

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

HAITI

Last week's cake sale was extremely successful – not only for bringing a taste of the Caribbean to Clinton, but also because year 2 raised over £150. The colouring competition designed to help advertise the school council jumble sale has raised about £21. Next on the agenda for Haiti is Friday's non-uniform day and jumble sale. Children are invited to wear red and blue (the colours of the Haiti flag) and to give a donation (at least 50p). After school the jumble sale will be held in the hall, with a range of items generously donated by families on sale in the hall. Please come along – and please bring change! If you do have any further jumble, the school council will receive it gratefully!

In addition to this quite a few children have been doing their own fundraising which I am very impressed with! There is now a Salvation Army collection box in the entrance hall for any loose change.

ASSEMBLIES

We have a Celebration assembly tomorrow, and on 12th February we have our Headteacher's Record of Achievement awards. Please come along if you can.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thank you to everyone who has returned slips to request appointment times on Tuesday or Thursday next week. Notes confirming dates and times are being sent home.

PARENTS' FORUM

This takes place this evening at 7pm. Come if you can!

SWIMMING AND DINNERS

Letters about ordering school meals after half term and swimming lessons for Y3 and Y5 are being sent home today. Please reply by Wednesday next week.

The school kitchen will be serving special themed menus on Friday 12th February (Chinese New Year) and on Thursday 4th March (World Book Day).

CHIME ACTION AGAINST CMS CUTS

As mentioned last week, the County Music Service is facing very severe cuts in its budget which will have a major impact on musical education for children across the county. If you have not already done so, please consider contacting your councillors to ask them to reconsider and reject these proposed cuts. Please encourage your children to send emails/letters too as this will also help.

CHILLY MTB DUATHLON

The three intrepid participants for the Duathlon this Saturday have become two as Kevin Purdy has had to withdraw due to a sporting injury. Many thanks for your contributions to date. Chime will be delighted to receive any further donations through the school office. You can follow progress on the school website: <http://www.clintonprimary.co.uk/duathlon.htm>

HANDBELLS

Please note there will be no handbells after school tomorrow – please visit the Haiti jumble sale instead!

GOLDEN LEARNING

You may recall that during the last two terms, children have had the opportunity to try all sorts of new activities on three Friday afternoons as part of our Golden Learning time. We would like to run this again before Easter and would like your help! Please see the separate letter being sent home today.

CHINESE CULTURE WEEK - WARWICK UNIVERSITY

The Language Centre at Warwick University is holding a number of early evening workshops next week to celebrate Chinese New Year. For more details, see the poster outside the office, or www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/languagecentre.

OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

Please note that the swing balance beam outside the Y3 classroom has now been repaired and is available for the children to use during the school day (but, as with the other KS2 play equipment, **not** before or after school). When children arrive at school, they should be arriving just before opening time (8.40) and waiting to go inside. They shouldn't be playing at that time - particularly as some are unsupervised. We have reminded the children and I would be grateful if you could also.

HEAD LICE

We have had several reports of head lice amongst the younger KS2 children. Please would you check your child's hair carefully today and treat if you find any signs of head lice. There is useful information on www.netdoctor.co.uk/skinandhair/lice.htm. Please note that repeat treatments are likely to be needed, and please, if possible, make checking your child's hair a regular part of your routine. Thank you.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF PARENTS' VIEWS

Your child (each child if you have more than one at school) will be bringing home a copy of the Governors' annual survey of parents' views. Every year we ask parents to complete a questionnaire for each child as part of our ongoing self-evaluation. Governors and staff find the results extremely useful and parents' opinions, comments and suggestions are taken very seriously. As part of the same exercise, we also seek children's views using surveys carried out within school. We hope for the usual very high response rate, and would be very pleased to have your responses by Friday 12th February. Thank you.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

A listing of local activities is available on the carousel outside the office and should soon be available on the school website. Please remember that the children are on holiday from Monday 15th – Friday 19th February.

PTA NEWS

The PTA will be sending a newsletter home very soon.

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER