

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

THE PTA NEEDS YOU!

Do you realise what an enormous contribution the PTA makes to Clinton? In order for us to continue to provide really exciting resources and facilities, we need money the PTA raises. Once costs for essentials are gone from our school budget, the PTA provides an amazingly significant fraction of our funding for school projects! Perhaps even more importantly than that, the contribution the PTA makes to connecting our school community is vital. We are now, however, in the position of the PTA really needing people to step forwards into positions such as chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer in order for it to continue to function. We need volunteers who are prepared to share the workload – thoroughly supported of course by existing, experienced members. The AGM takes place on Tuesday 6th October, in school at 7.30pm and it would be good for those of you who can and who would relish the chance to make a significant contribution to our school community to attend. Thanks go to all existing members and especially those who have taken on the roles on the committee over the last year.

Auction Night is on Saturday 10th October – thank you to everyone who has bought tickets and donated favours or items for auction. Tickets will be on sale in the playground from PTA members £5 each including a fish and chip supper. Alternatively, you are welcome to leave your request at the office - cash or cheque (payable to Clinton School PTA) in a sealed, labelled envelope. It's a fun evening, so please come along and bid!

ASSEMBLIES

On Friday this week we have our Autumn term '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. At our assembly on Friday 9th October Y6 will tell us all about their trip to France! (Y6 parents might like to take that opportunity to collect EHC cards and any medication from the office if they haven't done so already.)

TRAINING DAY NEXT MONDAY

Please remember that children should not be in school on Monday 5th October, as this is a staff training day.

"THANK YOU" FROM MRS CHERRY

Many of you will have seen Mrs Cherry's letter on the noticeboard outside school. For those who haven't, Mrs Cherry would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and generous donations on her retirement in July. She is planning to buy a watch and an electric sander, as she has some furniture to refurbish!

RED RIDGE

Year 5 arrived safely yesterday and we hope they will have a fantastic time!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Harvest Festival service such a good occasion. It was great to have so many volunteers to walk with us to the church. Thank you also for the food donated by YR, which will be given to the Salvation Army in Leamington, and for your cash donations which will be used to support our sponsored child in India.

GOLDEN LEARNING TIME AND VOLUNTEERING

Again, we are very grateful for those parents who have volunteered their time to provide extra experiences and support for our children. The activities KS2 are choosing between include some which parents and members of the community offered last time but also some newer ones like 'pottery painting' and 'glass art', 'landscape garden design' and 'media creation'. The children are so excited and that's thanks to volunteers. Those who have offered reading help will be contacted once we have looked at timetabling.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The school council is now in post and the photos of those who have been elected to make this excellent contribution to our school are overleaf. I was really impressed that so many are keen to share their voice and to help us to make good decisions at school. Thanks to all parents that supported their children with canvassing.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual book fair will take place from Monday 12th to Friday 16th October. Books will be on sale from 3.15 – 3.45 each day, or you can order from the leaflets which will be sent home soon (cheques payable to Clinton School Fund, please). This is a great chance to buy books and also to help school as we receive generous commission to help us buy books for school. We would also be grateful for offers of help from parents – please speak to the office staff if you could help with the book fair any days during that week.

RECYCLING

We are still recycling silver foil – please leave in the bin near the cycle shed. Proceeds are donated to the Warwickshire Air Ambulance. We also recycle printer cartridges – please hand in at the office.

KENILWORTH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Y6 should now have received information about the open evening later today, from 6.00 – 9.00 pm. Mr Abbott, the headteacher, will address parents and prospective pupils at 6.30 and then again at 7.30.

NEW RAINBOWS GROUP

A new group is now running at the United Reformed Church on Thursday evenings from 5.00 to 6.00. There are still some spaces for girls aged 5-7. See the poster outside the office for more details.

Yours sincerely

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**