



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community,

Just after the half term break we had a visit from Paul Harris of UNICEF. This was to assess the work that the school has been doing over the past few years to become a Rights Respecting School. This has involved embedding the UNICEF articles into our every day school life and making our children aware of global rights and issues. I am very pleased to say we met the standards and have now gained the UNICEF RRSA Silver Award. Below are a couple of quotes from Mr Harris' report.

'School leaders are fully committed to the principles and values of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). The headteacher explained how the school's aims of helping pupils to become "more aware of diversity and culture" and to "encourage resilience in the children to help them be the best they can be" are being supported by its Rights Respecting work.'

'Pupils gave examples of several rights. These included the right to an education, to be safe and to be protected from abuse, to have a 'voice' and to be heard, the right to a name, to an identity, to shelter, to have healthy food and clean water.'

Our Year 6 pupils are now in their final weeks at Cliddesden. I am sure that they will make the most of the rest of their time here and enjoy school to the full. Oak Class have started preparing and practising for their end of year production. I will send a letter out soon to Year 6 parents with some important leaver's dates, some of which are on the website diary dates already.

Teachers are busy writing end of year reports and completing assessments. I am currently looking at staffing for next year and in a few weeks' time I will be able to inform you of who your child's class teachers will be next academic year.

Mr Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

ROAD SAFETY

This week our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs), Alex and Quinn, led a fantastic assembly about road safety. They have also visited classes to deliver a road safety quiz. It is wonderful to see our pupils showing such qualities of leadership and responsibility.

On Tuesday we had a visit from GIST who brought a lorry into school. They taught the children more facts about keeping safe on the roads. The children were allowed to go into the cab where they saw that visibility is not always perfect and pedestrians cannot always be seen clearly by traffic, thus stressing the importance of extra care and awareness.

Yesterday I had an introductory meeting with a member of the parish council to discuss traffic on the lane up to school and through the village. I am disappointed to say that there have been a few complaints about drivers not taking care and consideration for others and most alarming an allegation

of verbal abuse. Although there is no speed restriction past the village hall I ask that you drive slowly and carefully up the lane and pay special consideration for other drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

I will be attending the next Parish Council meeting where, with their support, we will propose to lobby the highways agency and Basingstoke Council to extend the 30mph speed limit from the village hall to past the school. The council are also hoping to get the footpath along the fields more accessible.

I also have concerns about the safety of our children in our school entrance and car park. We are limited to space and accessibility and I ask that drivers give way to families walking in from their cars and the lane and adhere to a strict **5mph** in the school car park. Please also park with consideration to others; some parents have quite rightly asked that if you park at the top of the car park, near the drove, that you utilise the space effectively to allow as many cars to park as possible. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines. Thank you for your co-operation.

We are limited with space and there is nothing that can be done about that as the surrounding land does not belong to the school. To make things better for everyone it just takes care and consideration.

Over the next few weeks our diligent JRSOs will be carrying out random checks of the traffic flow and parking with a member of staff as part of their role.

SPORTS

Please can I remind pupils and parents that sponsor money for 'Sports for Champions' needs to be brought to school by Tuesday 19th June. We hope you have managed to get a few sponsors and if not, are able to donate a few pounds to this charity event. Thank you for your support.

You will have received a letter this week by email and in hard copy regarding the arrangements for this year's sports day at BHCS.

Next Friday we are holding an inter-house football competition to celebrate the World Cup. All pupils will be involved and need to bring their PE kit to school. Parents are welcome to come along and support. KS2 will be from 9 to 10am and KS1/EYFS from 11am to 12pm.

SUMMER FETE

Only a week to go before this lovely event. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the Summer Fete. We still need some extra helpers on stalls. Please also keep your donations of unwanted toys and books etc coming in. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Snappers will be at Cliddesden Primary School on Tuesday 19 June to take family portraits and class photos. If you would like any pre-school siblings to be part of the family portrait please bring them in to school for 0830 on Tuesday so that they can be included.

NOTICES

- Monday 25th June is an INSET day. The school is closed to pupils.

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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