



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
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Dear parents and members of the school community

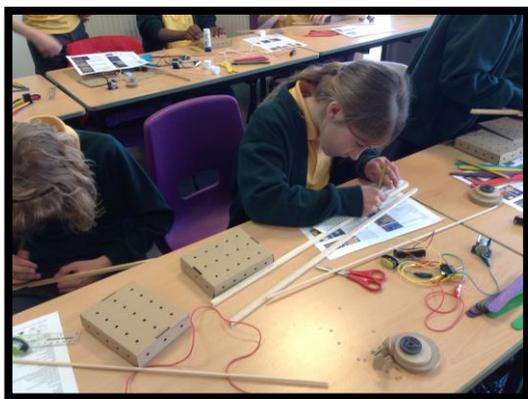
Thank you to everyone who attended our remote parent consultation evenings this week. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can have face to face meetings once again. While technology has been a vital and highly useful resource over this past year, it is no substitute for face to face meetings and in a few cases technical issues can arise.

For the future, when we do hold such meetings it is important to try to attend them as we designate this time for teachers which requires them to work late and it isn't really fair to ask them to hold additional meetings if parents were unable to attend. We feel it is very important for every parent to meet their child's teacher and we will do our best to arrange a meeting if you were unable to attend. We will of course, arrange a date and time for the few that had technical difficulties.

We are pleased to announce that we have started booking some educational visits for the next half of the term. Details of these will be sent out soon. For the visits we will be using hired transport and the children will be required to wear face masks when on the coach or bus as is the current law.

I am pleased to announce that it is planned that Year 5 will have swimming lessons in June and July and that we have booked a PGL residential for next March for the pupils who will be Years 5 and 6 in the 2021/22 academic year. More details will be sent out soon. We were sad to hear this week that The Privett Centre has closed down but we will look into an alternative venue for our Year 4 residential for next year.

We are still awaiting further guidance on what restrictions will be lifted in schools.



It is so pleasing to see some of the great learning that is happening at our school. Teachers are busy filling in the gaps with Maths and English and 'catch-up' interventions are taking place alongside normal lessons. We have been able to deploy some of our teachers and learning support assistants for part of the day to focus on the basic skills of reading, number, phonics and sentence structure.

We have also been able to continue our broad curriculum. Some examples are: In Willow Class the children are looking at life cycles and animals in Science and using the outside classroom to search for wildlife.

Beech Class have studied the Antarctic in geography and there are numerous penguins in the classroom!



In Chestnut the history focus is all

about The Titanic. Last week the class 'hot seated' Madeline Astor and Captain Smith from the doomed vessel. They asked lots of questions in order to find out what it was like on the ship before it met its tragic end.

In Design Technology Oak Class have been designing and making fairground rides using both battery and computer-controlled devices.

There is a lovely video of their designs on the Oak Class page of our website. www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/oak-class



Earlier this week Hampshire Music Service came into school to promote Rock2theBeat. These are music lessons which we intend to offer from September 2021 for pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. There will be a choice of voice, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or drum lessons. The children will learn popular songs that your child will love to play or sing as a member of a rock band. The programme is designed to develop instrumental/vocal and band skills as well as promote growth in confidence and wellbeing. The lessons will be in school but the children can take the instruments home to practise.

Two experienced music tutors will work with the children to provide either a weekly music skills lesson or a 40-minute rock band session and an end of term celebration concert for all parents.

The cost is £25 a month and includes all resources, a weekly lesson or rock band session and an end of term concert for parents and children. A flyer will be sent out to families with

children in the current Years 3, 4 and 5 and more information is available at:

<https://youtu.be/jBHLQ00yjPQ>

The sign up form is at:

<https://forms.gle/yf1BmUseJqgez4Vt5>

Hampshire Music Service provide our normal music lessons in school and we feel it is important to further support our county music service. We will no longer be using RockSteadyMusic but we hope we can get enough children taking up this great opportunity with Hampshire Music.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kenneth Davies

Headteacher

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