



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
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Dear Parents and members of the school community

The children have all been busy once again this week and in yesterday's remote assembly I was treated to some of them telling me about their work. My 'Bubble of the Week' was Chestnut Class who had been coming up with their own questions following lines of enquiry in History.

Thank you to parents for attending our remote parent consultations. Nearly all parents were able to access this with complexity. Technology is never easy and no substitute for face to face conversation, but it did enable my teachers tell you about the progress your children are making.

COVID UPDATE

There have been further positive cases of Covid 19 in Basingstoke schools this week so once again I urge you all to keep up the safety procedures that you have been following. There is no guarantee that Cliddesden Primary will stay covid-free but we are striving our very best to reduce the risk through our robust risk mitigation procedures. Remember we have no control of transmission outside school so it is important you follow the government advice carefully.

Should your child or anyone in your family show any symptoms please book a test.

If you are another family member is told to self-isolate but are not showing any symptoms, please let us know so that we can make arrangements for your child to continue to come to school. **Remember if they do not have Covid, it is only the person who is told to self-isolate in the family that has to do so. If someone in the family has Covid then the whole household needs to isolate.** Our Covid page explains this. <https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/covid19-1>

If your child or a family member has to take a test, your child should stay off school until they get the results and you need to let the school know the results immediately. If the results come back to you **over the weekend** we ask that you call or text the school mobile number as we do not always access our school emails during the weekend. Please make a note of this number:

07534602787

We ask that you **only** use this number for confirming Covid test results. All other correspondence should wait until Monday and be sent via email or the school office telephone number.

The current period of lockdown ends on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. Hampshire has been categorised as Tier 2, High Alert, from that date. I bring to your attention two key restrictions that

will continue to apply from that date from the Government website <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know#high-alert>

In tier 2:

- you must not socialise with anyone you do not live with or who is not in your support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 people outside, including in a garden or a public space – this is called the 'rule of 6'

Here are the rules of childcare support bubbles for your attention. Please take note of the final paragraph

What a childcare bubble is

A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to a child or children aged 13 or under. They can provide the childcare in either or both of the homes from the 2 households. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered.

All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement.

The childcare can be provided where necessary in any location – public or private, indoors or outdoors.

You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare – that is, where the child's parent or regular carer is not present. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-childcare-bubble-with-another-household#what-a-childcare-bubble-is>

This final paragraph is quite clear. Playdates, sleepovers, parties or any other kind of events where your children mix households is not permitted. There are different rules that apply to registered childminders.

We have also attached a Tier 2 poster with all restrictions listed for your information.

These are challenging times and we appreciate that they can be even harder for children to understand. It is wonderful though, that they can still see their friends at school. We want to keep it that way and ask that you follow the government restrictions rigorously.

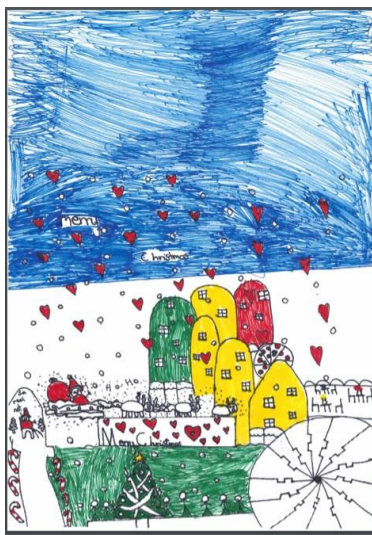
Clubs

Streetdance Club will recommence for Chestnut Class on Thursday 4th December at 3:15pm. We are awaiting to see when football club for Oak restarts but it will not be next week.

Morning Drop Off

A reminder that Oak Class (and siblings) do not start school until **8:40am**. Children on the bus, children who have a specialist lesson before school, and also a few children whose parents are Key Workers and have made arrangements with me are admitted into the playground earlier. All other children should wait in their cars or not arrive until 8:35am when I put the cone out by the gate. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Cards



Children will be able to send Christmas cards but only to the children and staff in their own bubble. Each class will have their own post box and we will distribute the cards after they have been in the box for 72 hours after the final card goes in. We ask that if your child wishes to send a Christmas card that they bring them in during the week of 8th December to 11th December 2020.

Raffle tickets for The Friends Christmas Raffle will be sent out on Monday. You will need to return them by Friday 11th December. There will be a box to place them in by the school gate from next Wednesday.

Mrs Chattell recently ran a competition for the children to design a cover for the Hill and Dale Christmas Edition. Tyler won first prize in Key Stage 2 (picture above) and his illustration will appear on the front cover. Congratulations also to Skyelah for second prize, Bluebell for KS1 first prize and Rupert N runner up. Their designs will also appear in the publication. Also, the Hill and Dale judges would like to mention Yooku and Elsie for their lovely designs.

Have a lovely weekend and stay 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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