

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Celebration assemblies will work differently this year, with two children from each class being nominated for a headteacher's sticker for their hard work throughout the weeks leading up to the assembly. The teachers who have nominated the children will share the reasons why they are so impressed. The assemblies will be combined KS1 and KS2 and will be held twice per half term. Parents will be made aware in advance in case they are able to come to the assembly. Children are still invited to bring in awards they have worked hard to achieve and these will be shared too.

WHAT'S NEW AT CLINTON ASSEMBLY? – 2nd October

Once per term we will hold a 'What's new at Clinton?' assembly which **parents are invited to**, to find out what events and initiatives are planned to take our school forwards. Members of the PTA, the governing body, CHIME and the school council will contribute to the assembly and there will be some time afterwards to discuss anything you've heard over a cup of tea with any of these people who can stay.

MUSIC LESSONS THIS YEAR

There are various days throughout the year when peripatetic music staff who work for the county music service don't come in for lessons and, on the reverse of the newsletter is their calendar for the year so that you can be clear when these will be.

FULLY COOKING KITCHEN

Very excitingly, we have this week, for the first time since the olden days, had our meals cooked for us on site. I have been treated to a roast beef dinner as well as tasters of various cakes and puddings and can vouch for the improvement in quality! I will soon be the size of a house unless I can summon some extra self discipline from somewhere! We welcome Marie as our new school cook and hope she will enjoy her job here.

PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

The parents' information evening was well attended and there were many positive comments about how informative and useful it was in terms of how parents can support children with their learning. If you missed out for whatever reason, please make sure you have received the paperwork. Teachers will be only too pleased to fill you in on the details so either try to catch them on the playground or make an appointment.

RED RIDGE

Year 5 will be going to Red Ridge on Wednesday morning next week. Please ensure the form with medical details and dietary needs is handed in before the end of the week. It's great that all 30 children are able to go. They're sure to have a fantastic time!

FRANCE TRIP

Year 6 have had a fantastic time in France by all accounts and will be returning late this evening. They have had good weather too! We are very grateful to Mrs Owen, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Benson and Mr Viner for being prepared to organise and manage the children on the trip – as it is full on and exhausting!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Another reminder that our annual Harvest service will take place on Monday 28th September, at the United Reformed Church. Local visit permission slips that were on the letter that went out earlier this week need to be returned if children are to be able to go. You are invited to join us for the service.

CHINESE MORNING EXERCISES

Dr Ding has kindly volunteered her time to run the exercise classes but we **really need one other volunteer**. We would like to run these at 8.35am in the hall, and would offer them in the first instance to children in Y3. There is a DVD of the exercises for anyone keen to learn. Please let the office know if you would be willing to help. Thank you.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Right at the end of last week, all children in year 6 who stood for positions in the 'executive' of the school council gave a speech in assembly. They had been canvassing all week and put a great deal of effort in. It's fantastic to see so many children wanting to make a contribution to our school. All children have voted except for those in year 6, but the results will be announced on Monday.

DOGS

Some parents have raised concerns about their children, who are afraid of dogs, needing to negotiate their way around them on the pavement outside school – the dogs having been leashed to the railings. If dogs are on a short leash, this should be fine, but where children are actually stepping onto the road to avoid them, this could be unsafe. Please consider this if you have a dog that accompanies you to school. There were also reports of a dog on the playground recently, and we would ask that this doesn't happen again.

PTA NEWS

The AGM takes place on Tuesday 6th October. Please come along if you possibly can – the PTA can't operate without parents!

Please also remember that Auction Night is planned for Saturday 10th October – letters were sent home earlier this week. This is a really excellent event and the highlight of many people's social calendar. There will be many bargains I'm sure!

LOST PROPERTY

One of our year 3 boys has lost a 'V' neck sweater which is named. Please could you check and see if an additional one has turned up at your house and return it if that's the case. Thanks!

11th Kenilworth BROWNIES

We have had a request to see if anyone would like to help out with the brownies group that meets here at school on Tuesday evenings. If anyone is interested in helping then please let us know at the office and we can pass on her number to you. Either regular or occasional support would be greatly received.

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER**