



Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back school, I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays. It has been lovely to hear about all the adventures your children have had this summer, there were hundreds of hands shooting up to share their tales during Wednesday's assembly and I am looking forward to catching up with all the classes in the next week or two.

Clifford Bridge Parent & Carer Handbook 2017-18

In line with last year, this September we have put most of the 'start of year' information into a new Parents'/ Carers' Handbook, which we hope you will find useful. This booklet includes: new classes for 2017-18, term dates, information on Governance, how we communicate to families, school meals, attendance, and Parent/ Carer workshops. Any feedback to further improve this handbook would be gratefully received.

New Faces

This academic year we warmly welcome:

- Miss Every - 3EV teacher
- Mr O'Sullivan - 5O teacher
- Mr Towe - Helping Mr Allen with PE
- Miss Baynton - Teaching Assistant in Year 1
- Miss Charlesworth and Miss Jones - supporting children in EYFS & Y2

New Roles:

I am delighted to formally welcome Mr Allen onto the Senior Leadership Team, as Upper Key Stage Two Phase Leader, and to wish Mr Woods and Miss Moore the very best of luck in their new roles of Assistant Head Teachers here at Clifford Bridge Academy.

As well as a few new grown-ups we also feel very lucky to have had several new pupils join us for their first day today. I'd like to thank them for their big smiles and hand waves during my assembly on Wednesday morning as we introduced them to the rest of school:

Paisley - Year 1
Lucie - Year 1
Phoenix - Year 1
Dylan - Year 2
Amelia-Mai - Year 2
Lily-Grace - Year 3
Austin - Year 3
Sienna - Year 4

Other Information In Brief

- **Merit Assemblies** will commence on Friday 15th September 2016. We will be holding these assemblies on Friday mornings at 9.05 am for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Reception children will join us later on in the school year.
- **Walking Home From School.** We recommend that only children who are fully street-wise and in Year 5 or above walk home from school on their own. If older siblings are picking children up from school, they must be 14 years or older to accompany them home by themselves. This guidance also

applies to morning walking and school drop-offs. If you do need to drop off your children earlier than 8.45am due to work commitments, please ask in the office about breakfast club with Kidco rather than leave your child unsupervised on the playground.

- **Diary Dates.** We will be sending the full list of diary dates for the Autumn term with the class curriculum letters by the end of next week (15.9.16)
- **Passports.** If you require me to verify your passport application, I am happy to do this on the condition that you make a contribution to the School Fund of £10. I believe that I still offer value for money, as a Doctor will charge you £30!!
- **New Arrivals.** We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Hodder and her family welcomed baby Ezra into the world in late August. Mum and baby both doing well.
- **Welcome home!** We are also delighted to report that baby Zipporah joined Mr and Mrs Jonck at home just before the holidays following her very early arrival into the world back in March.
- **Diamonds!** They say good luck comes in threes... so my final happy update is that Miss Knibbs is sporting a beautiful ring on her finger following a surprise proposal over the summer. We would all like to wish her a huge congratulations.

I hope the information in this letter proves useful. Please remember you can keep up-to-date with all that goes on at Clifford Bridge Academy, through Twitter, Facebook, The Weekly Newsletter and our Website.

Thank you again for your continued support, and may I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your children a fantastic first term.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Husband

Headteacher

