



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 4 Friday 13th October 2017

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS



Thank you to everyone for supporting our 'Welly Walk' last Friday. We were blessed with sunny, warm weather for the event. The children walked the 2 mile hike in their house groups and it was lovely to see the older pupils helping their younger companions around the trail. A big thank you to the parents who were able to join us and to everyone for their kind donations. We raised approximately £160 for the charity Farm Africa.

Next week we are having our harvest sale on Friday 20th October and will be collecting donations throughout the week. You will have received a letter regarding this yesterday but here is a reminder of which days we are collecting your donated produce.

- Monday 16th - Tinned items - baked beans, canned vegetables, rice pudding etc.
- Tuesday 17th - Any items in packets - crackers, cereal, instant mash etc.
- Wednesday 18th - Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Thursday and Friday 19/20th - Other fresh produce - breads and cakes

We appreciate any donations that you can make.

This year we will send all the tinned and packet items to the food bank

<https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/> and then the children will be able to purchase the cakes, breads, fruit and vegetables on Friday afternoon.

For the Friday sale please send money (£2 suggested maximum) in a named envelope or purse along with a named carrier bag to hold the children's purchases. All proceeds raised from the sale will be donated to Farm Africa and we will add this to the money we raised for the 'Welly Walk'.

You can read more about this charity at <https://www.farmafrica.org>

HALF TERM

The half term holiday is the week beginning Monday 23rd October and we return to school on Monday 30th October.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

You will have received a letter this week regarding our autumn term parent consultation evenings on the 1st and 2nd November. As the meetings are the first week back after half term, it is important that you return your booking slip by next week. We can't guarantee your chosen time but will endeavour to give you an appointment as near to it as possible. Times are allocated on a first return basis and siblings are considered.

This term we will not be sending out report cards. We feel in the past, due to the changes in the curriculum, that they can confuse parents. At this stage in the year theoretically all pupils are at the 'working towards' stage as only part of their curriculum has been covered. However, we are able to judge whether they are on track to meet age related expectations on how they have progressed in what they have covered so far. We will inform you of your child's progress at the parent meetings and also we will discuss what your child needs to work on to reach age related expectations or greater depth at the end of the academic year. Please ensure that you do attend the consultation evening and allow yourself time to look at your child's work which will be in the hall as usual.

HEALTHY SNACKS

We encourage children to have a snack at breaktimes. Please note that these snacks **should not** include crisps or sweets. We recommend fruit (free to all Willow and Beech pupils), fruit or muesli bars* or similar. *Please note that due to allergies we have a no nuts policy. We sell freshly baked breadsticks on Mondays and Tuesdays.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

- We are expecting the next payment instalment from families whose children from Oak Class are booked onto the PGL Marchants Hill residential. Please ensure your payments are received by the end of the month.
- We need all flu vaccination forms back from parents of children in Willow, Beech and Chestnut classes by next week even if you have opted out of the vaccination.
- Please could all Year 5 parents return their swimming permission forms by next week as this information needs to be passed on to the swimming coach before the sessions start.
- Please note that we are no longer accepting old pound coins.
- If you are able to fill a shoe box for the local Rotary Club appeal then this is your last weekend to



complete your purchases and wrapping. The Rotary Club will be here to collect the shoeboxes on the morning of Wednesday 18 October 2017. We hope Cliddesden Primary School families will feel able to make a good contribution to this appeal and that we can have a lovely display of full, wrapped boxes in The Link on Wednesday morning.

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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