



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term Issue 3 14 February 2020

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community



It has been another busy couple of weeks at Cliddesden since the last newsletter. Last Friday we held our intra-school gymnastic competition which saw the culmination of the children's hard work in gymnastics this year. I had the pleasure of being on the judging panel with Miss Haresign and Debs Costen. The standard of performance across the school was great to see, with all children joining in and trying hard. It was especially good to see the skills progression across the school.



Congratulations to Ellisfield House who won the competition.

This week we had a visit from The Zamble Dance Company. Gaspard was a fantastic instructor and through his positivity and energy, he really engaged all the children. The dances were practised and performed to African rhythms with Nii accompanying on the djembe. The dances required good coordination and lots of energy, and all the children participated fully with smiles on their faces. It was great to learn new dance techniques and experience West African culture.



Walking round the school this week I have seen some amazing work from the children and high quality teaching. In Oak class the children have been doing some excellent writing in response to their study unit on Macbeth and in Religious Education they have been learning about symbolism and The Eucharist. In Chestnut the children were finishing their History unit on The Saxons and writing a piece about the impact the Saxons had on Britain. Beech class have been learning to use a compass for direction in Geography and of course Willow had a wonderful Alien dress up day on Wednesday.

I wish all our families a happy and safe half term break and look forward to seeing you all again in a week's time.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

MAD HAIR DAY



There were lots of colourful and creative hairstyles worn in school today. We have raised £94 for St Michael's Hospice. If you haven't had a chance to make a donation yet just pop it into the school office. Thank you for supporting our chosen charity fundraiser.



DIGITAL SAFETY

Internet safety has been one of the issues addressed in our SCARF lessons and assemblies this term. We will be hosting a 'Learning Digital Safety' workshop for parents next term and more details will follow soon. Our website has information for parents on keeping children safe on-line. Here are two further information sites we have come across this week.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/six-tips-teaching-children-technology?collection=parenthood-tips-and-tricks>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

Tuesday 25 February is Pancake Day. Due to Oak Class being out all that day in London, Mrs Hardy is going to provide pancakes as the pudding course on MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020 with the school lunches. The rest of the menu is as planned on the menu list.

Oak Class trip to Parliament and the Clink Museum

Please note that the coach will not be bringing the children back to school until **6pm** on Tuesday 25 February.

If there is any major change to this (over 30 minutes), parents will be texted from the staff on the coach to give you the updated information.

Lunch Money

If you have any lunch money debt, please be aware that we would welcome all accounts to be in credit or at zero by the end of the financial year which will be the last day of the Spring term prior to the Easter holidays. The Hampshire and school policy is that lunches should be paid for in advance or on the day so we should have very few lunch debts in school.

The office staff will send reminders each week to anyone with a lunch debt so you are aware of the situation.

If there are any discrepancies, then this gives you chance to ask any questions before the debt becomes so old it is hard to trace back. We appreciate your help in this.

No Wake Up Club on Friday 28 February 2020. Debs will be on holiday. PE as normal, led by the class teachers.

Telephones

We apologise to anyone who has been trying to call the school office this week. Since the storms last weekend, no-one has been able to call the school unless you use the number given on email mid-week. BT Open Reach are working on the line, they have now identified where the fault has occurred and need to work on it over the weekend/holidays.

Hopefully full service will be resumed by our return to school on Monday 24 February but you can still use the number 01256 333628 in the meantime.

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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