



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term Issue 6 8 April 2022

Dear Parents and members of the school community,

I hope this newsletter finds your family well and looking forwards to some time together over the Easter break.

Despite the challenges that continue to dominate with Covid, it's been an incredibly positive term for our school community. We've seen the return of inter school sports events and our older children also had a successful residential visit. Next term we also look forward to class educational visits, which the teachers have already planned. We have a date for our Sports Day at Brighton Hill Community School where parents will be allowed to attend and cheer the children on. This will be on Monday 20th June (weather permitting) so please keep the day free.

In May, our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs exams. This will be the first cohort sitting SATs since 2019. This week the children did their mock SATs and they have made good progress since September. However, there are still gaps to fill and we want the best for your children, so I do ask Year 6 parents to support us and ensure the children spend a little bit of time on the Easter revision work that Mrs Montgomerie and Mrs Hussey have given them. A reminder that SATs week for Year 6 begins Monday 9th May.

Year 2 also have SATs in May but these are less like exams. However, the children have been given some small packs of work to complete over the holiday and everyone please keep up with reading.

Councillor Visits School



On Tuesday, Councillor Juliet Henderson visited the school. Juliet is the councillor for The Candovers, Oakley and Overton which covers the villages local to the school of Cliddesden, Farleigh Wallop and Ellisfield. It was Councillor Henderson's first visit to the school and she was very impressed by the enthusiasm and positive energy of the children and the commitment by the staff. Year 5 pupils Tyler and Olivia gave her a tour around the school and she met with myself and other staff members. Juliet commented:

"I very much enjoyed my visit. You have created a wonderful environment for Children and Staff.

I so enjoyed hearing about your experiences in education and insight. Olivia and Tyler were wonderful guides and shone a light on pupils' confidence in their school. I would love to come back!"

Holidays in Term time

Over the past year the school has been very understanding and lenient regarding holidays during term time. This is because, for the main, they have involved visiting friends and family that the children hadn't been able to see during the pandemic, particularly those overseas.

Now that life is back to closer to normal than it has been over the past two years, we need to tighten up regarding absence, especially as it is still likely that children may continue to need to be absent due to Covid.

So please do not book any holidays during term as they will not be authorised and you may be subject to a penalty fine unless there is an exceptional reason for your request.

Details on attendance can be found at <https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/attendance> We thank you for your support in this matter.

Clubs

There will be no clubs the first week back after Easter apart from Tuesday morning **Street-dance** which will begin at 8am on the 26th April. Please book at <https://www.edcdance.co.uk/join-us>. Bookings for this before school club are now being taken.

Next term we will be running the following after school Clubs, beginning in May. Details on how to pay, book and which days the clubs will be on will be sent out during the first week of new term:

STEM Science Club (Mrs Verwoerd)- For years FS, 1 and 2 only

KS2 Art Club (Mrs Verwoerd) - For Years 3, 4,5 and 6 children only

KS2 Football Club (Saints Foundation) - For Years 3,4,5 and 6 only

KS1 Football Club (Mr Davies) - For Years FS, 1 and 2 only

Cricket Club (Premier Education) - For Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

Please be aware that these clubs can only take place if sufficient numbers sign up. Also, there are maximum numbers for clubs so once the club is announced, book early to avoid disappointment. We encourage both boys and girls in all our clubs. There is a charge for clubs but the school subsidises children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding. We keep our clubs to specific age ranges in order to deliver activities that are suited to particular age groups. We understand that it is difficult for parents with siblings of different ages but we cannot provide child care. As we are a small school

with limited space it is often not possible to run more than one club at a time.



We are pleased to announce that Debs will be back with us in **June** and we will restart Wake-Up club on her return.

Hockey Tournament

This week we held our intra-school Hockey tournament. We always finish the half of term with a competition between the houses in the sport we have been practising

in our PE lessons. Congratulations to Ellisfield House who won the KS1 competition and to Hackwood House who were the KS2 winners.

School Dinners

From the start of the summer term, school dinners will be £2.60 for those children in KS2 who are not eligible for free meals. Please can we also remind parents that school dinners should always be paid for in advance to avoid debt.

End of Term messages

We sadly say goodbye to Jessica in Year 2 today. Her family are moving out of the Basingstoke area due to work. We wish her all the best at her new school and wish the family well in their new home. This morning I toured a family around the school who have children who will be starting with us in June. It is pleasing to see the continued popularity of the school.

To all parents and carers - we thank you for your continued partnership and support of our school. We are very appreciative of your understanding and kindness - particularly when we have faced unprecedented absence with staff and children owing to Covid. Have a lovely, safe and healthy Easter holiday. Monday 25th April is an INSET day so staff only will be in school. The first day of the summer term is Tuesday 26th April 2022.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

Message from Hampshire NHS

All children aged 5-11 will now be eligible for their first jabs as the COVID-19 programme rolls the vaccine out across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The vaccine is a specially developed paediatric version for children. Parents are able to access the vaccine through vaccination centres, local pharmacies and GPs.

There has been an overwhelming response from parents who would like to vaccinate their children and teams across Hampshire and Isle of Wight are working hard to provide additional capacity.

Parents are able to find their nearest vaccination site via the NHS website, by calling 119 or by calling the Hampshire and Isle of Wight COVID-19 helpline on 0300 561 0018 which can help find and book slots or direct you to your nearest walk-in.

New sites and vaccination slots are uploaded all the time so please check regularly.

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