



Headteacher's Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 4

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Dear Parents and members of the school community,



Last week I was lucky enough to accompany Chestnut Class on their educational visit to The Farleigh Wallop Estate. On this countryside awareness day, the children learned about the work on the estate; such as growing cereal crops, farming sheep and keeping bees.

They also saw some of the large farm

machinery, did some leaf printing in the gardens and had a display from the woodmen, as the estate also has a large commercial woodland. We walked to the farm along The Drove, clocking up four miles in total there and back! The weather was good for the visit and all the children had a great day of outdoor learning.



Football

On Wednesday our Year 5/6 Football Team travelled to North Baddesley Junior School for the first round of the Hampshire Cup. There were several players new to the team and a few who had played for us last season. It was evident from kick off that North Baddesley were the stronger team and they scored very early on. At half time it was 6-1 to the opposition, but our team still held their heads high and were eager to play a more competitive second half. Goals flew in from both teams in this half and the final result was 10-5 to North Baddesley. Despite our defeat and bowing out of the cup, I was very pleased with the overall performance and the fair play shown by Cliddesden. We now look forward to playing some friendly games against local schools later this academic year.

Sports Leaders

Our sports leaders in Year 6 are doing a great job in school. Every Friday morning some of them attend wake-up club and help Debs with the activities. This week I gave them a new role to referee football at playtime football. I love to see the children being active at playtime and we have several sports going on as well as our outdoor gym, including basketball that along with Debs lessons, has become very popular. However, injuries from flying balls have been an issue. Rather than banning football, we have established some new rules that require the ball to be played along the floor as much as possible and the sports leaders ensure the rules are adhered to.

Harvest Festival

Next week is Harvest Week at Cliddesden. Each child may bring in unlimited produce throughout the week. There will be a table in the playground each morning to place your donations.

- Monday 3rd October - Tinned items e.g. baked beans, canned vegetables, rice pudding
- Tuesday 4th October - Any items in packets e.g. crackers, cereal, instant mash
- Wednesday 5th October - Fresh fruit and vegetables

- Thursday and Friday 6th/7th October - Other fresh produce - breads and cakes

We appreciate any donations that you can make.

This year we will send all the tinned and packet items to the food bank <https://basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk/> and then the children will be able to purchase the cakes, breads, fruit and vegetables at the sale on Friday afternoon.

For the Friday sale please send money (£2 maximum) in a named envelope or purse along with a named carrier bag to hold their purchases. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to the charity the Pupil Parliament decide on.



Some of our children have allergies to certain products that will be in the sale. Some donations of 'free from' products would be welcomed. Please give these straight to the office so they can be kept separately. Thank you.

Parents Evening

We are very pleased to be holding our parent consultation evenings face to face in school this term. These will be on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October. For many parents this will be the first time you will have had one in school. Each meeting is 10 minutes long and we ask you to respect these timings as over running meetings result in the next parents being delayed for their meeting. However, you will have plenty of time to come into the school hall and view your children's work. Please enter via The Link entrance at the top of the playground. The main entrance and Willow gate will be closed. The school will close at 7pm. **Bookings will be taken next week and details on how to book will be sent out on Monday.**

Admin Officer

Next Friday we sadly say goodbye to Ms Jayne Bonner in the office. Jayne is starting a new role as Office Manager at an equine veterinary practice, which with her passion for horses seems very appropriate. Jayne has been an outstanding Admin Officer and has introduced new organisation systems in the school office. We will miss her and thank her for all she has done at our school, and wish her all the best in her new job. We have already had quite a few applications for her position and will be shortlisting after the closing date next Friday.

Parent Governors

We had three applicants for three available spaces for parent governors, so no election was needed. We welcome the experienced Jake Dovey for his second term as a governor and new members Roben Leonard and David Turnbull to our governing body.

I wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

To view 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