



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

This week we said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Nye who is now working at 'Let's Go', an organisation that supports schools and parents who have children with Down Syndrome. She started this new role a while back but stayed on to help us while Ms Hawkins recuperates from a complicated surgery procedure. Mrs Nye's children remain in school so we will still see her every day.

Chestnut Class also said farewell to Ms Graydon who has been working with the class for the past year. Ms Graydon has completed a Schools Direct trainee teaching course at Cliddesden and has now qualified as a teacher. She will start as a full time NQT at Winklebury Infants in September. We would all like to say thank you to Ms Graydon and congratulations in passing her course and securing a teaching job.

On Monday, Mrs Wood, who worked at the school a few years back, starts as a Special Needs Assistant at Cliddesden. Mrs Wood will be working 1:1 with a child in Oak Class. We welcome Mrs Wood back to the school.

It was a joy to see coaches driving up to Cliddesden again to take our children on educational visits. These are just some of the things we have missed over the past 16 months.



Chestnut Class visited The Sea City Museum in Southampton to enrich their History study unit on the Titanic. They had a tour of the exhibits and then took part in workshops. This included the opportunity to look at and hold artefacts from the Titanic, trying to guess what each one was and

what it was used for. Then they had the challenge of deciding who we would put on the lifeboats, making sure the women and children were on first and there was a crew member to row.



Willow and Beech Classes visited Marwell Zoo on one of the warmest days this year so far (there haven't been many of them yet!). The animals were also out enjoying the sunshine, so they were lucky to see lots of them. The children were very excited to see the sloth, he was very tricky to spot but the keeper helped them. They learnt lots of new facts, such as why giraffe's tongues are black and zebras aren't always black and white. The children loved spotting their favourite animals and were very knowledgeable. You can read more about both visits on our website in the events pages.

Website

Our Website has a new look! It has been redesigned to look more modern and navigation around the site is easier. You will find all the usual pages on the website, just with a clearer more modern layout. It also features a translation page which allows you to read the information in around 90 different languages. To use this feature, click the globe icon in the right-hand corner.

<https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/>



New Outdoor Gym

The children are loving the new outdoor gym equipment which was paid for from our sports funding. The final pieces were installed this week. Not only does it give the children more to do at playtimes, it also builds their strength and fitness. Yesterday I sent out our covid-safe measures for using the equipment.

Have a lovely and safe weekend everybody.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

Diary Dates

- Willow Class Parent Cloud meetings - Thursday 1st July
- 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
- Sports Day for Children Only - Friday 16th July (normal school times)
- Last day of term - Friday 23rd July 2021

There may be further Year 6 leavers events TBC

Term Dates for the academic year 2021-2022

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

Thursday 21 July - End of Summer Term for pupils (3:15pm)* TBC

*Due to the recently announced double bank holiday in June, which falls during the school holiday, HCC are allocating an extra day's holiday during term time. It is most likely to be added on at the end of the summer term.

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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