



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

Autumn is here and we are very pleased to announce that this year we will be able to have our Harvest Sale once again. This is where we ask the children to bring in food donations over a week. The tinned and packet food is donated to the Basingstoke Food Bank and the fresh and perishable foods are sold at our Harvest Sale. The proceeds from the sale are donated to a charity chosen by the children.

Our Harvest Sale will be on Friday 8th October and donations can be brought in from Monday 4th October. A letter will go out explaining this in more detail next week.

This week we have resumed our whole school assemblies as we feel it is safe to do so. We make sure the hall is well ventilated. It is a joy to have all the children celebrating and reflecting together.

While being all back together for playtimes and other aspects of school life is wonderful, for some children it can be challenging after a year and a half of disruption. So, we are doing everything to remind them of our school values and help build their social skills.

Please can I remind parents that after school the children are not allowed on any of the school equipment. For safety reasons there has to be a member of staff on duty. In assembly today, I have also reminded the children about this rule.

This week I have also spoken to the children who walk to the village hall. I have explained that they must be sensible at all times, to remember that they are very fortunate to go to school in such a lovely location and must be respectful to the community. I am confident my message has been understood.

At our Governing Body meetings on Wednesday evening, we said goodbye and thank you to Reverend Stephen who has resigned due to taking retirement. Stephen has been a governor at the school for nine years, was the Chair for five years, and has been very pro-active in school-life. His final assembly at school will be next week when the children will be able say a proper goodbye and thank him for his commitment to Cliddesden.

We have been blessed with late summer weather since returning to school. Looking ahead it seems more autumnal weather is approaching. Please ensure your children are dressed for colder and wetter weather when it arrives.

Please take time to read the following notices, and I wish you a pleasant and safe weekend.

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

Notices from the Office

Willow and Beech class pupils have already been sent their envelopes - thank you to those who have already returned their completed forms. Chestnut and Oak class pupils will be bringing home envelopes this afternoon. They will include the following.

- Data Collection Sheets

This is the information you have given us for your child, yourself and any emergency contacts. Please check this carefully so we know we have accurate phone numbers etc, sign, date and return the form.

- Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Please start looking to fill your shoeboxes as soon as possible, noting the types of contents that are permitted. We will be collecting them in school from next week and the Rotary Club will be taking them all at some point during the w/c 18 October 2021.

- Parent Governor Vacancy

We will start the formal application process very soon for our parent governor vacancy but there is a leaflet being sent out to gather interest from current parents. Further information is available if you would like to discuss this role with the school.

- Home School Agreement

This is sent out every year at the start of the academic year to remind you and your children of the expectations of being a pupil/family at Cliddesden Primary School. Please read through this leaflet with your child and perhaps other members of your family so you are equipped to help your child through their primary school years.

Bags in school

We are now allowing bags in school for children to bring in PE kits and essential items. However, some of the bags and rucksacks being brought in are very large and there is not sufficient room in our cloakrooms. As you know, space is limited.

We ask that children's bags should be of a size only that fits what they need. We do recommend the draw string PE bags that you get from Skoolkit etc, but any small bag will do.

Please remember to add your child's name to every item brought to school. It is stressful for children and staff when items are mislaid and there are no names to identify them.

FREE gardening equipment for your school

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

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