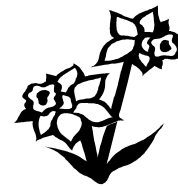


CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Last Friday we held a 'What's New at Clinton' assembly when the Chairs of the School Council, Governors and CHIME all spoke, as well as the vice chair of the PTA and a representative from County Caterers. Several parents were able to come and we will hold a similar assembly in the summer term. Tomorrow we have a Y2 assembly and on 27th March there will be a KS2 Celebration (please note there will be no orchestra on 27th March). Our violin pupils will play at our special assembly on Thursday 2nd April (Headteacher's Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour awards.)

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you for your support last week. We had some extremely wild hair, not to mention the wacky legs! Thanks to your generous donations, we are able to pass over £200 to Comic Relief. Children were all really engaged throughout the day in learning about the problems people in Africa encounter due to poverty. See overleaf for an extra report.

CLINTON AS AN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DEVELOPING GLOBAL CITIZENS

This week has been a very exciting week with the visit of the Vice Principal and Assistant Principal of Beijing Foreign Languages School visiting us. I felt very proud to show them around our school and they were extremely impressed by the children. We have talked about projects we would like children from our schools to collaborate on to develop cultural understanding and language learning. I was really pleased with the openness with which the two teachers received our ideas and I am very hopeful about the sustainability of the link.

QCA - ASKING CLINTON FOR ADVICE!

On Tuesday this week we were visited by members of QCA who are working directly under Sir Jim Rose, who is conducting a review of the primary curriculum for the government. They enjoyed their visit, during which members of year 6 gave them a tour, and they asked for our views on the Languages Specialist Status and on our work with the Specialist Trust.

MUSIC BILLS

Please send in any outstanding fees urgently – it is essential that we complete our banking as the end of the financial year is approaching.

RED RIDGE

The next Red Ridge payment is due today. Thank you.

FRANCE

Collective passport nationality questionnaires have now been sent home. Please return them, with a recent passport-sized photo, by Thursday 2nd April. Any children who are not entitled to hold a UK passport cannot be included in the collective passport and will therefore need to travel on their own passport – please let the office know as soon as possible if this is the case.

CHIME EASTER CHAMPAGNE RAFFLE

We have had some lovely items contributed for the hamper. If you would like to add to them, please bring donations in by Monday morning. Thank you.

SPRING CONCERT

This takes place at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 24th March. We look forward to a fantastic evening of music-making. If your child is taking part and you have not yet returned your consent slip, please send it in tomorrow. Refreshments will be available in the interval, and raffle tickets will be on sale for the Easter hamper, so please bring along some loose change! All proceeds to CHIME.

USE OF THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

There is a culture of community at Clinton and I can appreciate parents wanting to socialise, whilst allowing their children to play after school – especially in the Spring sunshine. However, if any accidents were to occur at that time, the responsibility falls on the school so we, as a staff, would therefore need to consider supervising children and creating risk assessments etc. Children have been told not to play on the apparatus (even under parent supervision) for this reason and have been told not to play on the field – especially if it has been out of bounds during the day. We want to maintain the community feel but also need to think about safety and the sort of message that it sends to children about respect if they can use our grounds as they wish outside of school hours. We hope you understand the reasons behind our requests. **Today we have a cycling awareness course using the playground after school, so we would appreciate a speedy exit or carnage may ensue!**

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Please keep bringing these in – we now have our collecting box in the reception area.

NETBALL

Well done to our Y6 netball High 5 team who took part in the tournament at St Nicholas's School last Thursday. Everyone played extremely well and they had a lot of fun!

EASTER PARTY

Kenilworth Methodist Church is planning an Easter party on the morning of Friday 17th April, from 10.00 – 12.30, for children of primary school age. Crafts, games and party lunch! Leaflets here tomorrow (from carousel)

PTA NEWS

VARIETY NIGHT last Friday was a huge success and our takings for the evening were £709.60. The PTA would like to say a big thank you to all of you who supported this event and an especially big thank you to all those who gave their time and energy helping out both behind the scenes and on the evening itself.

WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY is Friday 27th March – please bring an Easter Egg for the tombola at the **EASTER EGG TOMBOLA AND BUNNY HOP DISCO** on Saturday 28th March from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Please speak to Sue or Michéla if you can help at the disco.

THE NEXT PTA MEETING will take place next Wednesday, 25th March, in the staffroom.

Yours sincerely,

MR SAM PATER
ACTING HEADTEACHER