



Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear Parents and members of the school community,



Today we say goodbye to Mrs Linda Hardy our school cook. Linda has worked at Cliddesden since 2008 and must have cooked and served up thousands upon thousands of hot meals and picnics. We will miss Linda and wish her all the best in her retirement.

We will have a temporary cook, Mrs Woodman, in school next term until a new one is appointed, so school meals will continue as usual.

We also say farewell and good luck to Miss Katey Newman who is a student teacher who completed her final placement in Oak Class. Miss Newman will start her teaching career at a school in Reading in September. We wish her all the best and thank her for her time here.

Our sports teams have been in action this term in several different competitions. Earlier this month we saw the conclusion of the Tag Rugby Norman League. We went into the final meeting 8 points clear at the top and all to play for in what we knew would be a challenging finale. Rucstall school were in second place but had a game in hand over us. In our first match we drew with Rucstall 3-3 after being 3-1 up with only minutes to go. This made things very tense for our final two games. We watched Rucstall beat Hatch Warren, not once but twice, reducing the gap in points between them and ourselves. We were victorious against Hatch Warren with two tries to one but then had to face the much improved Rucstall again. It was a nail biting close match that was 2-2 until the last minute. Then Rucstall were awarded a free ball right near the touchline for a foul we conceded and scored in the last action of play.



We had to wait for the scores and points to be totalled up, but I am glad to say that Cliddesden narrowly won the league by 2 points. This is only the second time we have won the league, the first being in 2017. Well done to the whole squad from Years 5 and 6. We will be presented the Norman League cup at Overton Rugby Club at the finals in May where we will play against the champions from the other 7 leagues.

Our Girls Rugby team also played in a tournament at Hurstbourne Tarrant School. They won, drew and lost a game respectively.

Our Netball team played in the Basingstoke finals and came in a respectable fourth place, losing to Woolton Hill in the semi-finals. Well done to all who played.

Congratulations to Amberley, in Oak Class, who represented Cliddesden Primary School at the British School's Modern Biathlon Championships held near Birmingham.



She originally qualified in 108th place of the 118 that did qualify and she finished 69th out of the 97 who competed. She got a personal best in both her 50m swim and her 800m run, knocking 8 seconds off her swim and 6 seconds off her run, improving her score by 315 points.



Amberley also had a cracking day at the Winter Tri Championships, she came 8th out of 51 in her age group of girls from the whole of the UK. She's only just gone into this group and some of the others in the group will be 2 years older. The fact she's only just recovered from her buckle fracture to her wrist adds to this achievement, especially as a she was still in pain only a few days

before and training was on hold because of it.

She achieved 960/1000 in the shoot, a personal best in her run (1000m in 4.04 mins) and another in her swim (130m in 2 mins).

Governor News

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent Parent Survey. The governors will analyse the findings at the next committee meeting and publish the outcomes and feedback there after. Remember you can find out more information about our governors and their strategic plan on the community page on our school website. <https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/community>

Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the King's Coronation. There will be a special 'English High Tea' Picnic Meal (details next term) and we will mark the occasion with a non-uniform day. The theme will be 'dress to go to a coronation party', so party dresses and frocks, wedding suits, shirts, jackets and ties or anything that looks smart and official.

Term Dates

Dates for the academic year 2023/24 are now on the website in virtual office, including INSET days. <https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/school-term-and-holiday-dates-1>

Remember, please do not book holidays during term time. They will be unauthorised absences and you may have to pay a penalty fine to HCC.

Dates to Note

- Monday 17th April is an INSET day. Staff only are in school that day. The Summer Term begins on Tuesday 18th April.
- Monday 1st and Monday 8th May are Bank Holidays.
- Year 6 SATs week Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May.
- Monday 19th June - Sports Day at BHCS
- Monday 3rd July is an INSET day. Staff only are in school that day.
- Monday 17th July - Oak Class Production
- Friday 21st July -Last day of the summer term.

Notices from the School Office

Communications

After Easter we will use Arbor to send all our emails and text messages. If you have had trouble receiving messages, please log in to the Arbor App or portal and check that your details are correct. You can download the app from the Apple or Google Playstores, you can log in to the website at login.arbor.sc. Please contact the school office if you would like us to resend your log-in details. If your details are correct and you are still not receiving messages please check your junk email folder.

Dinner money

If you pay for school meals please make sure your child's dinner money account is in credit or as a balance of £0 by the Monday 17th April. Payments can be made online using Scopay or with cash in the school office.

Happy Easter!

It has been what seems a long but productive term and the children and staff have all worked hard. I wish all our families a happy, safe and restful Easter Holiday.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

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