

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Spring Newsletter No. 8

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### Dear Parents

#### ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we have a KS1 Celebration assembly and on 13<sup>th</sup> March the theme will be "What's new at Clinton?" Representatives from the PTA, CHIME and the Governors will be saying a little about their current activities, and we are hoping to have someone to come and talk about our brand new kitchen! Please come and join us any Friday morning at 9.00.

#### RED NOSE DAY

This takes place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – we will be having a wear-what-you-like day, with the theme of "wacky legs and wild hair"! Please bring £1 for Comic Relief.

#### PARENTS' EVENINGS

We were pleased about the results of our survey on parents' evening which suggested that 72% of parents were confident they could now support their children in achieving their targets, whilst 25% were quite confident. 3% said they wouldn't know where to start. Teachers select targets as they are the most important next steps in children's learning so if anyone would like more clarity or help with how to support your children in reaching these targets, we would be extremely happy to meet with you.

#### PARENTS' QUESTIONNAIRES

We have had lots of responses – thank you. Please send your reply in tomorrow if you have not done so already.

#### MUSIC BILLS

Bills for instrumental tuition for the Spring Term were sent home last week. Please let us have your payments by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – prompt payment would be appreciated as the end of the financial year is approaching. Please remember that we need a term's notice in writing if your child wishes to stop having lessons, as we are required to plan a term ahead when booking and paying for County Music Service and other teachers. Thank you.

#### MUSIC TUITION

Next term we will write to all parents of children in Y2 and above, asking whether you wish your child to begin music tuition in September or to continue with lessons if they play already. Parents in YR and Y1 will also receive a letter about violin tuition using the Suzuki method – other instrumental lessons begin in Y3.

#### SPRING CONCERT

Just a reminder that this will be taking place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm. Letters will be sent home soon with all the children involved. This is our major instrumental event of the year, so please put the date in your diaries now if you haven't done so already!

#### HANDBELLS

The handbell players will meet after school tomorrow.

#### FRANCE AND RED RIDGE

France payments were due on Monday – thank you if you have paid – and everyone going to Red Ridge has been sent a payment card this week, with a list of payment dates. The next Red Ridge payment is due on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

#### SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

Our collecting box hasn't arrived yet, but we are certainly collecting the vouchers! Please bring them in to help us buy sports and play equipment for the school.

#### WORLD BOOK DAY

Well done to all the children who came in dressed as their favourite book characters today – and to their parents! There are some photos overleaf. We held a special assembly this morning and were very pleased that author Julia Rawlinson, whose new book 'Ferdie's Spring Time Blossom' has just gone on sale, was able to come in to talk to the children. Mrs Duffy read a Scottish story and the children helped me perform a Kenyan tale. Don't forget that the £1 book tokens given out last week are valid until 29<sup>th</sup> March – we have spares in the office if anyone would like one.

#### CYCLING AWARENESS COURSES

Letters will be sent home with Y5 and Y6 children very soon – we are trying to arrange an additional course.

#### CHIME EASTER CHAMPAGNE RAFFLE

Clinton's musical charity will again be raffling a fantastic hamper, with the winning ticket being drawn at our Easter assembly on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. If anyone would like to donate an item for the hamper (particularly anything with an Easter or spring theme, except for Easter eggs!), we would be very grateful – please bring along to the office. Tickets will be on sale soon. School will soon be asking CHIME to contribute £3000 to the school budget – this is a huge sum for a very small charity. We need your help, so please buy some tickets when they are available!

#### HEALTHY HEART DAY

On Monday Miss Foster organised an energising 'healthy heart' day where children were involved in skipping workshops. A speaker from the British Heart Foundation led an assembly and a demonstration of fancy skipping moves during the course of the day. It is part of the school's role to have an influence on children adopting healthy lifestyles and we would be grateful if you could reflect on the day with them to reinforce the message. Again, see photos overleaf!

#### PTA NEWS

**VARIETY NIGHT** takes place on Friday 13 March from 6.00 - 9.00 pm. Tickets are now on sale – letters were sent home yesterday. This event is normally a sell-out, so don't delay!

**WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY** is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – please bring an Easter Egg for the tombola at the **EASTER EGG TOMBOLA AND BUNNY HOP DISCO** on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00 to 4.00 pm.

**THE SUMMER FAYRE** will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 12.00 – 2.00 pm.

Yours sincerely,

**MR SAM PATER**  
**ACTING HEADTEACHER**