



29th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another fantastic week at school. I am so impressed with our pupils' engagement with learning and their joyful attitudes to life. I particularly enjoyed working with one particular Y2 pupil with her number bonds. I am privileged as a secondary school teacher to be in the position where I am learning so much about the primary phase. I am constantly amazed by the staff at our school; how hard they work and the dedication and commitment that they have for our pupils' education. Mrs Oak and Mrs Schulz spent two days this week working with the English and Maths Primary Advisors from Babcock at DCC devising new assessment systems so that we are even more accurate in understanding and tracking pupil progress.

Unfortunately, Ange Stevens is still not well and I'm not sure when she will be back. In her absence, Claire Earle will continue to be in the office from 8.50am - 9.50 am to sort out the lunches and take in money etc. The Business Manager at CCC, Tracey Ward, and our Finance Assistant, Hazel Phillips, are over-seeing the budget and invoicing etc. My PA, Suzanne Lobb, is assisting me with general admin duties. If you have any queries, you can contact me via my email [amanda.farmer@cullomptoncollege.org](mailto:amanda.farmer@cullomptoncollege.org), via my mobile 07789274801 or via the CCC office 01884 33364. I am sure that these temporary arrangements will ensure the effective running of the school. We are also now able to access all the IT systems and the admin emails. Thank you to Claire Earle, Vanessa Trude and Denise Derham for collecting the lunches this week. I've been inundated with offers of help from so many parents and this is what makes us such a wonderful community.

Our school Harvest Festival will be held at St Andrew's Church, Clyst Hydon on Friday October 13th at 9.15 a.m. Please join us if you can as the children will be sharing the message of Harvest through songs, poems and stories. After the service you are very welcome to join us back at school for seasonal refreshments. As per tradition, children are invited to bring in a decorated box containing donations for the 'People Matter' food bank in Cullompton. This year the food bank is urgently currently needing tinned meat, tinned vegetables (particularly sweetcorn), jars of pasta sauce, jars of coffee and toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and shampoo. Stocks of baked beans, soup and pasta are very high so please avoid these, thank you.

Following the very well-attended AGM of the Clyst Hydon School Association on 18 September 2017, the following parents took up positions on the School Association Committee:

Joint Chairperson: Sarah Gleave & Alix Stewart ([chairperson.chsa@clysthydon.org](mailto:chairperson.chsa@clysthydon.org) )

Treasurer: Pete Simmons

Vice-treasurer: David Edwards

Secretary: Miranda Maybank ([secretary.chsa@clysthydon.org](mailto:secretary.chsa@clysthydon.org))

Committee members: Katherine Allen, Ali Cruwys, Denise Derham, Jane Murray, Lisa Simmons, Clare Sykes and Vanessa Trude.

All parents of children at the School are automatically members of CHSA and are welcome to attend our termly meetings during which future events are planned, fundraising ideas discussed and funds allocated. We exist to enrich the education of every child at the School by providing resources and experiences that cannot be funded through the School's budget. Please feel free to contact us with any ideas you have for future events and activities.

Our first fundraiser will be the Quiz Night to be held on Saturday (doors open 7.30pm, quiz starts at 8.00pm). If you turn up on the night, we will ensure that you are part of a team (£5 payable on the door to include a light supper).

There will be no KS1 Multi Skills for the next two Mondays. I am advertising for an After School Club playworker to work on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you know anyone who would be interested, please ask them to contact me for the job description and details. It would be an immediate start.

I am showing potential new parents around the school next week. They have heard very good things about our school and I am looking forward to meeting them.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Amanda Farmer  
Acting Headteacher