



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

It has been a wet and windy week here on top of the hill and we are all wondering when the summer will arrive? However, the children have all been working hard and getting outdoors as much as possible.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to adhere to our rules and wearing your face masks when on the school grounds. It is wonderful now that we can once again mix with another household and visit museums among a few other things, but we must remain vigilant as the pandemic is not over. This month there has still been a number of Covid-19 cases in Hampshire schools.

If your child has a cold or cough we ask that you keep them off school until they are better. We also continue to advise that if your child shows any of the symptoms that can be linked to Covid, like a high temperature or continuous cough, you get them tested whether by a lateral flow test or book a PCR test.

Important Forthcoming Dates to note:

You may recall that we cancelled the INSET day that was scheduled for the 1st April this year. We will not be adding an extra **full** INSET day into this academic year's calendar. However, we are using the allocated time to make changes to the timetable on two days in June and July.

Please note that Friday 2nd July remains an INSET day for staff training as planned. The school will not be open to pupils on this day.

Please make a note of these dates below and make your arrangements accordingly.

Sports Day - Friday 18th June 2021

We are delighted that Brighton Hill Community School are allowing us to hold our sports day at their school again this year. There was no sports day last year but on previous years we have used BHCS as our sports day venue. Our school field, although fine for playtimes in the summer months, is unsuitable for competitive sports activities.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions on large gatherings and BHCS risk assessment, parents are not permitted to attend the sports day. Although this may be a disappointment to some, the purpose of sports day is for the children to take part in a variety of athletic events and having this opportunity is highly beneficial for them.

The school day will be different due to ensuring movement around the BHCS site is kept safe and Covid secure. There will be a later start and earlier finish, so please make a note in your diaries. Drop off and pick up timings are below.

Morning Drop off at BHCS

Oak and Chestnut 9:45am

Willow and Beech 10:00am

Afternoon Pick up at BHCS

Willow and Beech 2:00pm

Oak and Chestnut 2:15pm

We encourage anyone who lives relatively near Brighton Hill School to walk to the venue, to avoid traffic. Alternatively, we suggest you park in the Asda car park and walk over to the school. The school car park will not be accessible to parents and the turning bay at the front of the school is small.

The school bus from the villages will still be running. It will pick up the children who use this service from 9:30am (Cliddesden Village first pick-up) and the return journey will leave from BHCS at 2:00pm.

(Please note that Sports Day will be dependent on the weather. A final decision will be made the day before if the weather is likely to be wet. If it is cancelled you will be notified and the school day will remain as normal. However, if your sports day arrangements cannot be changed we will understand and your child will not be marked as late.)

Half-Day Thursday 8th July 2021

The school will be closing at 12:00noon. This is so we can invite our new starter families into school for their 'Little Acorns' transition.

There will be no school dinners provided that day and pick up times, if still staggered by then, will be:

Oak and Chestnut - 12:00pm

Willow and Beech - 12:10pm

Should restrictions still be in place that will not allow us to have the transition meeting, the school will still close at midday and staff training will take place in the afternoon.

Friday 18th July 2021 - Sports Day

Friday 2nd July 2021 - INSET day

Thursday 8th July 2021 - Half Day for transition/training purposes

Swimming for Year 5

This will start on Mondays from 21 June until Monday 19 July 2021.

PGL Osmington Residential trip for current year 4 and year 5 children is now open for deposit payment online using SCOPAY. The final amount is yet to be decided as we are awaiting information from coach companies to see which is the best option.

HC3S

As from Monday 7 June 2021, just for the second half of the summer term, Mrs Hardy will be offering a picnic menu along with the menu you already have. The suggested menu will be sent as an attachment with this newsletter.

Marwell Zoo trip for Willow and Beech Classes

You will be receiving a letter regarding a planned trip for the KS1 classes. Please note that we prefer online payment and so you need to register for this using the access code you will be sent in a separate email letter from the school office. If you have more than one child then you can put them all on the same account.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

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