



Cliddesden Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 8 17th December 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in the final week of the autumn term and the countdown to Christmas is truly here.

Today and tomorrow our younger children perform their nativity play to the parents and guests. The dress rehearsal last week was excellent and I am sure all who watch the performances will enjoy them.

The children will be having their Christmas parties later on this week and we thank you for your donations to help with the cost. Please remember that the children need to bring their party clothes in a bag with their name on to change into for the afternoon. On Friday the children will have a special end of term assembly and then their Christmas lunch before we end the day with a few carols in the Hall.

Last week our school choir gave two delightful performances in the wider community. On Wednesday they sang for the residents at Newman Court and performed again on Thursday at Chineham Tesco. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport, those who came along to support and to Mrs Stores, our choir leader.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Benzeval who leaves us on Friday. Mrs Benzeval has been at Cliddesden for over two years working in Willow Class and is taking up a post at Dandelions Nursery in January. We thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future.

Miss Shrubbs will be carrying out a placement at North Waltham Primary for the first half of next term and fellow Schools Direct trainee Miss Jones will be joining us for her placement which will be in Oak Class. Later in the term we will also be joined by Miss Kingham, a final year student teacher from Winchester University. Miss Kingham will be working in Beech Class alongside Mrs Smith and Mrs Chattell.

A reminder that we finish for the Christmas holidays, earlier than usual, at 2pm on Friday. We will be having carols in the hall at 1:30pm. Please note that for health and safety reasons we will need the children to enter the hall first and for parents to stand at the back of the hall. Entry will be via the



link and the door will not open until 1:25pm so please do not arrive too early, especially if the weather is inclement. The playground will be available for additional parking.

On behalf of all the staff, we thank you for all your support this term and wish you and all your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Kenneth Davies

Headteacher

FRIENDS NEWS

A big thank you to all who donated and volunteered to sell and wrap presents at this year's Secret Sale. Friends raised £481.50. In the new year Friends will meet with staff to see how they can financially support the school.



In addition the school raised £85 for the registered charity 'Save The Children' for Christmas Jumper Day.

SALVATION ARMY CAROLS



This year's Salvation Army Carol concert was the best attended to date. The Salvation Army brass band entertained us with traditional Christmas carols, the school choir performed two carols and we all tucked into sausage rolls and mince pies. We raised £164.58 for The Salvation Army which they will use to help those less fortunate at this time of year.

SPORTS UPDATE



On the 6th December our under-9 football team took part in a 9-a-side football tournament at Sherfield School.



The team played wonderfully showing good skills, resilience and teamwork. They finished the competition, which was a league of six schools, in second place and were undefeated in all their games.

The toughest opponents were Sherborne School who won the league. In our game against Sherborne we were forced to defend throughout, but with all the team working together we held them off for a 0-0 draw. We also drew against Silchester 1-1, Rookwood 0-0 and beat Tadley 2-1, North Waltham 2-0 and Sherfield 3-0.

NOTICES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- **Parking**

Please do not park or drop off/collect directly outside the school gates after 8:25am or at all after school. It blocks the car park, causes delay and is a safety issue.

- **Change of menu**

Thursday 20 December - there will be only 2 options for lunch:

Meat - battered fish and chips

Veg - Tomato pasta

- Friday 21 December - Christmas lunch, if this has been ordered, otherwise your child must bring a packed lunch into school from home please.

- 7 January 2019 (first day of the spring term)

Due to the delivery schedule, there will again be only 2 options:

Meat - pork sausages and diced potato

Veg - Quorn nuggets and diced potato

- **Payments**

Please can you ensure that any debts for lunches are paid, for meals to be taken up to the end of term, by Wednesday 19 December so that the office can complete the banking prior to the last day? Thank you.

- **Medications in school**

If your child has any medicines in school, eg inhalers, Epipen, Piriton etc please note that these need to go home at the end of term.

It is then parents' responsibility to clean inhaler spacers and check all medicines are in date before they are brought back into the school office (NOT the Classroom) on the first day back in January.

Medicines brought into school need to be in their original container with the child's prescription and name on the label from the dispensary.

- **After School Clubs**

A list of after school clubs for next term will be sent out tomorrow.

Thank you.

To view diary dates and 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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