



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

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term.

Our Year 6 children are now really concentrating hard on getting ready for the SATs in May. The next two months at school will be their toughest as they practise for the tests and work hard on improving their skills and knowledge. Today Finlay, one of our ex-pupils who is now in Year 7, spent the day at Cliddesden as he had an INSET day at Brighton Hill. Finlay delivered a motivational speech to our Year 6 children and talked about his experience getting ready for the SATs at Cliddesden - how it helped him prepare for secondary school and how it enabled him to continue to develop positive learning behaviours.

This week we sent out an email on behalf of the Police regarding an e-safety issue. Whether the content was a hoax or not I think there is still a message for all parents to be vigilant regarding e-safety. Earlier this week as part of our INSET day all the staff carried out e-safety training. This is something we do every 2 years as technology moves forward rapidly. In school e-safety is embedded in all our computing and ICT lessons and I have also recently delivered assemblies to the children on staying safe on-line.

As a teacher and as a parent I am very aware that children can be vulnerable when using on-line communication. It is important that as parents we are aware of the legal age for using social media sites and how we can keep our children safe on-line. We have a page on our website for advice and if you are unsure of anything related to e-safety please talk to a member of staff. We will also be running an e-safety workshop for parents in the summer term.

Next week is 'Book Week' at Cliddesden. On Monday we have a visit from children's author Anne Wan and throughout the week the children will be focusing on reading and writing activities in the curriculum. Thursday is World Book Day and we hope that all the children and staff are able to dress up as a book character to mark the occasion.

Our Year 4 pupils will also be receiving basic first aid training from Heart Start on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday is the next set of fixtures in the Tag Rugby Norman League and our Year 5/6 tag Rugby team go to St John's to play 3 more games. Cliddesden are currently undefeated and top of the league. We look forward to an exciting and busy week at Cliddesden.

*Mr Kenneth Davies*  
*Headteacher*

## High 5 Netball



On Thursday afternoon the Netball team competed at Russell Howard Park in the annual High 5 competition. Our first game was against Hatch Warren, it was a very competitive game with them just pulling ahead to win 5-3. We went straight into our second game against North Waltham and although we were winning for the first two thirds of the game, they just pipped us to the post by winning 2-1. Our final game against St Mark's was fast and furious with them having a goal disallowed at the final moment giving us a 2-1 win. Unfortunately, we don't move onto the second

round this time but the team enjoyed themselves and are now ready for their next game in a few weeks against Chalk Ridge.



## DIARY DATES

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Author book signing in the hall and opportunity to purchase from 3:15pm
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book day - Dress as your favourite book character.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (4pm to 7pm) and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March (3:30pm to 7pm) - Parent Consultation Evenings (*appointment booking slips will be sent out next week*).
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Friends School Discos. Willow and Beech 3:30 - 4:30pm and Chestnut and Oak 4:45 to 6pm.
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - School finishes for Easter Holiday 3:15pm
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Year 6 SATs Easter School 9am - 12 noon.

## NOTICES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- A reminder to Chestnut Class parents who have not yet returned the permission slip and parental contribution for the educational visit to Fishbourne Roman Villa please do so by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. 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](http://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk)