



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
Autumn Term Issue 5
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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone that attended our parent consultation evenings this week. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Reverend Stephen Maurant for his long service as Chair of Governors at Cliddesden. Stephen has now stepped down from this position but will remain on the governing body as the Vice Chair. Stephen has been an exemplary Chair and we value his continued support and dedication.

I would like to congratulate Mike Jordan who is the new Chair of Governors. Previously Chair of the Finance Committee, Mike is an experienced governor who again is highly dedicated to ensuring Cliddesden continues to move from strength to strength.

On the governing body we have two main committees. Rachel Foster remains Chair of the Curriculum and Standards Committee and we welcome Duncan Anthony as the new Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee.

Congratulations are in order to Mrs Sarah Green and her husband Tom. Mrs Green had a baby girl during the half term break, Lucy Katie Green.

We welcomed back, from her maternity leave, Mrs Jordan this week. She will be working Thursdays in Chestnut and Beech classes.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM

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| Monday 11 th November to Friday 15 th November | Oak Class PGL Residential trip |
| Friday 22 nd and Friday 29 th November | Gifts drop for Secret Sale |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Salvation Army Carols 6pm |
| Thursday 12 th December | Choir at Chineham Tesco 1pm |
| 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 |

FRIENDS OF CLIDDESSEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

This half term is a very busy one for Friends with lots of fun events. If your child designed a Christmas card, then you will have received an order form this week. Please complete and return this to the office along with your money no later than next Wednesday, 13 November. Friends will be running the tombola on Sunday 24 November at the Cliddesden Christmas Fayre. We welcome any donations you are able to make towards this stall and would encourage as many of you as possible to attend the fayre. We understand they have around 20 different stalls with lots of things for children to do. If you are a keen baker and able to donate some cakes for the event, please speak to Alison Donnelley for more info. Further information in due course about the Secret Sale and Santa's Grotto. Our next meeting will be next Tuesday, 12 November at 6.30pm at Hoddington Arms in Upton Grey, we hope to see many of you there.

PARLIAMENT WEEK

On Thursday morning I had the pleasure of teaching in Oak Class. It was a special lesson focusing on National Parliament Week. The children learned how the British parliament system works. We set up the Hall as our own House of Commons with children on both sides of the house. We then debated 3 motions: should there be tighter rules on playing computer games? should homework be banned? and should we get rid of school uniform? They were good debates and some strong viewpoints were put across (with the occasional 'here, here!' and disgruntled mumbles) by the children. They then got to vote on their feet, as is the tradition, and move to the side of the house they wanted to vote with. Our speaker was then able to announce whether the Ayes or Noes had it. In all three debates the Noes were victorious.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who filled and wrapped a Christmas Shoe Box for the Rotary Club Appeal. We had an amazing 20 shoeboxes filled with gifts donated by families at Cliddesden.

INSET DAYS

We have three remaining INSET days this academic year. They are **Monday 6th January 2020, Monday 20th April and Monday 22nd June**. Please note that the last date is a change from previously published. We unfortunately were not able to book the required staff training for the date we originally specified.

CHARITIES

Over an academic year the children at Cliddesden support a range of charities. We do not have a special fundraising day for Children in Need as Oak Class will be away at PGL. However, as we do every year, there will be collection buckets at the school gate next Friday. Traditionally we collect any small change you have and donate to Children in Need through Coin Star.

DEFIBRILATOR

The school defibrillator is now set up in the school office.

SAFEGUARDING OF PUPILS

Please note that it is extremely important that the school gate is closed once you have entered and after you leave the school premises. This is especially true if you are entering and leaving school at unexpected times during the school day.

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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