



# Clyst Hydon

## Primary School

24th November 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

We've had another fabulous week at CHPS. David Lowes, the School Improvement Officer, visited again for the day on Wednesday. He met with me to look at pupil progress data and also met with Ceri Oak to support her role as subject leader of English and with Karen Schulz in her role as subject leader of Maths. He was impressed by their growing confidence and expertise in analysing pupil progress data and talking knowledgeably about their subject leadership across the whole school. David and I met with Claire Baillie, who is on the Ventrus MAT Executive Leadership Team, and Jemma Quelch, head designate. We are in the process of agreeing the successful transfer from the current Management Partnership with CCC to the new partnership with effect from 1st January 2018. I am confident that this process will be seamless and will only have a positive impact on the school, the parents, the staff and the pupils. The benefits of eventually becoming part of a MAT are enormous and will bring further improvements to the quality of education provided by CHPS with greater emphasis on working as part of a larger team with increased access to quality resources, training and expert staff. Jemma and I have agreed two days for the handover with further dates to be added before we break up on Friday 15th December. She is looking forward to introducing herself to you all on Monday 4th December at 4pm and meeting you. She toured the school with me yesterday and was really impressed with our pupils and she is really excited about taking on the Head of School role as part our new partnership with the Ventrus MAT.

Thank you to those parents who helped with the night walk and to Emma Bell for providing the sausages. I'd also like to say a huge well done to our pupils for their sponsored skip for Children in Need which has so far raised £375 and for the parents who provided cakes and helped on the stall.

You are invited to our annual Come and Sing Carols event in the church on Wednesday 13th December at 1.45 pm and afterwards back at school for refreshments. The Christmas party takes place on Monday 11th December and the Christmas lunch takes place in the Village Hall on Monday 11th December at 12.15. The cost of the lunch is £2.50. I'd like to confirm the numbers of children, staff, governors, CHSA members and parent helpers as soon as possible. I'd like to collect the monies by Friday 1st December so that I can inform the catering team at CCC. Sue Beschizza will give out a form for you to complete and send in with the money. I'm really looking forward to all the events happening in our wonderful community in the run up to the end of what has been a very busy but exciting term.

Have a great weekend,

Ms Amanda Farmer  
Acting Headteacher

### Message from CHSA

Please ensure that your child has a warm coat in school next Friday (1 December) as we are planning a surprise for the children after Celebration Assembly. You and your child will only need to stay for a few minutes after school.

The countdown to Christmas will begin on Saturday 2 December 2017 with the Clyst Hydon Christmas Fayre. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at the Village Hall between 11.00am and 2.00pm. Please come and enjoy one of Sue Trude's home made mince pies with a glass of mulled-berry or a cuppa. You can also enter the raffle to win one of two fabulous hampers or a Christmas cake made by Rafe's parents. This year there will be lots of craft activities for children as well as table top games. Be sure not to miss one of the highlights of the Clyst Hydon calendar.

Thank you to everyone who has already brought in a donation for the hampers or has signed up to do so. We are still in need of a few items such as Christmas napkins, nuts, tinsel, crackers, a small Christmas cake, cheese biscuits and nibbles. Please can all donations be placed in the box in reception by Wednesday 29 November.

The School Christmas lunch and party will be held on Monday 11 December 2017 at the Village Hall. We are expecting a special visitor! With this in mind, there will be a sack in the school office from next Monday. Please can all parents ensure that they hand in a wrapped gift, costing no more than £5, by Thursday 7 December. Don't forget to clearly mark the gift with your child's name.

Your child should bring home a bauble template today. Please can you encourage him/her to colour in the front and write a Christmas message on the back for their friends. The baubles will be used to decorate the school Christmas tree. Please bring them into school by Wednesday 29 November so that they can be laminated.

Whilst on the subject of Christmas crafts, don't forget the Christmas competition, open to all year groups at school. This year's theme is 'A Robin'. Children can use their imagination; they can cook, sew, paint, draw or use any other craft technique to produce a robin, but as it's Christmas, glitter is essential! The cost per entry is £1. Entries must be brought into school by 9.00am on Friday 8 December 2017, ready for judging. There will be a prize for each year group and rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Message from Chair of Governors, Kerron Allen

As we have notified in previous correspondence, the management partnership between Clyst Hydon and Cullompton Community College will finish at the end of this term as planned. Having explored the options to allow the school to move forward we identified that the best solution was to join Ventrus Multi-Academy Trust (MAT).

We are delighted to be able to tell you that Clyst Hydon Primary School has been granted approval from the Headteacher Board to join the Ventrus MAT and approval from the DfE to become an academy. Whilst we still have a process of consultation and due-diligence to complete, this is fantastic news and is the first step to becoming part of a very successful MAT.

The plan is that we will join Ventrus in September 2018, along with a number of other schools. To bridge the period between the end of this year and September 2018, we will enter into a management partnership with Ventrus from January 2018. This will provide a seamless transition and more importantly a dedicated Head of School as well as the wider support of the Ventrus organisation.

I'm sure you agree that these are exciting times and offer a great opportunity for the school to develop for the benefit of the children.

Message from CCC Chair of Governors, Peter Shrubshall

We are delighted that Ventrus has accepted Clyst Hydon's request to join the MAT as we believe this is the best way forward to secure the long term sustainable future of the school. I would like to thank Amanda Farmer for her very successful and effective leadership of the fifteen months of the management partnership with CCC. Her success has also been recognised by the LA; David Lowes has thanked her for rising to the challenge of successfully leading the school and bringing about significant improvements.