

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual book fair will take place next week 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.

Missing sweatshirts

The weekly missing sweatshirts belong to a child in year 4 and one in year 6. Please check that the ones you child is wearing have the correct name and return it if not. Thanks.

Kenilworth – Love Food Hate Waste

On the 10th October, children from Kenilworth school are holding an event to raise awareness about food wastage. It will be in their Upper School Hall from 11.00 until 2.00pm. British Bee Keepers will be there, as will NUF, Action 21, Master Composter and Friends of The Earth. You may have already received a colouring competition (designed and delivered to us by children from Kenilworth School). There are various competitions for different age-groups including a 'grow your own garden in a box' competition. These will come out tomorrow. They would really appreciate your support and it would be a good chance for children to see the high school most will go to in a very positive light.

Fundraising by bicycle!

Jaqui Freeman and Chris and Mya Beverstock have raised a fantastic amount of money for school by biking from Fishguard to Chepstow. If anyone hasn't coughed up yet, please do so soon – and then the money will be presented to school to help us provide extra resources for learning. Thanks you three!

Yours sincerely,

SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER

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I am interested in taking part in the 'Parents Forum' meetings.

Name:

Classes my children are in

Dear Parents

PARENTS' FORUM

As a school, it is important that we prepare children for life in an ever changing and evolving world. When evaluating what influences young people most, recent research suggests that school counts for about 20% of overall influence. Parents influence a much larger proportion and this is equally true of peers. The closer we at school work with parents, the greater the influence we can have on children's attitudes and dispositions. I am going to set up a parents' forum which will be made up of parents from each of the classes at school. We will discuss school developments and what we can do as a school community that will enhance the lives of our children. We will arrange to meet once per half term. I don't know how many parents will be interested and so am not sure how I will structure the forums so would be grateful if you could fill in the square at the bottom of the letter and indicate your interest.

PTA News

I am very pleased to be able to announce that the PTA have elected Becky Parker and Jemma Butler as their two new chairs, Trudy Turland as vice chair and Bel Simmonds as treasurer – with Helen Hayes staying on as secretary. Speaking for all parents at the school, we are relieved and extremely grateful to them for stepping forwards and I'm sure will offer them support whenever we can! Our thanks go also to Sue Cox and the rest of the previous committee for ensuring the PTA was very successful last year.

Auction Night is this Saturday and promises to be a superb event as usual. There are, you'll be relieved to hear, still some tickets available. The favours and item on sale look both excellent and curious although the PTA would welcome anything else that can be auctioned right up to the last minute.

Key events: 21st October at 7.30pm – PTA meeting in the staffroom; after half term – school disco, wear what you like day and Christmas fair.

ASSEMBLIES

This Friday will be year 6's chance to show us all what they got up to in France. Parents are invited as usual and there are some photos overleaf to give you a taster. Parents of children in year 5, who will go to France next year, may like to get a flavour of the visit. Otherwise, please ask any of the children what they learnt whilst they were in France and they are sure to tell you all about it. Year 5 will have the opportunity to share their experiences of 'Red Ridge' in the first week back after half term on Friday 6th November. Again, for parents of children in year 4, this would be a good chance to see what's in store for your children next year!