



Headteacher's Newsletter

Autumn Term Issue 1

8th September 2023

Dear Parents and members of the school community,

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all had a great summer and that all your children enjoyed their first week back at school. It was so lovely to see your children again this week and to welcome our new foundation stage children and parents

Despite the very hot weather, the children have settled well and are working hard.

Mrs Jordan has been very busy in her new role as SENDCo, ensuring that provision is in place and mapped across the school. Mrs Hussey is enjoying being a qualified teacher in Chestnut, although we all knew that she was excellent during her training. Miss Haresign is loving being Beech Class' teacher and working again with the younger children. Mrs Montgomerie remains in Oak Class preparing our older children for their last years at Cliddesden. Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Robinson have had the challenging task of settling all the new children in school and the Year 1 Willow children have been helping. And of course, our wonderful LSAs have been busy as has everyone on the staff team.

We welcome Mrs Sarah London to our team. Sarah will be working as an LSA, predominantly in Foundation and Key Stage 1.

Meet the Teacher

Next week we will be holding open afternoons after school where you can meet the class teacher and where they will go over the expectations and organisation for the school year. These are straight after school in the appropriate classes and last around 30 to 40 minutes.

Oak Class - Monday 11th September

Beech Class - Tuesday 13th September

Chestnut Class - Wednesday 14th September

Willow Class (Year 1 only) - Thursday 15th September.

There is no open afternoon for Foundation Stage as there will be a meeting later on the month once the children have had more time to settle.

Website

We are currently working on updating the class pages on our website and they will be ready to view soon. We have updated our diary dates page for the whole Autumn Term for your information.

<https://www.cliddesden.hants.sch.uk/events>

Please note that Monday 25th September is an INSET day for staff training and the school will be closed to pupils. Any clubs on that date will be re-arranged and you will be informed of the alternative session.

Lateness

We always ask that your children arrive for school on time. Registration is at 8:45am. We understand that on rare occasions there are days where things don't go to plan on your journey to school. Should your child arrive after 8:45am they should go to the front entrance. The link door will be closed.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy this late summer weather!

Kenneth Davies
Headteacher

Message from the school office

If your child is in Key Stage 2 (years 3 to 6) and has school lunches you need to pay for their lunch. You can pay using our payment system, Tucasi. Please let the office know if you do not have log-in details. Please try to make sure your child's dinner money account is in credit before they order lunch.

If you think your child might be eligible for Free School Meals you can check here

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/juniorsecondary>

Children eligible for free school meals may be eligible for other additional funding so it is worth checking even if you do not currently pay for your child's meals.

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