



**Cliddesden Primary School**  
**Headteacher's Newsletter**  
**Autumn Term Issue 8**  
**15<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Dear parents and members of the school community,

The end of term is nearly upon us and this will be the final newsletter this term. There is still a lot happening in the last few days before we finish on Wednesday but may I take this chance to wish all our families, staff, members of the governing body and friends in the community a very joyous and peaceful Christmas holiday.

*Kenneth Davies*  
*Headteacher*

**Events this week**

Mrs Jordan and Miss Romain organised a sports-tastic Inter-House Gymnastics Competition yesterday. The children performed gymnastic routines in groups to a panel of 4 judges, who scored them accordingly. The overall winners of the competition were Hackwood House.



Cliddesden Primary School's football team took part in a 5-a-Side football tournament organised by Aldershot Town FC on Monday. Despite freezing temperatures and early morning snow, the competition still went ahead! This was the first time the school played in their new Nike football strip, given to us by Premier League Primary Stars. In the group stage we played St Josephs, Dogmersfield and Park View respectively.

The scores were 0-1, 4-0 and 3-0, meaning we made it to the quarter finals. Unfortunately we lost our knockout game 0-1 against St Joseph's again, despite dominating possession. Next term we have two more tournaments to take part in and we need practice shooting and playing a quicker, tighter game.

**Christmas Parties**

We are holding two Christmas parties for the children. The first will be on Tuesday 19 December for Willow and Beech classes. The second on Wednesday 20 December 2017 for Chestnut and Oak. Children need to come to school in uniform as usual but bring a change of 'party clothes' to change into for the parties.

A reminder that we have asked for £1.50 voluntary contribution for each child towards the party food and drink. Please place the money in a named envelope and return it to the school office by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### **KS1 Nativity**

Staff and KS2 pupils watched the dress rehearsal of this year's Willow and Beech Class Nativity this week. It was as wonderful as ever and all those who will be lucky enough to have booked a seat for this coming week's performances will be in for a treat. Remember that after the show we will be serving mince pies, hot sausage rolls and non-alcoholic mulled wine for the audience. Additional parking will be available in the playground from 1:10 pm on Monday and 9:00am on Tuesday; to avoid congestion in the car park please use this facility.

### **Santa's Grotto**

There are still a few spaces left to visit Santa in his grotto. He's come all the way from Lapland so it would be a shame to miss out. Details from the school office.

### **Dinner Payments**

Please ensure that all dinner payments, current and outstanding are paid to the office by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This includes payments for the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in advance. Thank for your cooperation.

### **Choir**

Our school choir has been very busy performing Christmas carols across Basingstoke. Last Saturday they sang at Milestones Museum and this week they have entertained the elderly at Newman Court and shoppers at Tesco in Chineham. All three performances have been of a very high standard. A big well done to the choir and an equally big thank you to Mrs Wood, our choir leader.

### **End of Term Christmas Carols**

Come and join us for end of term Christmas Carols in the school hall to start at **2:30pm** on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please use **The Link** entrance as we don't want to disturb Santa in his grotto! The door will be opened once we have seated all the children in the hall.

### **Medicines in school**

If your child has any medication in school, including asthmas inhalers, these will be sent home at the end of term. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure all medications are in date and that inhalers are cleaned. Please remember to sign all medications back in again in January for the spring term if still required in school.

### **End of Term**

Please note that school finishes on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3:15pm**. The Spring term begins on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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)

