



Cliddesden Primary School

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community



Year 5 on the Be Nice Bus

With just over 4 weeks to go to the end of another school year things remain very busy at Cliddesden. Our Year 6 pupils have started their transition visits to their secondary schools, Oak Class are busy rehearsing for their end of year production, our new intake have been visiting at 'Little Acorns' and yesterday Beech Class visited the school nature base for some pond dipping.

The heat-wave earlier this week led us to do a special assembly about staying 'sun safe' and all the children did their best to stay cool in class and at playtimes.

We are currently working on our staffing structure for next year and will inform you of who will be your children's class teachers in the next newsletter on July 7th.

Mr Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

BRIGHTON HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

You may have heard already but I am still delighted to tell you that Brighton Hill Community School were graded 'Good' in their recent Ofsted inspection.

Over the past few years the school has struggled with numbers and staffing but under new management from Headteacher, Mr Edwards and his leadership team, the school is going from strength to strength. I have met with Mr Edwards on several occasions since his appointment in January and he has also met the children in Year 4 and 5. He has already made a significant difference to morale and learning at the school and Brighton Hill fully deserves this recognition from Ofsted.

The school had lost its popularity with Cliddesden parents of late but I urge you now to consider Brighton Hill as one of your choices when thinking about the next stage of education for your children. Remember, whether you have made your choice or not, it is important to visit as many schools as possible before applying to secondary school.

As Brighton Hill is our catchment school, I will be inviting Mr Edwards in to school in September to speak to the current Year 5 parents who will then be applying for secondary school places.

You can read the report at <http://www.brightonhill.hants.sch.uk/>

SPORTS DAY

Our school sports day is on Tuesday July 4th for Willow and Beech classes from 10am to 11:45am and for Chestnut and Beech Classes for 1pm to 3pm. There will be a picnic on the field for everyone at 11:50am.

Our Sports Leaders will be assisting in the morning and Brighton Hill's leaders in the afternoon.

Please note that sports day, as ever, will be weather permitting. If it is too wet (the field becomes slippery) or if we have another heat-wave like this week we may have to postpone the event and this may be at short notice. Hopefully this won't be the case and if it is, we will endeavour to notify you as soon as we can.

GO BEANIES SUMMER ACTIVITY DAY CAMP

Please see the advertisement from Go Beanies below. They have lots of outdoor activities on offer and for every booking from Cliddesden Primary School families 'Friends' receive a 5% donation.

GO BEANIES SUMMER ACTIVITY DAY CAMP at Wellington Country Park will be running weekdays from the 24th July to the 1st September

We have a lot of activities on offer (too many to list here!) ranging from outdoor explorer, active kicks, artistic adventure, and fun & games. Our approach can best be described as 'structured fun' – the wellbeing & happiness (and of course safety) of the children are at the heart of everything we do. A bit more information about us and the activities on offer can be found at www.gobeanies.org

There's a helpful section on the website which illustrates some of the activities on offer (under 'our services'). We continue to add new activities all the time and invite suggestions from the children too. Camp runs from 9.15am to 4.30pm with drop off in the morning between 8.30-9.15am and collection in the afternoon between 4.30-5.15pm. We also have an extended option for working parents with drop off from 8am and pick up by 5.45pm (our full day pass).

Please email info@gobeanies.org or call 01189962678 for more information and to book your child's place. Go Beanies is an Ofsted registered childcare provider. We also accept childcare vouchers.

SPONSORED WALK

You may have seen in previous diary dates that we were to have a sponsored walk on July 7th. This has now been postponed until the autumn term when we will be doing 'The Great African Welly Walk'. We will inform you of a date and details early next term.

SPORTS CLUB

Children attending sports club must have a PE kit to take part. If they do not have a PE kit for the club they will not be permitted to take part and parents will be contacted to collect their child from school.

SAFEGUARDING BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

I must remind parents and carers that for health and safety reasons they must supervise their children in the playground after school. Recently Mr Sumner and I have had to stop younger children from standing on and jumping from the seats in the School Garden after school. Most schools have a policy where parents have to collect their children and leave the premises immediately. We however, allow our families to stay on site up till 3:45pm as I know some of you like to enjoy the community feel and beautiful surroundings which we are proud of, but please adhere to our safety rules.

Please also note that only staff should arrive at school before 8:15am. Children and parents should not enter the playground until 8:15am when a member of staff is on duty, due to the bus arriving, unless they attend before school activities (e.g. wake-up club or OT) or have made special arrangements with the school.

E-SAFETY TIPS FROM GOOSEBERRY PLANET

Gooseberry Parent 'Tip' of the Week

Sports days, school events and celebration assemblies can be great opportunities to capture special memories on camera and the small screen. Be aware of what and who you are taking pictures and videos of. Check all photos to make sure they are free from personal details and clues that may give away a location. Check the procedures at your child's school for taking photographs and videos of children at school events. Be careful how you share them, particularly online. If you must share photos and videos online think about what you are sharing and who you are sharing them with.

WhatsApp

The latest parent handout on WhatsApp is now available. Please email stella@gooseberryplanet.com

Cliddesden's policy is that photos may be taken but the above guidelines should be followed.

Remember that we take photos of all of our events and put them on our website for you to view.

NEW EVENTS ON OUR WEBSITE

[Chestnut Class - African Workshop](#)

[Year 5 and 6 Cricket Tournament](#)

[Whole School Cross Country](#)

[Cliddesden Election](#)

[Year 5 and 6 Hockey Tournament](#)

[Oak Class - Countryside Awareness Day](#)

[Year 5 - 'Be nice' Bus](#)

NOTICES

- Monday 3rd July is an INSET day for staff only. The school will be closed.
- If you require a school packed lunch for sports day please order by Monday 26th June (slip attached).
- The last day of term is Tuesday 25th July and school finishes at 3:15pm as usual.

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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