. They are available from both Tesco and Schoolkit.

In the event of bad weather please look at the school website on www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk, listen to Kestrel FM or access www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures. We also text everyone regarding closures. I will always try to make the decision to close as early as possible but even then that's not always the best judgement. Living in Winchester, I will have to rely on people closer at hand as well as thinking about other staff being able to get in to ensure a safe environment for the children. I promise that I will do my best to keep complete closures to a minimum.

STAFFING

Mrs Green has now started her maternity leave and will be back teaching in September. We will keep you informed of any baby news! We welcome Miss Romain who will be teaching in Chestnut Class.

As usual in the spring term we will be having a student from Winchester University working with us on their final placement. Lucy Ventham will be teaching and supporting in Willow Class from 16 January. Also, Chlöe Warren, a School's Direct Student, will be carrying out a 6-week placement in Oak Class. Having student teachers as well as our regular staff will enable us to provide even more additional support for key children and groups.

Just a reminder that although the school has no deputy Headteacher, the most senior member of staff in my absence is Mrs Smith. My other senior managers are Miss Copping and Mrs Nicholson.

THE GOVERNORS

The Governing Body would like to thank Mr Rob Gray for his service as school governor. Due to work commitments Rob has resigned as a parent governor. This means that we now have a vacancy for a parent governor and a letter of information will be sent out early next week.

In looking to fill this vacancy the governors of the school have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing body:

- Links with local business
- Knowledge of the local / regional economy
- Working or volunteering with young people
- Understanding of special educational needs
- Understanding of the education system

The Governing Body meet regularly as Curriculum Committee and Finance and Personnel Committee and the Full Governing Body to act as 'critical friend' to Mr Davies, assist in setting the budget with the skills of Mrs Spencer to help us, discussing the application and monitoring of the school improvement plan with the help of the subject coordinators and a myriad of other things. A full list of governors and their roles is on the website in 'Community'.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

At Cliddesden we believe that good attendance is key to good attainment. Therefore we encourage children to attend school every day unless they are not well enough. Extended holidays are not encouraged and you may be subject to a penalty notice from Hampshire County Council should you take unauthorised leave of absence. If your child is sick please contact the school office before 8:55 am. If your child is late for school please go to the school office so that they can be marked in the register. The Link door is closed at 8:55 am. We thank you for your support on this matter.

NOTICES

- Dangling ear-rings and sleepers are not permitted for children in school. Studs only please which children should be taught by parents to take out for PE.
- Please ensure that water bottles have your child's name on.
- Naming all PE kit items and uniform would enable quick identification.
- The lost property box will be emptied by the end of next week so please check it if your child is missing anything.
- There is always a lot of work to be done on updating the website at the beginning of term. We hope to have everything updated on the class pages by the beginning of next week.

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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