

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Newsletter No. 1

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### Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. It is good to see the children settling into their new classes. We particularly welcome our new Reception parents and other families new to the school.

#### NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF...

We are glad to welcome Miss Michelle Blakemoore in Reception and Mrs Hazel Jackson in Y2, both covering maternity leave. We also welcome two new teaching assistants in YR, Rebecca Groves and Vicki Doust.

#### ... AND A VERY LONG-SERVING MEMBER OF STAFF!

It has come to my attention that earlier this year, Mrs Jan Cherry very quietly celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her appointment as a teaching assistant at Clinton. We are all very grateful to her for her unfailing dedication and hard work throughout these years.

#### ASSEMBLIES

As most of you will be aware, we hold a community assembly at 9.00 every Friday, which parents and friends are very welcome to attend. The orchestra normally plays each week. Dates of celebration and class assemblies will be advised in next week's newsletter. YR children do not normally attend the first few assemblies, but join in a little later in the term – parents will be informed when this will be.

#### TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Secondary school transfer information is being sent home with Y6 children today. Forms must be returned direct to the Admissions Service by 24<sup>th</sup> October.

#### WHOLE-SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

As notified last term, each class teacher will be holding an information evening for parents on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. YR, Y1 and Y2 will start at 6.30 and Y3-6 at 7.00 pm. Curriculum and homework information will be given out, together with diary dates for the coming year.

#### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A reminder that if your child is unable to attend school through illness, you are asked to let us know at the beginning of their absence. Please let the office know, or send a note in to the class teacher or email us.

#### CROSSING PATROL

There will be no crossing patrol on the morning of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

#### FRENCH TRIP

The information evening for parents and children takes place at 6.30 pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Parents and children from St John's will also be joining us for this meeting. Please remember to bring your child's pocket money (35 Euros) in a **sealed, named envelope**, and their European Health Insurance Card. Thank you.

#### ADMISSION INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2008

If you have a child due to begin school next year, you should have received information from the Admissions Service. If not, we suggest you contact them on 742047, as the closing date is 24<sup>th</sup> October.

#### ABLE LEARNERS

Please see poster in the reception area for details of activities organised by the University of Warwick Iguana Learning Community, or email [academic-office@iguana-warwick.org](mailto:academic-office@iguana-warwick.org) for details.

#### SPARE CLOTHING

We like to keep some spare clothing in school for use by our younger children if needed. We would be grateful for any donations of girls' pants to boost our supplies! If your child needs to borrow any clothing, please wash and return it as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have received a delivery of uniform today, which is being sent home with the children. If you have ordered uniform or bookbags but do not receive the items today, we hope that they will arrive next Thursday. Uniform ordered by 9.00 am on Wednesdays will normally be delivered the following day, but this cannot be guaranteed, particularly at this stage in the year. Order forms are available from the carousel by the office. Please provide payment with the order form, preferably by cheque (if paying cash, please put the correct amount in sealed envelope marked with your child's name and year – payments are passed direct to the supplier, so the school office will not be able to provide change. If you need to return uniform, please complete the yellow slip which is in the bag, attach to the outside of the bag and return to the office. Thank you.

#### MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons will take place next week, as follows:

Tuesday: woodwind, steel pans

Wednesday: recorder

Thursday: keyboard, violin

Friday: guitar (first lesson is next week)

Bills for this term's music tuition will be sent out within the next few weeks. In most cases, instruments are available for loan, but this does not apply to guitars. If you need to buy a guitar for your child, we suggest that you wait until after the first lesson, as the new teacher may have some advice on what to choose.

#### JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB FOR 9-12 YEAR OLDS

This will run at Kenilworth Youth Centre on Friday evenings. There is an open evening for parents and young people tomorrow evening, from 6.30 to 7.30 pm.

#### PTA NEWS

**Auction Night is planned for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – this very entertaining evening has been a very popular event in recent years – please see separate letter.

**The next PTA meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm**, following on from the Information Evening for parents. Please come along and contribute your ideas!

Yours sincerely

**MRS J. BATES**  
**HEADTEACHER**