



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
Summer 2nd Half Issue 1
11 June 2021

Dear parents and members of the school community

It has been a lovely week here at Cliddesden with the sun shining for the most part. This has enabled the children to enjoy their packed lunches and picnic lunches outdoors.

Sports Day

Next Friday is sports day at Brighton Hill and the good weather looks to continue. A reminder of drop off and pick up times:

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

The school bus from the villages will still be running. It will pick up the children who use this service from 9:30 am (Cliddesden Village first pick-up) and the return journey will leave from BHCS at 2:00pm. If your children are eligible to use the bus please email the office by mid-morning on Tuesday 15th June stating whether they will be using the service on Sports Day.

On Monday we will send out all the other details you will need to know such as lunches etc.

Educational visits

We are beginning to start educational visits once again. All visits will require the children travelling on hired transport. **All children will need to wear a face mask on the coaches** so please can you provide these as we only have adult sizes in school.

The first of our educational visits is for Willow and Beech classes this coming Wednesday 16th June. Please note that the school car park will be shut during pick up times to allow for the coach to park. We ask that parents park either in the 'overflow' carpark or on the lane past the school in the direction of Ellisfield. Please do not park on the lane before the school entrance as this will block access for the coach. This may be the case in the morning too if the coach arrives early.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be here on Tuesday 15th June. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. If they have PE on Tuesday (Oak and Chestnut classes) they should, just for this week, bring their PE kit to get changed into.

Sibling photos will be taken this year but we cannot allow photos with siblings who have not started school yet or have already left, due to our covid-19 restrictions.

Covid Update

The news is not currently looking promising. Five local primary schools have unfortunately had to close 'bubbles' this week due to Covid. In one of these, where I know the Headteacher well, the children were asymptomatic; this is where lateral flow testing can help.

My message is just to keep vigilant and to reassure you that in school we are continuing to minimise risk where we are able. Again, I cannot stress how **strongly** we recommend twice weekly lateral flow testing for you and your children. We do insist that should you or your child show any symptoms, even if mild, that you keep your child off school until tested and a negative result received. Thank you for your support.

Retirement

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to Mr and Mrs Sumner who will be retiring. They have worked as School Caretaker and Early Years Teaching Assistant respectively for many years at Cliddesden. They had planned to retire a year ago but with the pandemic decided to stay on until things 'settled down'. Mr Andrew Sumner was a godsend when we reopened the school last summer and played a highly pro-active part in getting the school ready and assisting me with risk assessments. He has been a superb caretaker and will be sorely missed. Mrs Karen Sumner has been an exceptional LSA and has seen countless children pass through the school and will be missed by us all too.

We also sadly say goodbye to Mrs Christine Taylor at the end of the month. She also put her retirement on hold and has stayed on to help us through the pandemic. Mrs Taylor has worked across the school as an LSA and currently supports 1:1 interventions in Oak Class.

The staff are organising and contributing to a collection for Andrew, Karen and Christine. If any parents would like to contribute please drop your contribution into the office in a sealed envelope.

Staffing for next year will be published in a later newsletter.

Diary Dates

We will be adding some more dates to our July calendar including current EYFS parent consultation appointments soon, but please make note of the following:

- **School Photographer - Tuesday 15th June 2021**
- **Marwell Educational Visit for Willow and Beech - Wednesday 16th June 2021**
- **Sports Day - Friday 18th June 2021**
- **Sea City Museum Visit for Chestnut Class - Tuesday 22nd June 2021**
- **INSET day - Friday 2nd July 2021 - School closed to pupils**
- **Half Day for transition/training purposes - Thursday 8th July 2021**
- **Gordon Brown Centre Visit for Year 6 - Friday 9th July 2021**
- **Friends of Cliddesden Virtual Music Quiz - Friday 9th July 6:30pm**
- **Swimming for Year 5 - This will start on Mondays from 21 June until Monday 19 July**
- **Last day of term - Friday 23rd July 2021**

Term Dates for the academic year 2021-2022

We have now confirmed our INSET days for next year and our term dates are as follows:

Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 2 September - INSET Day (Staff only) school closed to pupils

Friday 3 September - INSET Day (Staff only) school closed to pupils

Monday 6 September First Day of Autumn 1

Wednesday 8 September - First day for new EYFS pupils

Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October - Half Term Holiday - school closed

Monday 1 November - First Day Autumn 2

Friday 17 December - End of Autumn Term for pupils 2:30pm

Monday 19 December to Monday 3 January - Christmas Holiday - school closed

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 January - INSET Day (Staff only) school closed to pupils

Wednesday 5 January - First Day of Spring 1

Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February - Half Term Holiday - school closed

Monday 28 February - First day of Spring Term 2

Friday 8 April - End of Spring Term for pupils 3:15pm

Monday 11 April to Friday 22 April - Easter Holiday - school closed

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25 April - INSET Day (Staff only) school closed to pupils

Tuesday 26 April First day of Summer Term 1

Monday 2 May - Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June - Half Term Holiday - school closed

Monday 4 July- INSET Day (Staff only) school closed to pupils

Friday 22 July - End of Summer Term for pupils (3:15pm)

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Kenneth Davies
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To view 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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