

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Children,

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. We are glad to have you with us! Please see the separate letter being sent home today which gives more information than we can fit on this regular newsletter.

DIARY DATES

Diary dates for this year are listed overleaf.

“THANK YOU” FROM MRS TURNER

Mrs Turner has asked me to pass on this message: “Thank you all so much for my wonderful retirement gifts. I really appreciate your generosity. Thank you also for the lovely cards, I was touched to receive so many cards full of kind words and good wishes. Clinton is a very caring, friendly school, thanks to the lovely staff, parents and children, and I will always remember my ‘Clinton’ days with great fondness. My thanks and very best wishes to you all.”

THANK YOU

Mrs Jane Crawley, who operates our crossing patrol would like to thank parents and children for your kind words, cards and gifts received at the end of last term.

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.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

We are delighted to say that we have gained the full award after last year’s emphasis on global citizenship. Last year we achieved the intermediate award but the full award is even more prestigious and a mark of high quality ‘international’ work. The ‘International dimension’ has become part of the school culture and work that staff have done on developing this throughout the curriculum through skilful and enthusiastic planning has paid off. Mrs Duffy was responsible for helping to promote the international theme and had the arduous task of collecting evidence and her work paid off – so thanks to her!

CLINTON WINS GOLD!

I’m delighted to report that Clinton has won a Gold award in the schools section of the Kenilworth in Bloom competition. This is thanks to Mrs Lynda Marsom, who spent many hours making the area round the school look beautiful last term, as well as running the Gardening Club, and also to her helper Mrs Heather Owen and the children who worked so hard in Gardening Club. Well done!

WHOLE-SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

This will now be held on Thursday 17th September – see details in the separate letter being sent home today.

CHESS ROCKS

Please note that Chess Club will start on Friday 18th September. Are there any parents or friends who could volunteer to help, either from 2.50–3.30 or 3.30–4.30? (or both?). Extra help could ensure that all children wanting a place are able to have one. Please leave your name with the office if you could help.

SWIMMING FOR Y4 AND Y6

Please remember that swimming lessons begin next week, on Tuesdays for Y4 and Wednesdays for Y6.

RED RIDGE TRIP

The information evening for parents will take place at 6.15 on Thursday 17th September, immediately before the whole-school information evening. A kit list and medical form will be sent home with children very soon.

FRENCH TRIP: MON 21ST – THURS 24TH

The information evening for parents and children takes place at 6.30 pm this evening. Please remember to bring your child’s pocket money (35 Euros) in a **sealed, named envelope**, and their European Health Insurance Card. Thank you. **Please note the revised dates.**

ADMISSION INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL 2009

If you have a child due to begin school next year, you should have received information from the Admissions Service. The closing date is 23rd October 2009.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Any uniform delivered this week is being given to children to bring home today. The next delivery is due on Thursday next week. We place a weekly order with the suppliers: uniform ordered by 3.30pm on Tuesdays will normally be delivered on Thursday the same week.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons will take place next week, as follows:

Monday: some violin/viola lessons
Tuesday: steel pans and woodwind
Wednesday: recorder (and orchestra practice)
Thursday: keyboard, brass, cello, some violin
Friday: guitar

Bills for this term’s music tuition will be sent out within the next few weeks.

MICHAEL MORPURGO COMES TO WARWICK!

The famous author will be speaking at the Guy Nelson Hall, Warwick School, at 5.30pm on Thursday 1st October. Tickets are £5 per person or £18 per family – for details see www.michaelmorpurgo.org.

COMMUNITY DAY AT LEAMINGTON FIRE STATION

A community safety day will be held on Saturday 19th September at Warwick Street from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

PTA DIARY DATES

Tuesday 6th October – the AGM, to be held at school
Saturday 10th October – Auction Night. Please think now about items/favours you could donate!

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER