

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Friday assemblies planned for this term include:

5th February – Celebration

12th February – Head's Record of Achievement awards

5th March – Y2 class assembly

Thursday 11th March – Y4 class assembly

19th March – "What's New at Clinton?"

26th March – Head's Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour awards.

TRAINING DAY

Please remember that Friday 29th January is a staff training day, so children will not be at school that day.

PARENTS' EVENING

If you haven't done so already, please make a note in your diaries that Parents' Evenings take place on Tuesday 9th February from 3.30 – 7.30 pm and Thursday 11th February from 4.30 – 7.30. Slips will be sent home very soon asking you for your preferred dates and times.

Y6 VISIT TO FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 2010

Letters will be sent home with Y5 children within the next few days.

MAD SCIENCE

If your child attended Mad Science yesterday, they might have told you that the session was a repeat of the last one before Christmas. We have contacted the organisers and they have agreed to run an extra session next Wednesday because of this duplication. This will be the final session of this course (please note that the club did take place on Wednesday 13th January, although a number of children did not attend).

PARENTS' FORUM

The rescheduled time for the first Parents' Forum, which many were unable to attend last time, is Thursday 4th February at 7pm. A letter will follow shortly.

CHIME QUIZ

Thank you to all those who bought a CHIME quiz: we raised over £150. More importantly, we hope you enjoyed exercising your minds over Christmas! Congratulations go to the Pollard family who got them all! In 2nd place were the Swan family, and 3rd were Amanda & Andy Bartlett. Prizes are available for collection from the school office, and the answers will be displayed on the noticeboard soon.

3 MEN, 2 DISCIPLINES, 1 GOAL

CHIME have asked me to pass on the following: "Andy Cherry, Kevin Purdy and Richard Ward are in the final stages of training for the "Chilly Duathlon" – a gruelling Run – Cycle – Run off-road in rural Warwickshire on 6th Feb. We're well equipped thanks to "Mike's Bikes" who have offered a loan of demonstrator bikes. The goal (this is where you come in) is to raise money for CHIME. We'll shortly be sending out a letter requesting donations. It would be great if we could raise a few pounds & get a few more members signed up for Chime. Thanks in anticipation! Richard, Kevin, Andy."

CHIME AGM

This will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 28th January.

SATS TESTS – DATE CHANGE

Year 6 will take their mock SATs tests next week, not Monday 1st to Friday 5th February. The actual tests take place during the week beginning 10th May. Please note also that Y2 will undertake their SATs assessments during the first half of the summer term.

PEER MEDIATION

For several years now we have been running a very successful scheme where Y5 children are trained as mediators, so that they can help in any situations where children might have fallen out in the playground. We have found this scheme works extremely well – see overleaf for more details. 75% of this year's Y5 are keen to be mediators.

HAITI

We have talked to the children about the huge number of people affected by the Haiti earthquake and children have come up with ideas to raise money for the appeal. Class councils have been discussing it and, on Friday we will make a decision about what we will do. We have had various offers and ideas from parents which will also go into the melting pot. In the meantime, Mrs Duffy and Y2 are planning a **cake sale after school on Thursday next week** – please come and support this.

OLD CAMERAS (that work!)

Children often present their work using various multimedia techniques including the use of video, photography and audio. Before we go ahead and order new cameras we wonder if there are any old ones cluttering up spaces in people's houses! The photo quality doesn't have to be fantastic for what we do – it's more just having enough for children to learn how to import photos into their work to bring it more to life. If you have such a camera, the children would be more than happy to take it off your hands!

EXTREME DISPLAY SCREEN USER OF THE WEEK

Although the adrenaline rush is probably not so exhilarating, no one should underestimate the extreme nature of data collection for the yearly census. This week's display screen user of the week has to be Chris Benson who, including 8 hours' worth of weekend dedication to the cause, has now completed the little known 13th labour of Hercules – little known because despite his brawn, he wouldn't touch it! Thanks Chris.

PTA NEWS

PTA meeting is tonight at 7.30pm in the school hall - please try and make it if you can.

PTA Night out - PTA members are invited to the Sunam Balti House on Monday at 7.30pm - please email becky.andrew@parker108.freemove.co.uk if you would like to come.

Keep an eye out for future event dates - they will be advertised shortly.

Yours sincerely

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