



**Cliddesden Primary School**  
**Headteacher's Newsletter**  
**Spring Term Issue 1**  
**5 January 2018**

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and that the new year is treating you well so far. We are looking forward to 2018 being as productive as ever.

On behalf of the staff I would like to say a huge thank you for all the kind gifts, cards and messages we received at the end of last term. We never expect them but very much appreciate them all.

This term all the classes start new topics and Chestnut class have a visit from ZooLab with some real-life rainforest animals on Monday. Oak Class has an educational visit to Winchester Museum and Cathedral later this month to learn about the Saxon kingdom.

Please make a note of the dates for this half of term below and I will update you when more are confirmed.

**SPRING TERM 1<sup>st</sup> HALF DATES 2018**

**JANUARY**

Monday 8	ZooLab visit Chestnut Class
Wednesday 17	Year 6 SATs meetings 3:30pm and 5:30pm
Friday 19	Chestnut Class Cake Market
Tuesday 23	Oak Class Educational Visit to Winchester

**FEBRUARY**

Friday 2	Friends of Cliddesden Games Night 3:30-6:30pm
Friday 9	Finish for Half Term Holiday 3:15pm

We will inform you when more dates are added and confirmed.

**CLUBS**

**This term's clubs are:**

**Tuesdays: KS1 Sports Club - 3:15 to 4:15pm - Debs Costen**

**Thursdays: KS1 and KS2 Streetdance - 3:15 to 4:15pm - Premier Sports (until 22<sup>nd</sup> March)**

**Thursdays: KS2 Football Club - 3:15 to 4:15pm - Basingstoke FC (until 22<sup>nd</sup> March)**

**Fridays: KS1 and KS2 Wake up Club - 8:00am to 8:30am - Debs Costen**

**KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics - 3:15 to 4:15pm - Premier Sports - This club is yet to be confirmed and on which day it will be held. Premier sports will contact you directly.**

## THIS TERM'S TOPICS

WILLOW CLASS Reception and Year 1	BEECH CLASS Year 1 and Year 2	CHESTNUT CLASS Year 3 and Year 4	OAK CLASS Year 5 and Year 6
Blast off! - Space (1 <sup>st</sup> half) Pirate treasure (2 <sup>nd</sup> half)	Aliens are coming! (Space)	Deep into the rainforest	Invaders and Settlers

Details of the topic and the curriculum that the classes are covering this term will be available to view on our website on the relevant class pages.

## WINTER WEATHER

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day during the remaining winter months.

- Make sure your child wears a hat and long trousers/tights in very cold weather.
- Protect hands with mittens or gloves for warmth.
- Remember, if your child's feet and hands are warm, it's usually a sign that they are dressed appropriately for winter weather.
- Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor PE (Chestnut and Oak Classes - Mondays). The Cliddesden Sports Hoodie is part of our PE kit and we would appreciate all our children owning one. They are available from both Tesco and Skoolkit.

In the event of bad weather please look at the school website on [www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk](http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk), listen to Kestrel FM or access [www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures). We also text everyone regarding closures. I will always try to make the decision to close as early as possible but even then that's not always the best judgement. Living in Winchester, I will have to rely on people closer at hand as well as thinking about other staff being able to get in to ensure a safe environment for the children. I promise that I will do my best to keep complete closures to a minimum.

## STAFFING

We welcome back Mrs Green who will be sharing teaching duties with Mrs Robinson in Chestnut Class.

Mrs Barton, a School's Direct Student, will be carrying out a 6-week placement in Oak Class. Having student teachers as well as our regular staff enables us to provide even more additional support for key children and groups.

Just a reminder that although the school has no Deputy Headteacher, the most senior member of staff in my absence is Mrs Smith.

## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

At Cliddesden we believe that good attendance is key to good attainment. Therefore we encourage children to attend school every day unless they are not well enough. Extended holidays are not encouraged and you may be subject to a penalty notice from Hampshire County Council should you take unauthorised leave of absence. If your child is sick please contact the school office before 8:55am. If your child is late for school please go to the school office so that they can be marked in the register. The link door is closed at 8:55am. We thank you for your support on this matter.

## NOTICES

- Dangling ear-rings and sleepers are not permitted for children in school. Studs only please which children should be taught by parents to take out for PE.
- Please ensure that water bottles have your child's name on.
- Naming on all PE kit items and uniform enables quick identification.
- The lost property box will be emptied by the end of next week so please check it if your child is missing anything.
- There is always a lot of work to be done on updating the website at the beginning of term. We hope to have everything updated on the class pages by the beginning of next week.

**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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