



Cliddesden Primary School
Headteacher's Newsletter
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Dear parents, carers and members of our school community

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday and that the new year is treating you well so far. We are looking forward to 2019 being as productive as ever.

On behalf of the staff I would like to say a huge thank you for all the kind gifts, cards and messages we received at the end of last term. We never expect them but very much appreciate them all.

A reminder that in my absence on the days at I am at Sparsholt, Mrs Smith is the person you should speak to if you require a senior member of staff. All class teachers are usually available after school or appointments can be made through the school office.

One of our pupils, Amelia in Beech Class, is raising money for charity. Amelia is having some of her hair cut off in order to send to Little Princess Trust, which is a charity that provides wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness. Alongside this she is also raising money as it costs the charity between £350 and £500 to have the wig made. We are all very impressed with Amelia's actions and to support her we are having non-school uniform day on Friday 18th January to raise money for this charity. Amelia's mum has told me that Amelia is close to raising her target and with Cliddesden's help she is sure she can hit it.

Therefore, next Friday we are holding a non-uniform 'Funky Hair Day'. We ask that the children do something different from the norm to their hair, for example, spike it up, bunch it, use wash out colour or add accessories. We ask that a suggested £1 donation is brought in by each child for their 'Funky Hair' and all donations received will be given directly to the Little Princess Trust. We hope you can support this worthy cause.

We are confirming other dates for this term and will send out in the next newsletter.

CLUBS

Parents of all pupils booked on to the after school clubs have been informed.

- Board Games and Football are paper invoices with either an amount owed or an acknowledgement that the money has been paid and the place confirmed.
- Wake Up Club and Netball - parents will have been informed by email that their child has a place in these clubs.
- All the clubs are full except Football which has 2 places available.

Recorder Club - this has proved to be very difficult to arrange as insufficient pupils have signed up for this club. Unfortunately, I think we will have to cancel this Tuesday Club. If anyone would be more interested for this club to be on a Wednesday after school then we may be able to re-visit the arrangement. Please contact the school office if this would be a preferred day for your child.

Brass instrumental tuition - we are still awaiting further information from Hampshire Music Service about Mr Denman being able to do this in school. You will be contacted as soon as we have more details on this arrangement.

Premier Sports Clubs (Streetdance and Cheerleading) - Premier sports will contact you directly.

THIS TERM'S TOPICS

WILLOW CLASS Reception and Year 1	BEECH CLASS Year 1 and Year 2	CHESTNUT CLASS Year 3 and Year 4	OAK CLASS Year 5 and Year 6
People who help us - (1 st half) The Great Fire of London (2 nd half)	The Great Fire of London	Time Travellers - Romans in Britain	Being British - World War II

Details of the topic and the curriculum that the classes are covering this term will be available soon to view on our website on the relevant class pages.

WINTER WEATHER

Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day during the remaining winter months.

- Make sure your child wears a hat and long trousers/tights in very cold weather.
- Protect hands with mittens or gloves for warmth.
- Remember, if your child's feet and hands are warm, it's usually a sign that they are dressed appropriately for winter weather.
- Tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt for outdoor PE. The Cliddesden Sports Hoodie is part of our PE kit and all children should own one. They are available from both Tesco and Schoolkit.

Please help your children and the school staff by ensuring that all items brought into school are named.

We imagine that a lot of money was spent on hats, gloves, winter coats, bags and water bottles over the Christmas holiday but if these items are not named they are very easily mislaid and it is difficult to get them back to their owner if a name is not obvious.

In the event of bad weather please look at the school website on www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk, or access www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures. We also text everyone regarding closures. We promise that we will do our best to keep complete closures to a minimum.

STAFFING

We welcome Mrs Nye and Miss Hawkins to our team. They will both be working (job-share) as learning support assistants in Willow Class. Miss Jones, a School's Direct Student, is carrying out a 6-week placement in Oak Class this half term. Next week we are joined by Miss Kingham who will be working alongside the current teachers in Beech class for the remainder of term. We are proud that Cliddesden gives trainee teachers an excellent environment to work in. In addition, having student teachers as well as our regular staff enables us to provide even more additional support for key children and groups.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER

At Cliddesden we believe that good attendance is key to good attainment. Therefore we encourage children to attend school every day unless they are not well enough. Extended holidays are not encouraged and you may be subject to a penalty notice from Hampshire County Council should you take unauthorised leave of absence. If your child is sick please contact the school office before 8:55 am. If your child is late for school please go to the school office so that they can be marked in the register. The link door is closed at 8:55 am. We thank you for your support on this matter.

A reminder that if you request time off school for your child you must complete a request form available to download from the website or collect from the school office.

NOTICES

- Dangling ear-rings and sleepers are not permitted for children in school. Studs only please which children should be taught by parents to take out for PE.
- There is always a lot of work to be done on updating the website at the beginning of term. We hope to have everything updated on the class pages by the end of next week.

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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