



Our value is 'Generosity'

8th September 2016

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a good summer holiday. Firstly our apologies for the length of this newsletter! The first one of the academic year is always very long and full of reminders and information so please keep it somewhere safe! We would like to welcome all of the new children into Robins class, year one and year two who have joined our school this term. We hope everyone settles in well to their new classes. A dates list and an academic calendar will also accompany this newsletter – please note the dates list is a guideline only and is subject to change, so please check your parent mail, your child's book bag and the school website for our most up to date information.

Staff changes

We have a few staff changes this academic year. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Pepper as the full time class teacher in Year 3, some parents and children will remember her, from her time here as a student as well as covering for us in the summer term last July. Mrs Undrell has returned from maternity leave and will be working on a part time basis covering PPA alongside Mrs Hepburn. Miss Lockhart will be working full time in our reception class. We wish all our staff new and old a warm welcome back and all the best in their new roles.

School dinners

As you will already be aware we are now managing our own kitchen which is proving to be a great success. A big thank you to all the parents who have returned their child's school dinner choices for the first 3 weeks of this term. We will be sending out another set of menu choices via Parentmail at the end of next week, which will bring us up to the end of this half term. We kindly ask you to complete your child's school dinner choices and submit them to us by the relevant deadline. Many thanks for your continued patience and support in this new venture, as we have had a few teething problems.

Parentmail

We will endeavour to send out as many school letters, forms etc. electronically via parentmail, however hard copies of letters for 'before' and 'after' school clubs will continue to be sent out in your child's book bag so please can you ensure that you check for these on a daily basis. Thank you.

URGENT INFORMATION

Please note from the start of the new term Tuesday 6th September Woodlands parents **MUST NOT** use the main school entrance or car park to drop off or pick up their children from Woodlands at anytime of the day. The back gate is the main entrance to and from Woodlands Pre-School and extended care at all times. The car park is for use by Clifton All Saints Academy school staff and emergency access to Woodlands only. Thank you in advance for your full co-cooperation.

Parent Forum

Last year the school set up a Parent Forum to provide parents with a time and opportunity to share their views and ideas and work with the school to provide the children with an even more rewarding and outstanding educational experience. We had one meeting each term, at different times of the day to give as much flexibility as possible for attendance. If you would be interested in being part of these discussions then please email Mrs Ward on headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk by Friday 16th September and include the times that would be best for you to attend.

Sponsored Bounce

Our next sponsored bounce will be held on Wednesday 21st September in the school hall with the kind support of Rising Stars staff and their trampolines. All classes will be given a slot in the morning and all of the children that have returned the signed permission form will have the opportunity to see how many bounces they can do in their allocated time! All of the money raised is going directly to purchase a new Clevertouch. A sponsor form will be sent home today, please complete and return to school by 3pm on Monday 19th September . Thank you for your continued support it is greatly appreciated.

Parent helpers

We appreciate all of our parent helpers and would not manage to do many things without your contribution. Mrs Steinfeld and Mrs McCarthy will be holding a meeting in the ICT suite at 3.30pm on Thursday 22nd September **for all** parent helpers intending to support in school this academic year. If you have a CRB or DBS clearance, please bring this with you to the meeting so we can ensure all of our information is up to date. If you do not have clearance, forms will be available to complete and/or you can book an appointment to complete online. We would not expect our parent helpers to be helping in classrooms before this date and your interest in helping this academic year will be taken at the meeting. Thank you.

Healthy School Walk

Mrs Steinfeld will be organising a Healthy Walk on the last Friday of each month (30th Sept, 21st Oct & 25th November). The walk will be taking place on the school playing before school starting at 8.20am. Please can we ask that you come round to the back of the school near Kingfishers classroom door to make sure Mrs Steinfeld is aware who is on the field. Parents, friends and siblings young and old are welcome to walk with us. Please remember to wear suitable clothing and sensible comfortable footwear/ or bring a change of footwear.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be here on Friday 7th October to take class, individual and siblings photos (within school). Please send your child in looking clean and smart in full school uniform. Thank you.

Attendance / Holiday Requests

As you are already aware, we are unable to authorise absences for family holidays. If the absence is absolutely unavoidable then please write to the Head teacher providing details. Please note that if your child is absent from school on a family holiday without authorisation the Council may be informed, and therefore a 'Non-School Attendance Penalty Notice' may be issued. Please see the school website for further information <http://www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk>

Data Collection Sheets

Your child has brought home a "Student Update Form". Please check the details we hold on file are correct and return the form to school via your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Please put these on your calendar or in your diary so you know what's happening this month and early next month! Thank you.

Date	Event	Times
Friday 12 th Sept	Author visit for Year 3 & 4	Afternoon
Wednesday 21 st Sept	Sponsored bounce	Morning
Thursday 22 nd Sept	Parent helpers meeting	3.30pm
Tuesday 25 th Sept	Messy Church	10.30am
Tuesday 27 th Sept	Harvest Festival	9.15am in church
Wednesday 28 th Sept	September Birthday Assembly	3pm school hall
Thursday 29 th Sept	PTA meeting	7.30pm
Friday 30 th Sept	Healthy walk Macmillan Coffee afternoon	8.20am 2.00pm onwards
Tuesday 4 th October	Happy school bags	Drop off by 9.00am
Friday 7 th October	School photographs	Morning

PTA News

School Uniform

The next school uniform ordering deadline is Monday 12th September. You can find uniform order forms in the main reception on the PTA notice board, or on the school website. Tracy Norman (Puffins mum) will be in the library on Monday 12th September from 3.15 with our sample kit for children to try on, and for you to give your orders to her. You can also hand orders to the staff member on the gate in the morning, or to the school office. Payment must be made with the orders, please make cheques payable to Clifton All Saints Academy PTA.

PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday 15th September at 7.30pm in the school. Everyone is welcome.

Happy School Bags

Our next collection of Happy School Bags will be on Tuesday 4th October. This is a great opportunity to have a clear out while raising funds for school. Happy School Bags are happy to accept clothes light weight curtains, towels, bedding, they will accept school uniform, but no school (or other) logos and no bric- a- brac. Bags need to be dropped off in one of the disabled parking bays by 9am.

Red Diesel

Back by popular demand the excellent covers band Red Diesel will be rocking Clifton Community Centre on Saturday 8th October. Red Diesel play a mix of popular songs to suit all tastes, The Beatles, Queen, James, Artic Monkeys, The Wonder Stuff plus loads more!

Tickets are on sale NOW! Only £6. To get yours simply fill in the form below and return to school with full payment in an envelope marked Red Diesel, Tickets will come home via your child's book bag. All cheques to be made payable to Clifton All Saints PTA. Thank you.

Red Diesel – Saturday 8th October

Name.....would liketickets for Red Diesel.

Childs Name.....Class.....

I enclose £.....cheque/cash

School Clubs from September 12th to October 21st 2016

Day	User	Dates	Approx Times	Area
Monday	Rising Stars (Gym)	26/09/16 to 17/10/16	3.30 - 4.30pm	School Hall
	Art Club	12/09/16 to 17/10/16	3.20 – 4.45pm	Owls Classroom
Tuesday	Performing Arts Club	27/9/16 to 6/12/16	3.30 – 4.15pm	School Hall
	R Scoot Karate	6/09/16 to 18/10/16	5.00 - 6.00pm	School Hall
Wednesday	Jui-Jitsu	14/09/16 to 19/10/16	8.00 - 8.45 am	School Hall
	Cheerleading (Yr2 pupils upwards)	14/09/16 to 19/10/16 (to be confirmed)	3.25 -4.30pm	
Thursday	Trampoline club	15/09/16 to 20/10/16	8.00-8.45am	School Hall
	Premier Sport (Football)	15/09/16 to 20/10/16	3.20 - 4.30pm	School Hall
Friday				

- Most clubs run through the whole of the academic year. Please check individual flyers for full details.
- All children use the school hall to get changed and should be collected from the group room.

Term Dates for Schools in Bedfordshire

Academic Year 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September 2016 – Friday 16th December 2016

(half term – week commencing 24th October)

Spring Term 2017

Wednesday 4th January 2017 –Tuesday 4th April 2017

(half term – week commencing 13th February)

Summer Term 2017

Wednesday 19th April 2017–Friday 21st July 2017

(half term – week commencing Monday 29th May)

Non Contact/Inset Days for 2016/2017

Friday 2nd September & Monday 5th September 2016,

Monday 31st October 2016

Tuesday 3rd January 2017, Tuesday 18th April 2017

Please check our website for updates, copies of letters, forms etc. The address is School e- mail addresses are as follows: <http://www.cliftonallsaintsacademy.co.uk>

General: school@clifton-beds.co.uk Head teacher: headteacher@clifton-beds.co.uk

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