



## Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 1 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community

A warm welcome back to the start of a new academic year at Cliddesden Primary School. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. All the children have settled in well to their classes and are ready for the new academic year. Next week we welcome our new early years (EYFS) children and their families.

*Kenneth Davies*  
Headteacher

### DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	New Willow Class EYFS children start Meet the Teachers 3:30pm (all classes)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5/6 Football v North Waltham
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Friends of Cliddesden AGM 6:00pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Willow Class Early Years Phonics Meeting 6:00pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Deb Costen's Nutrition Workshop 6:30pm- 8:30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5/6 Football Team at Small Schools Tournament in Southampton
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	'African Welly Walk' Harvest Fundraiser (Non - Uniform Day)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day staff only - School Closed
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Norman League Y5/6 Tag Rugby first round at Hatch Warren Juniors 3-4pm
TBC	Conker Competition (Bring a conker to school)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for Half Term Holiday 3:15pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half begins 8:45am
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents evening 4-7pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents Evening 3:30-6pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Norman League Y5/6 Tag Rugby second round at Rucstall Primary 3-4pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sponsored Charity Event - Sports 4 Champions
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Friends Secret Sale (Non-Uniform Day)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas School Dinner
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow and Beech Nativity 1:30pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow and Beech Nativity 9:15am

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Santa's Grotto after school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing 2:30pm End of term 3:15pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	INSET Day staff only - School Closed

Clubs this term are as follows.

- **Mondays** - Premier Sports Gymnastics - beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September
- **Tuesdays** - KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Sports Club run by Ms Costen - beginning Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September
- **Wednesdays** - Years 4, 5 and 6 Football Club run by Miss Romain and Mr Davies - beginning Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- **Thursdays** - Premier Sports Street-dance - beginning Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September
- **Fridays** - Wake-Up Club run by Ms Costen - beginning Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

**All clubs finish at 4:15pm except Wake-Up club which runs from 8 to 8:30am**

More diary dates will be added once confirmed and will appear in following newsletters and in diary dates on the website.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

I wish to remind you that holidays taken in term time cannot be authorised and may incur a fine. Hampshire County Council and school policy now states that if the unauthorised absence is for 10 or more sessions (5 days) in any 100 possible school sessions then a penalty notice for non-attendance will be issued.

Leave for exceptional circumstances may be authorised under my discretion. If you wish to make a request for term time leave for your child you must complete the request form and a meeting may be held to discuss the application. I have included a link below to our attendance policy that explains in detail.

<http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/statutory-information/statutory-policies>

### MEET THE TEACHERS

Next week we have after school meetings for parents to meet the new class teachers and to be provided with information about the class, the learning topics and the expectations. I hope you can all attend. Please make a note of the date in your diaries. Don't worry if you have children in different classes as these are informal meetings and the teachers will be available until 4:30pm. The school playground will be used as a car park from 2:45pm.

### WEBSITE

Mrs Lavender is currently updating the website with new information and class pages. The class pages are not yet complete but next week's homework will be available to view on the pages by Monday.

### SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Over the summer holiday we had some more improvements made to the school building. The toilets have been re-painted as has the PE store and Mr Sumner's work area.

### PE

Please note the days your child has PE this half of term

Willow - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Beech - Tuesdays and Fridays

Chestnut - Mondays and Fridays  
Oak - Mondays and Fridays

Please ensure your child has full PE kit on those days. Some lessons are outside. Cliddesden PE hoodies are part of the school PE kit and all pupils are encouraged to have one. They are available from Tesco and Skoolkit .

If your child wears earrings, please train them to remove them prior to PE or don't wear them at all on PE days.

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

### MORNING TIMES

Please do not arrive at school before 8:15am. The playground is staffed from 8:15am in the morning, the office from 8:30am. Willow and Beech classes only are open at 8:30am. Registration is from 8:45 to 8:55am. Lessons start promptly after registration. Should you wish to speak to a teacher please do so arrange an appointment with the office or see them in the playground after school. The link door will be closed after the children have been escorted to the playground at the end of the day. If you or your child needs to re-enter the building please ask a member of staff or call in at reception. All these measures are for the children's safety and I thank you for your co-operation.

### SCHOOL DINNERS

Just to remind parents of children in Willow and Beech classes that all children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal. The cost of a meal is £2.15 for children in Key Stage 2 which we still feel is good value for money. Please ensure school dinner money is paid in advance at the school office, cheques payable to 'HCC' Please check the dinner menu in virtual office on our website.

The school promotes healthy eating and this includes packed lunches. For more details of our policy please refer to <http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/school-meals> on our website.

### CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

This term we have two fundraising events for charity. The first is our 'African Welly Walk' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. All the children will be walking in their wellington boots to Farleigh church via The Drove and back to school along the fields. This is about a 2-mile walk. We ask that all children bring in a **suggested** £2 donation for this event but please give whatever you can spare. All the money raised will go to African farmers to give their children a better start in life and this will be our harvest event this year, replacing the harvest sale. We would love parents to volunteer to join us if they can spare the time. Please contact the office if you can volunteer.

The second event on November 23<sup>rd</sup> is a sponsored sports circuit. A member of the GB athletics team will be visiting the school to lead the event and meet the children. 60% of the funds raised will go to the school and we will spend it all on sports equipment and opportunities. The other 40% goes to providing funding for young athletes around the country. Further details will be sent out later this half of term.

### MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child requires prescribed medicine including inhalers or epi-pens, please ensure these are brought into school and all paperwork completed. Thank you.

## **NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE**

There are a number of important letters that will be sent out next week in hard copy. One is the Home School Agreement that needs to be signed annually. Please ensure that all the signed documents are returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Home School Agreement
- Data Collection Sheet
- Medical Questionnaire
- Permission for school-held medicines to be administered.

## **SAFEGUARDING ADVICE**

At Cliddesden we do not accept bullying in any form. To avoid cases of cyber bullying please remember that children should be 13 or over to have Facebook, Instagram or similar social media accounts. We advise that children do not have access to computers in their bedrooms and that parents are aware when their children are using the internet. For useful advice please refer to our Family Internet Safety pages on our website.

**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](http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)**

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