



Dear Parents and Carers,

This Half Term has been extremely busy and the children have been working very hard. I have been particularly impressed with their concentration and resilience when completing their work.

We hope you all enjoy the holiday.
Mrs Reay

NEWS



Snow Closure—Friday 1st February

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding during the closure. It is always a difficult decision for any school to make and one that has to be made quickly to ensure everyone is informed before journeys to school start. The safety of pupils and staff is of paramount importance.

Red Nose Day—15th March 2019



We will be celebrating Red Nose Day with a whole school Dance and Exercise session on the morning of Friday 15th March. Parents and Carers are invited to join in. We plan to undertake this outside in the playgrounds, weather permitting.

KS1 Trip to Maritime Museum



Thank you for your understanding and patience while we try to rearrange the KS1 trip to the Maritime Museum. We are currently in the process of liaising with the coach company and the museum and hope to have a new date for you soon. Once this is all finalised we will let you know. We do not want to cancel this event as visits outside of school are enriching experiences for the children at our school.

Home School Agreement



Thank you to those who have already sent back your signed home school agreement. If you are yet to return yours, please do so by Monday 18th February.

Fitbits

It has been noted that some children are wearing Fitbit watches to school. These are not suitable for school, as they are expensive to replace if they get lost. Though we appreciate that it is good to be aware of being active for health and fitness reasons, they are an electronic device that can be a distraction to learning. Fitbits receive notifications from mobile phones about calls made to a phone, and it is also for this reason that we ask that Fitbits are not to be worn in school.

Chums workshop—Diet and Exercise



We are pleased to let you know that we will be holding a Chums Workshop on Friday 5th April which will cover diet and exercise. The workshop will start at 9am and finish at 11am. Details will follow in an email with booking information. We look forward to seeing you.

Reminder!

Children must stay with staff at the end of the school day until they are handed over to their Parent/Carer.

School Dinners



You can book meals on the Parent Pay Online System up until we break up for the Easter holidays. In the Summer Term there will be a new menu. We will let you know when this is available for booking.

We understand that there have been a few issues this week with making payments on the Parent pay system. We have been informed that payments may be taking a little longer to process than usual and that they are investigating the issues and hope to address them promptly. Thank you for your patience.

Special Valentines Menu



Choose from...

Pepperoni or Vegetable Pizza served with chips and baked beans or salad.

Chocolate shortbread love heart biscuit or strawberry mousse topped with a fresh strawberry.

Sports day



We want to give you plenty of notice of when our Sports day will be held this year so that Parents and Carers can plan time off work if required.

Date:	28th June 2019
Times:	EYFS/KS1 morning
	KS2 afternoon

SOS

On Wednesday 6th February, Central Bedfordshire Council's SOS system, indicated that many schools in Leighton Buzzard were shut. Whilst this was true for a few schools, many were not, including ourselves. CBC have apologised for this error. In the event of school closure, please also check the school's website for up to date information. Thank you.

OVERALL ATTENDANCE TO DATE

Our attendance target is 96% and we are currently working towards this.

Our overall statutory attendance currently is: 95.35%

The breakdown by class is:

Tadpoles:	90.52%
Seahorse:	95.12%
Starfish:	94.85%
Sea Otters:	91.05%
Seals:	96.23%
Jellyfish:	95.94%
Turtles:	97.29%
Whales:	93.27%
Dolphins:	95.45%
Octopus:	96.45%



CELEBRATIONS

Special Chair



Every week we select a child from each class who deserve recognition for something they have done. These children are:

28th January

Elsie W
Chloe D
Ellie P
Lucy Marie P
Kieran H
Lillian R
Elliot P

4th February

Max C
Corey F
Benjamin L
Juliette K
Jorgia E
Josie C
Amy R

Edward Early Bear

(Class with highest number of children arriving by 9am)

21st January - Seals
28th January - Jellyfish

Attendance Bear

(Class with the best weekly attendance)

21st January - Starfish
28th January - Seals



School Website

Remember our website is full of information about our school including newsletters, term dates, diary dates, curriculum updates, photos, forms, games and information on e-safety.

Make it your first place to look to keep up to date with what is

SCHOOL CLOSURE SYSTEM

Any decision to close the school as a result of severe weather will be taken based on local conditions and guidance from the local authority. Where possible we will give you advanced warning.

To help you know what is happening Central Bedfordshire Council has an information service known as "SOS". Parents are able to sign up to this service to receive important information about school closures. To register for the service visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS and follow the links. The site will inform you of closures at all Central Bedfordshire schools, if you request them.

Three Counties and Heart Radio will also issue school closure notices. You can either listen in or access the radio stations' websites. Please DO NOT call the radio stations to find out about school closures.

Our website www.clipstonebrook.beds.sch.uk will also keep you informed of any closure.

In addition, we will use our Groupcall system and text details of closures. Please ensure we have up to date contact details from you for this system to work.

IMPORTANT DATES



8 th February		Break up for Half Term
18 th February		Children return to school
19th February		Special Valentines Day Lunch Menu
22nd February	3.15pm	CBA Film Night
1st March		Drama For All 'Superheroes' - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
6th March		Bikeability Year 4's
9th March	pm	Football Tournament at Cedars (selected children)
11th March	3.30-5.30	Parent Consultations
14th March	3.30-7.00	Parent Consultations
15th March		Red Nose Day Special Comic Relief Lunch Menu
29th March	8.15-8.45	Mother's Day Breakfast
3rd April		Special Easter Lunch Menu
5th April		Break up for Easter Holiday
23rd April		Children return to school
27th April	pm	Football Tournament at Cedars (selected children)
2nd May		Closed for Polling Day Local Elections
19th-21st June		Year 4 Norfolk Residential Trip
20th June		Sing Out Play Out Concert Year 3— details to follow