

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Newsletter No. 6

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**Dear Parents**

### **PARENTS' FORUM**

Thank you to those parents who have offered to take part in our parents' forum. If you'd like to volunteer but haven't yet, please speak to the office – it's not too late!

### **ASSEMBLIES**

Tomorrow we'll be holding the second of our new-style celebration assemblies, with special stickers for two children from each class. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> we'll have our Record of Achievement assembly. All are welcome.

### **TRAINING DAY**

We have now set the date for our final training day this academic year – this will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Term dates for 2009-10 are on the school website and dates for 2010-11 are on [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk).

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

Thank you to everyone who has supported our book fair this week, and particularly to those parents and staff who have run it. As notified on Monday, today was the last session, but you can still order by using the leaflets sent home with children last week, **by 9.00am tomorrow, please** (cheques to Clinton School Fund).

### **SWIMMING FOR Y3 AND Y5 AND DINNERS**

Y3 and Y5 children are bringing home swimming letters today. Letters are also being sent home today with children who currently have school meals. Please ask for a letter if your child wishes to start having meals. We ask you to order and pay for lunches on a half-termly basis and we cannot normally alter the arrangements until the next half term. Please order meals by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Thank you.

### **PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSIONS**

We are also sending home letters today inviting you to give your permission so that we can record images of your children. Prompt replies much appreciated!

### **BILLS FOR MUSIC TUITION**

Bills for tuition this term will be sent home soon.

### **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

These will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Letters will be sent home next week.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS**

You donated the grand total of £148, which we will use to support our sponsored child in India. Many thanks.

### **AFTER SCHOOL USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES**

The Y1 outside classroom is now complete and beginning to be used by Y1 to extend opportunities to learn in more varied ways. Now that staff are beginning to plan its use more frequently, I need to ask parents to make sure children are not in this area before or after school.

Parents often stay after school to chat and their children then play. In principle we are happy with this although there are a couple of issues it raises. One is that children are using school equipment that they haven't been told they can use – from play equipment from the treasure chests to apparatus – or even standing on tables or climbing. Access to these items is normally scheduled only at certain times. The other issue is that during school time, staff keep a very close eye on the children to ensure safe behaviour. Children follow rules

and rotas during the day and are supervised, whereas after school it can seem like a free for all. I feel that as a

result, children are getting mixed messages. Children have also been hurt at this time, when they have slipped the gaze of their parents. If parents can supervise their children more closely, reminding them about the safety and the rules regarding school equipment, then we are happy for people to stay after school. Otherwise we will have to review these arrangements.

### **RED RIDGE**

Y5 had a great week in Red Ridge – pictures overleaf!

### **MISSING SWEATSHIRTS**

We seem to have an increasing problem with named items of uniform going missing. One of our Y2 children is unable to find his brand new reversible fleece, which is named. Please could you check at home and check children's bags in case they have picked up someone else's clothing by mistake. Thank you.

### **NETBALL REFEREE**

Is there anyone who would be available to help referee a Y5/Y6 netball match at Priors Field after school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November? Anyone who would like to practise first is welcome to come along after school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October or 2<sup>nd</sup> November for a trial run!

### **ADMISSIONS DEADLINE**

Please remember that the deadline for applying for YR and Y7 places is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. It is absolutely essential that applications are received by WCC on time.

### **HAND BELLS**

Please note that the group will not meet after school tomorrow – Mrs Duffy will be in London collecting our International Schools Award! They will meet next week.

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED CHILDREN**

This charity is running a "BIG Family Weekend" at Aston University on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> October. See the for details, or see [www.nagcbrtain.org.uk](http://www.nagcbrtain.org.uk).

### **PYJAMA PARTY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Kenilworth Methodist Church is running a fun event on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October from 3-5pm, for primary school children. Details from the carousel by the office or from 07989 848086. Other half-term activities information on the carousel and (soon) on the school website.

### **PTA NEWS**

#### **DATES for your diary:**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** at 7.30pm – PTA meeting in the staffroom.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – school disco.

Date to be confirmed - wear what you like day

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas fair.

**YELLOW MOON** – please note orders need to be back by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** (not 17<sup>th</sup> as on the letter).

Yours sincerely,

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**HEADTEACHER**