



Headteacher's Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 6

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Dear Parents and members of the school community,

The children have all settled back into what promises to be another busy and exciting remainder of the term. We have a Dance teacher taking all the classes for Dance in PE over the next few weeks. Also, on the 15th November, Gaspard Zamble will be visiting the school for a day of African Dance and Drumming. The older children will remember him from his visit in 2019. Willow and Beech class will soon be rehearsing for their Nativity which at long last will be a live showing.



Kylie Grimes Visit

Just before the half term break we had a visit from gold medal winning Paralympian Kylie Grimes along with Leon from Sports for Schools.

The children all had an amazing time completing their energetic, sponsored circuits with Leon and Kylie who were also supported by our Sports Leaders.

We are really pleased to announce that your wonderful children raised the astonishing amount of **£2,440** through their sponsors.

The school will get 60% of this amount minus costs, towards our PE and sports budget and we will be deciding along with our sports leaders on how this should be spent. You can read all about the event on our website at <https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/events-2022-2023/october-2022/paralympian-kylie-grimes>

Ambulance Visit

Having just completed their History study about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole, Beech Class could compare how patients were treated during the Crimean War with how they are treated now supported by modern ambulances.

They enjoyed the flashing lights and sirens and had the opportunity to explore the ambulance and ask Mr Montgomerie lots of questions. Thank you to Mr Montgomerie for bringing your ambulance in for us to see.



PE Requirements

This half term we have employed a dance instructor to teach across the school on a Tuesday. The feedback from children and parents has been really positive and we are looking at employing more specialist teachers to enhance the curriculum in the coming terms.

Ms Costen continues to teach PE on a Thursday and Friday. This half term the focus is on gymnastics. For health and safety reasons the children need to wear shorts or tight-fitting leggings. As it is getting colder jogging bottoms should be worn over them but they would need to be removed for the gymnastics lesson.

Long hair needs to be tied up and any ear rings are removed or covered before the children come to school.

Thank you,
Laura Robinson
PE Leader

Friends of Cliddesden Primary

Hello from Friends! We have some exciting events to look forward to in the next couple of months which will be announced very shortly in our quarterly newsletter, so keep an eye on our facebook page and your inboxes. At our AGM held on Thursday 6th October, our Deputy Chair - Marie Chandler stepped down, we appointed a new Deputy and would like to welcome Claire Foster-Mann to the role. Claire has been a committee member since May of this year and has been a valued member ever since and we wish her well in her new role. That's all from Friends for now.

Diary Dates

Please make a note of the diary dates for this term. Further details of each event will follow.

Friday 18th November - Be Bright Be Seen Day - non-uniform, wear bright colours and accessories
£1 donation for Children in Need

Thursday 1st December - Friends School Discos - FS/KS1 3:30pm to 4:30pm KS2 4:45pm to 6pm

Friday 9th December - Friends Secret Sale and non-uniform 'Dress for Christmas' Day

Monday 12th December 10am - Rock to The Beat Concert

Tuesday 13th December - FS and KS1 Nativity 2pm

Wednesday 14th December - FS and KS1 Nativity 9:30 am

Thursday 15th December - Christmas Dinner and Class Parties

Friday 16th December - Pantomime for the children only and last day of term. School finishes at 2pm.

Parent Workshops

We are planning parent workshops where you are invited to come into school to join your children with an aspect of their learning. Due to this term being very busy in the run up to Christmas we will be holding these in the Spring and Summer Terms.

Gymnastics Club

We will be starting a before school Gymnastics club next Thursday. Details were sent on a flyer earlier today.

Remembrance Day

As ever we will be honouring this day with a special assembly. The school will not be selling Poppy related accessories this year as our contact has now retired.

Website

Don't forget that each week on the website class pages there is a round up of what the children having been learning in the week.

Have a great weekend. If you are going to a firework display or bonfire night please stay safe. Here is some safety information you may wish to share with your children.

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63475482

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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