



Headteacher's Newsletter

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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community

Our Year 6 pupils leave us today for a well-deserved summer break and then their onward journey to secondary school. Once again, this year's cohort have all achieved so much, not just academically but also, they have shown increasing

maturity over the year and have become confident young citizens, ready for the new challenges ahead of them.

We gave them a good send-off over the last few days with a very special graduation assembly where we celebrated the children's individual achievements as well as those they achieved as a class. They also had water fight in the playground after convincing me this would be a great reward!

Today we had a very emotional assembly, not just to say goodbye to Year 6 but also to say farewell to the wonderful Mrs Smith. The children presented cards and messages of thanks to Mrs Smith and sang some beautiful songs to her, ones that she new well and are special in our school. By the end of the assembly there was hardly a dry eye in the hall.

I would like to say my personal thank you to Mrs Smith. She has been an exceptional teacher and leader in our school and I will dearly miss her. Her kindness towards the children is second to none and she also provided the staff with TLC when needed. As a colleague she made me feel welcome from day one and has been very supportive ever since, and worked so hard for the benefit of so many. I know how much parents appreciated Mrs Smith as she was showered with leaving gifts!

Despite losing Jane as a member of staff I respect her decision to retire and it is fully deserved. I know we will remain good friends as will all the staff and I am sure she will pop back to visit Cliddesden from time to time.





This week we were treated to Oak Class' performance of, *'Star Warts – The Umpire Strikes Back'*, a very amusing take on Star Wars and other Sci-Fi movies. All the children performed brilliantly and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the show. Well done to Mrs Montgomerie and Mrs Hussey and all of Oak Class for giving us a truly outstanding end of year production. Thank you also to the parents for attending our end of year events and being very supportive in your children's education. For those parents leaving us too, thank you for everything over the years and I wish you well.

I would like to thank all my staff for all their hard work this year and wish them all a very relaxing and happy summer holiday. I wish all the children and parents a lovely one too. Thank you for the lovely gifts I received from parents, I fully appreciate them.

A Message from Friends of CPS

As we are now at the end of the academic year we would like to thank everyone for supporting us at our events this year. From the Secret sale donations, cake and tombola donations for our Summer Fete and all the other bits in between, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Our Summer Fete & Family BBQ this year was a huge success, we saw over 200 people through the gates, 550 raffle tickets sold and a staggering £2000 raised for the School. This has only been possible by the support and generosity of our school community, and we cannot thank you enough. If you attended our Summer Fete we thank you for coming and hope you had a fun and enjoyable time.

A huge congratulations to those who won a prize in our raffle, the KIA raffle and name the teddy competition, we do hope you enjoy your prizes.

We also would like to thank Mr Hemphrey, our ever-helpful caretaker for all his help with lugging equipment around the school for us, storing this and that, and being there to help! Thank you.

Apart from the Summer fete we have been busy supporting the educational needs of the school, from purchasing new gardening gloves for the gardening club, new resources for classes such as storage units, new monster phonics books, a PA system for use at Sports Day and Summer Fete and we will continue supporting the school's needs.

If anyone is interested in joining our committee then please drop us an email or facebook message, you do not have to commit to all meetings, just having new members makes light work in organising our events. Also, if you have any suggestions for any fundraising ideas then please do share them with us, send us an email or facebook message and we can discuss them at a meeting (or pop along and share your ideas with us in person 😊)

Lastly, we would like to wish all the Year 6's well with their new adventures! They have been superstars throughout their last year, in supporting the new Year R's, each other during their SATs week and working hard, have a fun summer break.

Well that's it from us until the new term, may we wish everyone a restful and fun Summer break, see you all in the new academic Year! TTFN.

Friends Committee

Siobhan, Hayley, Claire F-Mann, Claire N, Sue, Carol & Emma

Autumn Term

Friday 1st September is an INSET day and we are sharing safeguarding training with North Waltham at their school. The Autumn Term starts for the children on Monday 4th September with the new reception children starting on Wednesday 6th after home visits at the beginning of the week.

Clubs next term

Unfortunately, Premier Education are no longer running clubs in our area but I am currently looking to secure new providers. There will be Street Dance Club the first week back but other clubs will start later once confirmed. We will keep you updated the first week back.

Finally, in the words of Alice Cooper – ‘School’s Out for Summer’ - Have a wonderful Holiday!

Kenneth Davies

Headteacher



***Farewell and Good Luck to
all Our Year 6 Leavers :)
From all the Staff at
Cliddesden Primary School***



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