

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Newsletter No. 1

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Dear Parents,

### START OF ANOTHER YEAR!

It's been great to see so many excited children return happily to school – and of course to welcome those just joining us for the first time in Reception. After a summer of giving the front of the school a facelift and some hard preparation work by all the staff we are ready for all to 'raise their game for 2012!'

### VISITORS FROM CHINA

We were hoping that it would be possible for children from our Chinese partner school in Shenzhen to visit us this year and they are coming NEXT TUESDAY!! This is obviously very exciting and we'll be hosting 19 children as well as some staff and parents. We are making plans for the visit which will include orchestra members playing for them and some of the older steel panners performing too. They say they have prepared a short 'show' for us too!

We are hastily arranging a trip to Kenilworth Castle for them, which year 6 will accompany them on, and have plans such as a "whole school cream tea" in the afternoon. If you are available to help on that day, please let us know via the office. The trip to the castle will happen at around 9.30am and we will need some volunteers to help with that.

### DIARY DATES

Dates for the coming year are overleaf. Other dates, including harvest festival, will be notified as they are arranged. Please note that swimming timetables are more complicated than usual this year, mainly because of the planned pool closure. Please remember that term dates (including, very soon, dates for 2012-13) are available on the school website.

### ASSEMBLIES

If you're one of our new parents, you might not be aware that we hold a community assembly at 9.00 every Friday, which parents and friends are welcome to attend. The orchestra plays most weeks. Reception class children don't normally attend the first few assemblies, but join in a little later in the term. Not having had a rehearsal this week, the orchestra tomorrow will consist of those who were members last year only so please remind them to bring their instruments. We'll let you have dates of "special" assemblies very soon.

### INFORMATION EVENING

Please, please come along to the information sessions this evening if you possible can. Each teacher will run a session from 7.00 – 7.30, with a repeat from 7.30 to 8.00. There'll be lots of information which will help you to support your child. We can provide copies of any handouts but you'll get **much** more from attending if you can.

### MUSIC TUITION

If you've requested music lessons for your child for this term and you haven't received a letter by the end of the week, please let the office know. No money needed at this stage – we send out bills around half-term.

### CROSSING PATROL

There will be no crossing patrol either before or after school tomorrow.

### RULES ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL

Parents sometimes like to catch up and chat after school and we like to enable this to happen for a short while after school. However, if you do choose to do so, then it is important that your children are closely supervised so that they don't have an accident and so that they don't treat the school as a giant playground where they can do as they wish! This sends out a mixed message when they have been discussing the importance of following school rules during the day. Children are not allowed on the adventure playground after school, or on the field if they haven't been during the day. They are not allowed to use school play equipment and shouldn't bring their own. Please keep your children within your sight.

### MUNCH BUNCH CLUB

As many of you will know, for the past few years Mrs Heaviside has run this very popular after-school club for children in Y2 and Y3. It's an 8-week series of sessions preparing healthy food, for a maximum of 8 children. We wonder if there are any parents who'd be willing to take over the running of this club? The plans and recipes are all available ready for use. More information from Mrs Heaviside or the office staff – please ask!

### YET ANOTHER SCHOOL GARDEN AWARD!

As well as receiving the "Best School Entrance" prize last term, we understand that we've also won a Silver medal in the Kenilworth in Bloom competition. Thank you again to Mrs Marsom and our Gardening Club children – and also to those volunteers who've watered the flower displays and vegetable plot over the summer holidays. The front of the school really does look great!

### FUNDRAISING FOR RNLI

Thank you for supporting Y2 (now Y3, of course!) in their fundraising venture for the RNLI last term. You helped them raise £66.56.

### SUNFLOWER CLUB

The after-school club still has some places on Fridays.

### THANK YOU FROM TONY ZHOU

Tony Zhou would like to thank everyone who sponsored his British 10K London run last term – you helped raise £817 for the Footsteps Foundation.

### PTA NEWS

Welcome back - we hope you all had relaxing summer holidays.

#### Dates for your Diaries

Thursday 15th September - AGM in the Hall

Saturday 1st October - Auction Night (see separate letter)

**Does your company offer matched funding or donate to charitable causes?** If so please think of Clinton School PTA. With current budget cuts everything we can offer the school is greatly appreciated. Charity no. 510026.

Please speak to Becky, Kelly or any PTA member - we can usually be found haunting the playground!

Yours sincerely

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**HEADTEACHER**