



Clyst Hydon

Primary School

8th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Just a reminder that the Christmas Party is on Monday 11th December. Children may come to school in their party clothes and will be transported to the village hall in the minibus ready for their Christmas lunch at 12.15pm. Parents are welcome at 3.00pm to come and see Santa give out the presents to our children and they can be taken home no later than 3.30pm. We would very much appreciate a prompt exit so that CHSA members can clean the hall and they can get away early.

Come and Sing Carols begins at the church on Wednesday 13th December at 1.45pm and finishes at 3.00pm and everyone is invited back to school for refreshments. This will be the ideal opportunity for you to say goodbye to those members of staff who are leaving as we won't be together as a community again after this social engagement. The assembly at the end of term will be the usual celebration of pupils' achievements.

The Local Authority (LA) Evaluation Visit on Monday 4th December was conducted by Paul Brown, Babcock School Effectiveness Adviser, and Anne Hawkins, Headteacher at Willand Primary School. I was involved with the inspection all day; we observed English and Maths lessons, conducted a work scrutiny of Year 3/4 English and Maths books, analysed data and spoke with pupils about their learning. Paul and Anne also met separately with three of our governors and had meetings with Ceri Oak in her role as English subject leader and with Karen Schulz in her role as Maths subject leader. Anne and Paul gave verbal feedback at the end of the day to the governors, Jemma Quelch and me. The feedback was very positive and acknowledged the enormous progress that the teachers have made in improving teaching standards and outcomes for our pupils over the last fifteen months and particularly since the LA July inspection and the February Ofsted Inspection. The report also recognises the impact of the work of our TAs in supporting pupils. I am so pleased the the Management Partnership with CCC has had such a positive impact on the pupils at CHPS and I am so proud of all the staff for their dedication, commitment and diligent hard work. It has been a great privilege working with such a fantastic team and I will really, really miss them.

I met with Jemma Quelch all day on Wednesday for the first of our two handover days. I really enjoyed working with her and feel confident that she has the right skills and expertise to build on the work of the MP. We both want to ensure an effective and smooth transition from the CCC MP to the Ventrus MP. I have also said that I am more than happy to answer any questions or queries Jemma may have in January even though the MP has officially ended as she begins her new role. There may be things that crop up that we hadn't discussed and I may be able to help.

Your Newsletter will return to being a pupil-centred Newsletter in the new term and the governors will communicate with you more frequently to keep you updated and involved in the transition process of becoming an academy and joining the Ventrus MAT.

Message from CHSA

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and Year 5/6 children who supported the Clyst Hydon Christmas Fayre. The School Association raised just under £200, all of which will go to World Vision for the sponsorship of Amie from Sierra Leone. Congratulations to Edward who correctly guessed the teddy bear's name (Alfie).

A Stop Press was distributed on Monday, and another on Tuesday, to all families at school. Please check your child's school bag, if you haven't come across these notes yet.

Have a great weekend.

Amanda Farmer