



## Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 5 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### REMEMBRANCE



Today at 11 o'clock we all gathered in the playground to mark remembrance day. All the staff and children honoured a two minute silence as a mark of respect for those who fought in The First World War and other conflicts since then around the world. During the week our assemblies focused on this subject and also spread, as did the silence, a message for future peace and hope in the world.

### HALF TERM

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week and the school will be showing recognition of this. Our assemblies will be focusing on this theme as will our PHSE lessons. Our Key Stage 2 children will also be visited by Anti-Bullying Ambassadors from Brighton Hill Community School next Friday.

I am pleased to say that incidents of bullying are rare at our school but we fully recognise that children at times can be unkind and pick on the differences of others. We pride ourselves in being a reasonably diverse community and celebrate this through our school ethos of showing respect and tolerance towards each other and teach our children these essential values. We give support to children who feel victimised but also give support to those who are causing the problem, so that they learn from their mistakes and do not repeat unwelcome behaviour.

'Pupils are polite and enjoy their learning. They are full of praise for their school, describing it as 'inclusive', 'respectful' and 'friendly'.'



Quote from OFSTED November 2016



Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a non-uniform day (no charity donation required) to celebrate how we are 'All different, All Equal'. Children may come to school dressed to reflect their own personality and choice. While there is no dress code for the day please can you assure that respect towards others' cultures and beliefs are maintained. If your child has PE that day or are in Wake -Up club, please ensure they also have their full PE kit with them.

In addition 'Friends of Cliddesden' have kindly purchased a handbook for parents titled 'Say NO to bullying' which gives advice on this matter. You should be receiving this sometime next week.

### PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for attending Parent's Evening last week. The sessions were very well attended and we appreciate our strong parent-school partnership. We are an inclusive school and aim to give your child the necessary support for them to achieve their very best. Our approach to teaching and learning is

high quality inclusive teaching and our teachers differentiate within class so that all children, regardless of ability, are given the appropriate challenge, targets and support.

## SPORTS NEWS

I must give a special mention to our Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby team this week. Cliddesden is in the Norman League, along with four other Basingstoke Schools and we meet to play each other four times a year. So far there have been two league meetings and Cliddesden has played five matches to date. This week the team played three games at Rucstall School against Hatch Warren, St John's and the home team. Not only did they win all three matches this week, but so far they are unbeaten and sit proudly at the top of the league. Comments from those who watched the games were that the team gels so well together and shows resilience throughout. A special mention to Sean who score an individual try by running the whole length of the pitch. The season is now on a break until the spring when we hope we can maintain this momentum. A big well done to the team and a thank you also to Mark Martin-Dye, our head coach.

## HARVEST SALE



The power of pupil voice showed its strength this year when we decided to hold our annual Harvest Sale after consultation with the student council. The Year 6's did a brilliant job in setting up and hosting the event. Our Year 5 children supported our younger children to make choices and have a hands-on experience of spending their own money.

Thank you for all your wonderful donations. All tinned and packet items were sorted and delivered to the [Basingstoke Foodbank](#), and the money raised from the Harvest Sale was added to our 'Welly Walk' collection and donated to [Farm Africa](#), giving a total of £334.15 to this chosen charity.

## NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

- Thank you for all the donations today for the Friends Secret Sale. We will also be collecting again next Friday ready for the sale on 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- We are very sorry for having to postpone Oak Class Cake Sale but we are finding it hard, with so much going on this term, to find a date! We did inform you this week that it had been moved to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November but we will also have to cancel this as there is now so much else going on this day. Luckily though, we have found a slot and the Oak Class Cake Sale will be on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. Moving it to a Monday will also give you a chance to maybe try a bit of baking over the weekend!

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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