

Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 4 22 October 2020

Dear Parents and members of the school community

Thank you to everyone for your support this half of term. It has been a long one with plenty of fresh challenges but as ever the staff and children have coped very well. I hope the staff and children have a well-deserved rest. Enjoy and stay safe.



Harvest

Thank you for the Harvest donations that you brought in last week. Basingstoke Foodbank would like to thank Cliddesden Primary School for your generous donations of food this 2020 Harvest season weighing 102.56 kgs which is equal to 244 meals!

<u>Drawing Competition - Half Term Activity</u>

There is a local church magazine sent out to the houses in the villages of Cliddesden, Ellisfield, Farleigh and Dummer - full of local news and events. It is called 'Hill and Dale'.

They would like their December edition to have a cover that includes Christmas pictures drawn by children from the school. There will be at least two pictures chosen, one from Key Stage 1 and one from Key Stage 2 to go on the front and back covers.

If you would like to enter a Christmas Picture to the competition please draw a colourful Christmas picture over the half term holiday.

Remember it needs to be;

- on a piece of paper that is A5 (half of an A4 sized).
- portrait not landscape
- Do not include glitter or shiny paper as this does not copy well.
- On the back of your picture please write your name, age and class. Make sure this doesn't come through to the other side!
- Please give to Mrs Chattell by Friday 6 November 2020 to pass to the Editors of the magazine.

INSET Day

A reminder that tomorrow. Friday, 23 October 2020 is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils. Next week is the Half Term break and school resumes again on Monday 2 November 2020.

School lunches

Reminder - the current menu will continue until April 2021 but the cost for KS2 will be going up to £2.50 per meal from 2 November 2020.

I am pleased to say that we have been able to offer all our children hot dinners since September and will continue to do so. I have read in the newspaper that some schools have not been able to do this. Can I ask that you practice with your children holding cutlery correctly and cutting their own food at home as many of our younger children are finding this difficult.

If your child has a packed lunch please can we ask that you think about the amount of plastic waste they contain and try to reduce this.

Bikeability for Y5 pupils

To all Y5 pupils - please take as many opportunities as you can over half term to practice on your bicycles, check they are in good condition and that your helmet fits correctly prior to your bikeability training at the end of November. If you have not already returned the permission form, please do so once we are back in school after our break.

Public Health Message COVID19

Hampshire County Council has asked us to share the following important public health message with you:

Coronavirus infections are continuing to rise, and Hampshire is on 'Medium' COVID alert level.

We need your help to stop the spread of the virus, so please continue following national public health quidance this half term.

Remember 'hands, face, space' and the Rule of 6: which means no large gatherings indoors or outdoors. Please see attached flyer.

Let's all work together to Keep Hampshire Safe.

Kenneth Davies Headteacher

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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