



## Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter

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### WELL DONE SASHA!

Congratulations to Sasha Morrison who ran the Basingstoke Half Marathon last weekend to raise money for the school. As a member of Friends of Cliddesden Primary School, it was discussed at the AGM that Headteacher, Mr Davies and the governors attending would like a defibrillator for the school. Sasha decided to kick off the fundraising by running the Basingstoke Half Marathon in our school uniform. She also decided that all the money raised would go towards the £800 needed for a portable defibrillator for children and adults. Not only did she kick off the fundraising, she smashed it raising a total of £810!



We have now ordered the defibrillator for the school and while we hope we never have to use it, I am sure you will agree it is a vital piece of equipment for our school to have. The school thanks Sasha for her achievement and generosity.

### DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Choir Club starts 3:20pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Life Bus at school
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	PGL information meeting (Oak Class) 3:30pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	FRIENDS Discos (no clubs this day)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day staff only - School Closed
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half begins 8:45am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 3:30-7pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents evening 3:30-7pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Class PGL Residential
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Gifts drop for Secret Sale
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Salvation Army Carols 6pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir at Chineham Tesco 1pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Secret Sale (Non-Uniform Day) Pantomime (pm)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow and Beech Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Willow and Beech Nativity 9:15am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends Santa's Grotto after school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Carol Singing 1:30pm End of term 2pm

## HARVEST SALE



Basingstoke Foodbank would like to thank

**Cliddesden Primary School**

for your generous donations of food

this **Harvest season 2019**

weighing 101.9 kgs,

which is equal to 243 meals!

In 2018, with your help, we have fed over 4,000 people of whom just over 1,350 were children. So far this year we have fed just over 2,900 people.

We are currently distributing an average of 3.3 tonnes of food per month to people in crisis in the Basingstoke and Deane region.

[basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk](http://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk)

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1156218)



We had an amazing Harvest Sale last Friday. Our Year 6 pupils did an amazing job with Mrs Duffy organising and running the sale.

The packet and tinned foods were donated to the local food bank and the pupil parliament have made the decision to donate the £148 raised at the sale to Farm Africa, a charity that we have now supported for the past few years. It was felt that as it was a Harvest Sale that the money should go to a farming and food related charity.

You can read more about this charity at <https://www.farmafrica.org/>



## PUPIL PARLIAMENT

The Pupil Parliament met for the first time today. The elected representatives from year groups met to discuss a few items.

The pupil parliament has been established to create an understanding of the 'British Value' of democracy. Parliament has the right to make decisions on 'small' school issues that Mr Davies has proposed to them. As the children have elected the parliament representatives, they have the right to make the final decision but in turn their judgements must be well informed and they must listen to the opinion of others. We will keep you updated on the work of our pupil parliament via our newsletters and website.

## CHESTNUT EDUCATIONAL VISIT



Yesterday I had the pleasure of joining Chestnut Class on their educational visit to Butser Ancient Farm. As an enrichment activity to support their history study on Stone, Bronze and Iron Age, the children learned first-hand what it was like to live in these ancient times. They saw replica buildings from this period and learned the skills of how to wattle a fence, make clay pots, use raffia for cording and also enjoyed an archaeological dig. The staff at

the farm commented on how well our children listened and behaved. Well done Chestnut Class.

#### **LIFE BUS VISIT**

The Life Bus will be visiting our school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Each class will have a Personal, Social, Health Education session delivered by the Life Bus team. There is a chance for parents to have a look in the bus and find out more about the work going on at 8:45am that morning. Spaces are limited to 20 adults so we will operate on a first come first served basis.

#### **NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE**

- Parent consultation meetings (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November) - forms will be sent out early next week
- Reminder - PGL parent information meeting (Oak Class) - Monday 21 October 3:30pm
- Christmas Shoebox Scheme - We have been asked again this year if our families would be able to provide filled and wrapped shoeboxes for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. This scheme is administered by the local Rotary Club. Leaflets are being sent out with your children today and we would be happy to receive completed boxes or just items from each child to be placed in the shoeboxes that will be placed in the Link on Mondays and Fridays each week from 14 October 2019. The Rotary Club will be collecting the completed boxes soon after half term so it would be good to be able to pass on as many as possible to children who would otherwise receive nothing for Christmas this year. Thank you for your help.

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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