

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we have our first "What's new at Clinton?" assembly. Representatives from the PTA, CHIME and the Governors will be saying a little about their current activities, and there will also be a chance to hear about our new school kitchen. Other dates are:

20th March Y2 assembly

27th March KS2 Celebration

Thursday 2nd April Good Neighbour and Headteacher's Record of Achievement awards

3rd April Easter assembly led by a speaker from St John's Church

RED NOSE DAY

This takes place tomorrow – 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.

PLANNING A LANGUAGES STRATEGY

Last year we held a meeting for parents to discuss whether the children in year 2 at the time should carry on learning Mandarin for a year or whether they should convert to French. Following the consultation Mandarin was continued into year 3. Some parents are keen for children to move onto French whilst others would like to see Mandarin throughout the school. It would be interesting to hear your views as we will be making decisions about that area of the curriculum which will have implications for all children from Reception through to the current year 3. Children currently in years 4-6 will continue to learn French throughout the rest of their KS2 to ensure continuity. The meeting will be held on Thursday 26th March at 7.00pm.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Principal and Vice-Principal of 'Beijing Modern Languages School', our link school in Beijing, are coming to visit us on Monday which we are very excited about. On Tuesday we are going to be visited by John Crookes, who works directly under Sir Jim Rose (who is heading up the government's review of the primary curriculum). We have been recommended to Jim Rose to represent the MFL (Modern Foreign Languages) cluster of primary schools in Kenilworth and they are interested in our views on the curriculum as part of this extremely important review. If you want to share your views on what and how children are learning at Clinton, then I will be glad to listen and feed your views to some very important people!

MUSIC BILLS

Thank you if you have already paid this term's bill – please send payment tomorrow if not. Thank you.

RED RIDGE

Just a reminder that the next Red Ridge payment is due on 19th March.

CROSSING PATROL

There will be no crossing patrol on the morning of Thursday 26th 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.

CHIME EASTER CHAMPAGNE RAFFLE

Donations of items for the hamper (particularly anything with an Easter or spring theme, except for Easter eggs!), will be gratefully received – please bring along to the office. Tickets will be on sale soon. School is again asking CHIME to contribute £3000 to the school budget. This is a huge sum for a very small charity, but it helps to provide the services of a specialist music teacher, free recorder lessons and enables us to have a fantastic orchestra. CHIME and the school need your help, so please buy some tickets when they are available!

FOOTBALL SUCCESS!

Our Y6 football team has had two notable victories in the last week! Last Thursday they played an away match against St Paul's in Leamington, winning 6-2, and on Tuesday they beat Priors Field 5-3. You can read their report of this second match overleaf, and see a photo of the team. Well done to them and, of course, to Mr Viner!

KDPSA CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

Well done to all who competed in this event at Kenilworth School on 4th March. An extra "well done" to Sam Ballard who came 3rd – a great achievement as there were over 70 boys running.

A LAST-MINUTE PLEA

Miss Saunders and Mrs Jackson would be grateful for any cereal boxes or shoe boxes, with or without lids (or even lids on their own!) for Red Nose Day tomorrow.

LOST CARDIGAN

One of our Y1 children has lost a brand new size 28 cardigan before it had even been named. Please could you check that your child has not picked it up by mistake? Thank you.

COURSES FOR PARENTS OF UNDER-5s

A wide range of courses is being run at Kenilworth Nursery and Children's Centre in Bertie Road, with crèche facilities available. There is a poster in the window near the office, or phone Lin Perkins, Nicky Day or Kirsty Longford for details (853394).

PTA NEWS

VARIETY NIGHT IS TOMORROW! There are still a few tickets left – don't miss out on a fantastic evening and a chance to enjoy hot pizza and chips from our brand new kitchen!

YELLOW MOON ORDERS have now arrived – please collect.

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.

THE SUMMER FAYRE will take place on Saturday 6th June from 12.00 – 2.00 pm.

Yours sincerely,

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