



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

This week our Year 1 and 2 pupils had an exciting educational visit to Beaulieu Motor Museum as part of their curriculum topic on Transport. They learned how vehicles have changed through history and also got to ride on the monorail and a vintage open-top bus.

This afternoon I am taking our Under-11 football team to Wide Lane in Southampton to play in a small schools tournament. We have a strong team this year and hope to do well.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Friends of Cliddesden AGM this week. It was well attended and good ideas were brought forward for further fundraising events. A reminder that Disco tickets are on sale via the school office.

The children are really enjoying using our new outside gym. It is really pleasing to see them develop their strength and agility. Thank you to Friends who made a donation towards this and also to The Cliddesden and Farleigh Wallop Educational Trust.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM

Friday 4 th October	Harvest Sale
Monday 7 th October	Norman League Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Hatch Warren 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday 8 th October	EYFS Phonics Meeting 3:30pm
Thursday 10 th October	Chestnut Class Educational Visit to Butser Hill Ancient Farm
Friday 18 th October	Life Bus at school
Thursday 24 th October	FRIENDS Discos (no clubs this day)
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day staff only - School Closed
Monday 4 th November	Autumn 2 nd Half begins 8:45am
Wednesday 6 th November	Parents evening 3:30-7pm
Thursday 7 th November	Parents evening 3:30-7pm
Friday 22 nd and Friday 29 th November	Gifts drop for Secret Sale
Wednesday 11 th December	Salvation Army Carols 6pm
Friday 13 th December	Friends Secret Sale (Non-Uniform Day) Pantomime (pm)
Monday 16 th December	Willow and Beech Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 17 th December	Willow and Beech Nativity 9:15am
Wednesday 18 th and Thursday 19 th December	Friends Santa's Grotto after school
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner Carol Singing 1:30pm End of term 2pm

More diary dates will be added once confirmed and will appear in following newsletters and in diary dates on the website.

HARVEST SALE



Here is a reminder about our Harvest sale next week.

To celebrate the end of the harvest season we will be holding our Harvest Sale on Friday 4 October in the afternoon. Each child may bring in unlimited produce throughout the week.

- Monday 30 September - Tinned items eg baked beans, canned vegetables, rice pudding
- Tuesday 1 October - Any items in packets eg crackers, cereal, instant mash
- Wednesday 2 October - Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Thursday and Friday 3/4 - Other fresh produce - breads and cakes

We appreciate any donations that you can make. Please ensure they have a future 'use by' date. 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 their purchases. All proceeds will be donated to a charity decided by the Pupil Parliament.

PUPIL VOICE

Congratulations to the children who were elected by their peers to sit on the new Cliddesden Pupil Parliament. They will replace the Student Council and will meet with me every half-term to discuss actions in school and act as a pupil voice. I am sure they will behave better than a certain other parliament!

Secretary - Alize

Year 6 - Harry, Ellie-Rose and Ailani-Mai

Year 5 - Juliet

Year 4 - Lily

Year 3 - Alexander

Year 2 - Will

Year - Charlotte

FOOD AND FITNESS

We allow the children to have a snack at morning breaktime. Please ensure this is a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or a nut-free cereal bar. We do not allow chocolate, sweets or crisps. We also do not allow nuts due to allergies. Pupils in Willow and Beech Classes have an item of fruit available each day for breaktime for free.

Please ensure your child has full PE kit on PE days. PE is a curriculum statutory requirement and children who forget their kits will be sent a letter home. Some lessons are outside. Cliddesden PE hoodies are part of the school PE kit and all pupils are required to have one. They are available from Tesco and Skoolkit.

A further reminder Please note that earrings are not part of school uniform and generally are not encouraged in primary school age pupils. During PE lessons earrings need to be removed.

If your child has earrings (studs) then please ensure they have some micropore tape in their PE kit bag so they can tape their ears for PE lessons OR have a named small envelope/jewellery box in which to store their earrings during PE lessons.

<http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/school-uniform>

MENU SWAP

Please note that the menu will be swapped on Thursday 3 October and Friday 4 October 2019 and there will be a lucky plate for KS1 and KS2 lunch sittings.

SCHOOL PRIORITY ACTIONS

The headline areas that form our School Strategic Plan are below.

1. QUALITY OF EDUCATION -

To build and improve our balanced curriculum

POSITION STATEMENT

The school has been providing a broad and balanced curriculum since the introduction of the curriculum changes in 2014. However, we are currently re-shaping our curriculum to ensure that coverage is complete and that we have a clear intention for what we wish our curriculum to achieve, it's vision and values. Our Strategic Plan priority is on ensuring that our current curriculum is reviewed. This is to ensure that full subject coverage is achieved, teachers are skilled and confident in delivering the whole curriculum

INTENT

- To provide a rich and varied curriculum which has its roots based on our school values of aspiration, resilience, responsibility, respect and tolerance, kindness and honesty.
- To promote teacher and pupil ownership of a skills and knowledge based thematic curriculum.
- To excite learners through contextual, memorable and meaningful lessons and themes.
- To embed opportunities for high quality enrichment experiences including educational visits, themed days, parent workshops and guest speakers.
- To allow National Curriculum coverage through a cross-curricular, thematic approach.

2. QUALITY OF EDUCATION -

To embed the Maths Mastery approach across the school

POSITION STATEMENT

- Last year KS2 teachers attended Solent Maths Hub training. The mastery approach using White Rose Scheme of work was introduced in Year 3 and 4 last academic year. The school identified that the children in Years 3 and 4 developed an extremely positive attitude towards Mathematics. There has been a significant increase in their motivation and ambition to work through and attempt all of the challenges given which is evident in their attitude to learning and in their books.

- The small steps approach has enabled whole class teaching and learning which has made lessons more inclusive. Every lesson the children are exposed to fluency, problem-solving and reasoning so there is not an element of Mathematics which is being neglected.
- This year we are introducing the teaching of mastery mathematics throughout the school. EYFS will be using Number Blocks starting in September and the whole school will follow the White Rose Scheme from the beginning of term.

INTENT

- Fluency, reasoning and problem-solving are embedded within each unit across all year groups.
- To support all children to reach a high standard in Mathematics through specific teaching and application of key skills to learning across the curriculum.
- Children are supported in their understanding through the use of concrete, pictorial and abstract information.

3. BEHAVIOUR AND WELL-BEING

POSITION STATEMENT

- The school judges that the behaviour and conduct of children both in and out of the classroom to be outstanding. Pupil behaviour makes a strong contribution to good learning in lessons; lessons are very rarely disrupted by poor behaviour; pupils' attitudes towards each other support a positive learning environment, they enjoy their learning and their lessons. The vast majority of children are self-disciplined and behave very well.
- The school has a highly effective ELSA who supports targeted children in terms of their well-being. With the increase in children displaying social and emotional issues we aim to support this issue at a whole school level.

INTENT

- Pupils social and emotional skills are developed and well-being is addressed
- Positive behaviour is embedded through pupil well-being.

4. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

POSITION STATEMENT

The school works hard to develop pupils' personal qualities to be hard-working, caring individuals who also understand the meaning of happiness and enjoyment in their learning. The vast majority of children come enthusiastically to school and enjoy each and every day and the challenges that are presented.

INTENT

Our curriculum and wider work supports pupils develop their character, resilience and confidence

5. LEADERSHIP

POSITION STATEMENT

- Leadership is good because the Headteacher consistently communicates high expectations to staff, with learning and progress at the heart of the work of the school. All staff, together with the governing body, are united by a shared vision and are fully committed to driving improvements and continuing to raise standards.

INTENT

- Staff work collaboratively to develop best practice across the whole curriculum
- Leaders have expertise in their subjects

- Staff are able to develop their practice and subject knowledge through CPD and support from leaders
- Governors are pro-active in monitoring school performance and practice.

SAFEGUARDING ADVICE

Should you have a concern or wish to seek advice please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding leads, Mr Davies, Mrs Smith or Mrs Robinson. Please refer to our internet safety pages on our website for advice on staying safe on-line.

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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