

# CHIME

Chair: Kevin Purdy  
Secretary: Jane Eite

CHIME is Clinton's charity which supports musical education within the school

**Who are we?** We are a small committee, chaired by Kevin Purdy. Jane Eite is our Secretary and Andy Cherry our Treasurer, Heidi Ames looks after some membership matters and sends out the bills! We are supported by the Headteacher and other staff and around 50 families at school who make a £15 membership contribution each year, all of which is greatly appreciated.

**What do we do?** Mainly we raise funds so that Clinton can provide a richer, more accessible musical education than a school normally could. Over the years we have:

- Helped to fund our specialist music teacher, Mrs Gallaway
- Provided musical instruments (from classroom percussion items to the electric piano in the hall)
- Part-funded the new stage and helped refurbish the music room so it is one of the best-equipped music rooms in Warwickshire!
- Last year we were able to donate £3000 to the school budget, and we have been asked by the Governors to do the same this year - no mean feat for a small charity.

**Who benefits?** The children! (and parents and staff, of course).

How? All sorts of ways ... here are just a few

- The children have fun using a fantastic range of instruments in the classroom.
- From Y3 the children can learn the recorder free of charge (book and instrument provided by CHIME). Every child has the chance to learn to read music, to play as part of a group and to gain the very real satisfaction of *being able to make music*.
- From their first days at school, they see and hear other children playing in our (unique?) orchestra at Friday assemblies. Playing an instrument is just a normal part of Clinton school life for all the children.
- The skills developed when a child learns to play a musical instrument have a positive effect on the whole of that child's learning, development and confidence. Children who play an instrument gain both academically and socially.
- Playing an instrument can open up all sorts of wonderful opportunities throughout the rest of a child's school career and into adulthood. CHIME helps us to exploit the fantastic range of musical activities we are fortunate to have in Warwickshire.

## How can you help?

Again, all sorts of ways!

- Become a member - we just ask for £15 a year per family.
- Support musical events and concerts at school. Encourage your child with their musical activities.
- Help us with running CHIME.
- Give us your ideas for fund-raising or for events to show-off our musical talents!
- Help during CHIME events or at the CHIME stall.
- Doing some administration; we need a little help with our membership list or by doing a regular (termly) newsletter, or to help the treasurer. None of which will take much time but will help us a lot.
- Join the Committee and help to improve CHIME's profile in school and continue to maintain and improve musical education in Clinton.

**Encouraging the pupils of Clinton Primary School to work in harmony**