



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
Autumn Term Issue 1
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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community

A warm welcome back to the start of a new academic year at Cliddesden Primary School. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. All the children have settled in well to their classes and are ready for the new academic year. Next week we welcome our new early years (EYFS) children and their families.

Mrs Lavender is currently updating the website with new information and class pages. The class pages are not yet complete but next week's homework will be available to view on the pages by Monday. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher, they will be available after school every day next week apart from Wednesday when we have a staff meeting. Details of the days your child has PE are included in this newsletter.

You will have noticed there is a new installation in the playground. This is an outdoor gym, not general play equipment. The children were shown today how to use it properly and can enjoy it at playtimes, before school when a teacher is on duty and in PE lessons from next week.

Please note that the children must not use the outdoor gym after school as there is no staff supervision and younger pre-school siblings must not be allowed to use it before school either. The children have been told this but parents please be aware.

We thank Friends for contributing to the cost of this installation.

Below are the diary dates for this term. As ever there will be more added as we progress through the term.

Kenneth Davies

Headteacher

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM

Monday 9 th September	New Willow Class EYFS children start
Tuesday 24 th September	FRIENDS AGM 6:00pm at school
Wednesday 25 th September	Year 1 and 2 Educational Visit to Beaulieu Motor Museum Willow Class Early Years Phonics Meeting 6:00pm
Friday 27 th September	Y5/6 Football Team at Small Schools Tournament at Wide Lane, Southampton
Friday 4 th October	Harvest Sale

Monday 7 th October	Norman League Y5/6 Tag Rugby at Hatch Warren 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday 10 th October	Chestnut Class Educational Visit to Butser Ancient Farm
Friday 18 th October	Life Bus at school
Thursday 24 th October	FRIENDS Discos
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day staff only - School Closed
Monday 4 th November	Autumn 2 nd Half begins 8:45am
Wednesday 6 th November	Parents evening 3:30-7pm
Thursday 7 th November	Parents evening 3:30-7pm
Friday 22 nd and Friday 29 th November	Gifts drop for Secret Sale
Wednesday 11 th December	Salvation Army Carols 6pm
Friday 13 th December	Friends Secret Sale (Non-Uniform Day) Pantomime (pm)
Monday 16 th December	Willow and Beech Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Willow and Beech Nativity 9:15am
Wednesday 18 th and Thursday 19 th December	Friends Santa's Grotto after school
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Dinner Carol Singing 1:30pm End of term 2pm

Clubs starting next week.

- **Thursdays** - Premier Sports Dance Club - After school beginning 19th September (all ages)
- **Fridays** - Wake-Up Club run by Ms Costen - beginning 13th September 8-8:30am. Places need to be booked and are limited. Details will be sent out by Monday.

We are planning to run more after school clubs as the term progresses.

More diary dates will be added once confirmed and will appear in following newsletters and in diary dates on the website.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Our overall attendance last year dropped by 1%. Analysis show that more holidays during term time were taken. I wish to remind you that holidays taken in term time may not be authorised and may occur a fine. Hampshire County Council and school policy now states that if the unauthorised absence is for 10 or more sessions (5 days) in any 100 possible school sessions then a penalty notice for non-attendance will be issued. In order to raise our attendance figures the governing body and I will be taking on a stricter stance to discourage children taking term time holidays.

Leave for exceptional circumstances may be authorised under the Headteacher's discretion. If you wish to make a request for term time leave for your child you must complete the request form and a meeting may be held to discuss the application. I have included a link below to our attendance policy that explains in detail.

<http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/statutory-information/statutory-policies>

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

We are proud that Cliddesden takes part in many inter-school sports events and our sports teams have been very successful despite being a small school.

We rely on parent volunteers to help transport our children to these events and need new volunteers. If you are interested and able to help please contact the school office.

PE

Please note the days your child has PE this half of term

Willow - Mondays and Fridays

Beech - Mondays and Fridays

Chestnut - Wednesdays and Fridays

Oak - Tuesdays and Fridays

Please ensure your child has full PE kit on those days. PE is a curriculum statutory requirement and children who forget their kits will be sent a letter home. Some lessons are outside. Cliddesden PE hoodies are part of the school PE kit and all pupils are required to have one. They are available from Tesco and Skoolkit.

Please note that earrings are not part of school uniform and generally are not encouraged in primary school age pupils. During PE lessons earrings need to be removed.

If your child has earrings (studs) then please ensure they have some micropore tape in their PE kit bag so they can tape their ears for PE lessons OR have a small envelope/jewellery box in which to store their earrings during PE lessons.

<http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/virtual-office/school-uniform>

FRIENDS AGM

FRIENDS is a parent run charity organisation that plans and delivers fundraising events in school. It is a highly valued organisation that contributes not only to school financially but also promotes a strong community feel. FRIENDS will be holding their AGM on Tuesday 24th September at 6pm in school. Membership is open to all parents. If you are interested in joining and contributing, please come along to the meeting. There are vacancies for key positions in the group. If you are interested you can also speak to Alison Donnelly, who is the chair.

MORNING TIMES REMINDER

Please do not arrive at school before 8:15am. The playground is staffed from 8:15am in the morning, the office from 8:30am. Please remember that it is a good will measure to staff the playground from 8:15am and not a statutory requirement. On occasion there may be a reason for the staff member on duty to be a little late getting out. If this is the case you should remain with your child. Willow and Beech classes only are open at 8:30am. Registration is from 8:45 to 8:55am. Lessons start promptly after registration. Should you wish to speak to a teacher please do arrange an appointment with the office or see them in the playground after school. The link door will be closed after the children have been escorted to the playground at the end of the day. If you or your child needs to re-enter the building please ask a member of staff or call in at reception. All these measures are for the children's safety and I thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Lunches made by our Cook, Mrs Hardy, are free to Reception and KS1 pupils (Willow and Beech classes) but from 06/09/19 will cost **£2.40** per meal. Dinner money should be paid on the day the meal is taken or in advance. If your account is more than 1 week in arrears, a school lunch may not be provided until the debt is cleared. Cash or cheques (payable to HCC) are the only method of payment - these should be brought to the school office and placed in the red box just inside the office door or given to the class teacher to be placed in the register and sent to the office. Please state clearly on the outside of the envelope or the back of the cheque the name of child, amount enclosed and 'lunches'.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

If your child requires prescribed medicine including inhalers or epi-pens, please ensure these are brought into the school office and all paperwork completed. Thank you.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

There are a number of important letters that will be sent out next week in hard copy. One is the Home School Agreement that needs to be signed annually. Please ensure that all the signed documents are returned to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

- Home School Agreement
- Data Collection Sheet
- Medical Questionnaire
- Permission for school-held medicines to be administered.

SAFEGUARDING ADVICE

At Cliddesden we do not accept bullying in any form. Nationwide (not a school) there has been an increase in reported cases of cyberbullying. To avoid cases of cyber bullying please remember that children should be 13 or over to have Facebook, Instagram or similar social media accounts. We advise that children do not have access to computers in their bedrooms and that parents are aware when their children are using the internet. For useful advice please refer to our Family Internet Safety pages on our website or ask a member of staff.

To view diary dates and 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

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