



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

The Half Term holiday is here and we all look forward to a nice restful week ahead. It has been a very busy and productive first half of the spring term, so please do look at our January and February events pages to read about all the enrichment activities that have gone on in school.

<http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/events-1/january-2017>

We wish our children and families a relaxing and safe week off. The second half of term begins on Monday 27th February at 8:45pm.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

BOOK WEEK

During the first week back after the half term break, we will be focusing on English as the main part of our curriculum. There will a variety of reading and book activities, story-writing, a spelling bee, parent writing workshops in class and on World Book Day itself the children and staff are invited to dress as their favourite book characters. All the children will be presented with a World Book day voucher to use towards buying a book. On Friday we will be having a book sale in the hall, selling old books that we no longer need in our library. Please come along - prices will start as low as 10p.

STAFFING

Miss Tara Copping will be leaving us at the end of the spring term in April. Miss Copping has successfully been appointed for the position of Inclusions Manager at Great Binfields Primary School. We will be sad to lose such a pro-active member of staff that we have in Tara, but we are also very pleased for her. Her new role is a development and progression in her career as not only will she be leading Inclusion and SEN in a larger school, she will also be responsible for leading Great Binfields' unit for visually impaired children.

Tara was the first 'new' member of staff that I recruited in my team and she has been an excellent practitioner in the field of SEN. Her work has enabled us to be a truly inclusive school. Developing staff and enabling them to further their careers is part of my job and while I will be sad to lose Tara, I am also incredibly proud and wish her well in her new job.

We are well prepared for this change in staffing. Mrs Smith will be taking on the role of Inclusion Manager/SENCo after Easter and this year she has been studying for her SENCo accreditation. For the summer term Mrs Smith will be sharing teaching duties in Beech Class with Mrs Chattell with whom the children are familiar and they will also be joined by Miss Meads a trainee from The University of Winchester University for part of the term.

This week we welcomed back Miss Haresign who is our Schools Direct Teacher in Oak Class. Miss Haresign spent the first half of the term on a placement at North Waltham Primary School gaining some early years' experience.

On the subject of Schools Direct, The Anton Teaching Alliance will be holding their next Train to Teach Information Evening on March 21st at 6pm. If you know of anyone who has a degree and is interested in becoming a teacher, either let me know or contact Anton Junior School directly. For more information on what Schools Direct involves please look at the relevant page in virtual office on our website. <http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/schools-direct>

THANK YOU

A big Cliddesden thank you for supporting the two charity fundraising events that we held recently. You supported the NSPCC Number Day and raised an incredible £426.30 in sponsorship and donations.

You also supported St Michael's Hospice 'Mad Hair Day' and raised an incredible £106.97. Thank you to everyone that joined in these events and helped raise much needed funds.

<http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/events-1/events-february-2017>

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP

A reminder that Cliddesden Primary School will be hosting 'The Right Click: Internet Safety Matters' workshop on **Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 3:15pm**. The workshop will last around one hour.

The workshop is delivered by BT volunteers in partnership with Unicef UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award. It is designed as an interactive workshop for children aged 8 and up; giving parents an opportunity to discuss online safety with their children and other parents. The workshop brings together Unicef UK's child rights expertise with BT's technological know-how around internet safety to give you the information you and your child need to navigate the risks and embrace the benefits technology brings.

All parents and their children are welcome to attend. Although the workshop is particularly aimed at parents with children in years 4, 5 and 6, we feel that it would be beneficial to all parents as children of all ages are becoming increasingly familiar with technology.

Thank you to all parents who have agreed to attend this event so far. There are more spaces so please sign up or ask the office for details.

NOTICES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- There will be no potatoes on the menu for Monday 27th February. They will be replaced by a pasta or bread option.
- School dinner prices for KS2 pupils increase to £2:15 from April 1st 2017.
- The current school dinner menu is up to April 7th when the spring term finishes.

ATTACHMENTS

- Cliddesden Primary School Governing Body Newsletter
- Positive Parenting Course
- Southampton Mustangs Baseball

SPRING TERM DATES 2017**March**

Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day - Dress as a book character
Friday 3 rd	Book Sale in Hall 2:45 to 3:45pm
Tuesday 7 th	Y5/6 Norman League Tag Rugby at Chalkridge
Friday 10 th	Beech Cake Sale
Friday 17 th	Beech Class science educational visit to QMC
Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th	Parents Consultation Evenings
Wednesday 29 th	Chestnut Educational visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Friday 31 st	Year 1 and 2 Educational visit to Winchester Science Centre

April

Monday 3 rd	Rocksteadymusic concert
Friday 7 th	KS1 Listen to Me concert 9am End of Term 3:15 pm Friends School Discos timings to be confirmed
Monday 10 th and Tuesday 10 th	Year 6 Easter School 9am - 12pm

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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