



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

We welcomed everyone back to school this week after what I hope was an enjoyable summer holiday for all. A further welcome to all our new families who have joined the school community.

On Wednesday our new foundation stage children had their first day in school. Already they are very settled and Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Robinson are so impressed with their confidence and independence. A great start to their school days.

We are back to near normality in school now and it is wonderful to see all the children able to play together once again. The older children are being wonderful helping the younger ones settle back in. It feels like a proper school again!

We must still be on our guard and there are precautions that we still need to take so regular handwashing and cleaning is taking place. We are all hoping things can continue like this but it is worth familiarising yourselves with our risk assessment and contingency plan that can be found on our website. <https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/covid19-1>

Clubs will begin again this term. KS2 Football Club with Southampton Saints has already started on a Monday. Wake-Up Club will resume on a Friday morning next week and details will be sent out soon. Street Dance will resume for Years 1 to 6 and a flyer on how to book has gone out with this newsletter. There have been changes at Premier Sports and Faye is unable to allocate us an after school Street Dance Club at the moment. She has assured me that Cliddesden is top of her list for when an instructor becomes available. Until then the club will be before school from 8:00 to 8:45am on Tuesday mornings.

We also plan to run some other clubs and are working on this right now.

We officially welcome Mr Rob Hemphrey our caretaker to the school. He began his employment at Cliddesden before the summer and has done an amazing job of preparing the school over the holidays. We also welcome Mrs Jenny Busby to the team. Mrs Busby is a lunchtime assistant and is also temporarily working part time 1:1 with a child in Chestnut Class.

Over the past year we have had a few families move from the school. This is due, only, to them leaving the Basingstoke area. The pandemic and ability to work from home seems to have resulted in more families across the country moving to more rural and coastal settings.

This means for the first time in a while, our school is not at full capacity. We currently have spaces in Years 2, 5 and 6. If you do know anyone with children in these current year groups who are looking for a school please encourage them to consider Cliddesden.

Homework tasks are set for all pupils and a timetable is produced weekly on our website class pages. It is an expectation that all our children complete their homework. The tasks are short and support and reinforce the learning that we do in school. It also prepares our children for secondary school, even if they are still only in Key Stage 1. We ask that you support the school and your child's learning by ensuring they do their best to complete the work we set. The Home School Agreement will be sent out next week which we expect all families to read through, with their children, before it is signed as an agreement please.

We are able to welcome volunteers back into school. We are currently looking for a parent volunteer to help run the school library and we always welcome volunteers to hear our younger children read. If you are interested in giving up a couple of hours a week to help out in school, please call the school office staff.

#### Lunches

Please note that school lunches cost £2.50 per day for children in Years 3-6. We prefer these to be paid online and an access code can be sent to you again if you request it from the school office.

#### Oak Class PGL residential visit

The next instalment of £60 is due this week - please pay online as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

#### Data Collection Sheets

Each pupil will be bringing home an envelope next week which will contain various items that you need to read, sign and return please. This includes the Data Collection Sheet which contains all the data we hold on our system for your child regarding emergency contacts, telephone numbers, addresses etc. It is important that you check carefully that the information we hold is accurate, you amend where necessary, sign the paper and return it to the school office (via your child's class teacher) as soon as possible.

Diary dates for the term will be added to our website soon and we shall as always keep you informed.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

*Kenneth Davies*  
*Headteacher*

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](http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)

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