

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

The next "special" will be our Y2 assembly on Friday 5th March. Please come along and join us any Friday morning at 9.00.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

The survey at parents' evenings demonstrated that parents would like support with Maths, ICT and Writing the most and I have arranged for 'Community Education' to deliver some sessions at school after Easter depending on interest. Look out for leaflets coming home soon!

HANDBELLS

The handbell group will not meet after school tomorrow because of the CHIME film show.

SPRING CONCERT

Our main annual concert takes place on Tuesday 9th March at 7.00 pm. Children taking part will be bringing home letters this week. It will be a great evening of music-making – come and join us!

GOLDEN LEARNING

Thanks to offers from parents and other members of the local community it looks like we will be able to offer the children the option of activities such as 'Circus skills', 'Cartoon drawing', 'Funky Freestyle', 'Spanish culture'. This is a final call to see if anyone else would be prepared to contribute an hour on the last three Fridays of this term. The more offers the greater the choice for the children.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF PARENTS' VIEWS

Thank you for a great response rate to these questionnaires. The results are very positive and there were some really interesting comments later on in the surveys which give us food for thought – please see overleaf for some responses to "what we love about Clinton". Governors and the staff will analyse your replies fully, look for trends and see where we could put into action some of your thoughts. In the meantime, your children will bring home a letter tomorrow outlining their class topics and activities for the rest of this term, as your responses indicated that you would appreciate more information in this area. Please catch me on the playground or make an appointment if there is anything you would like to discuss further. We are always open to influence from parents where we feel it will benefit the school community.

CHIME FILM SHOW

The CHIME showing of "Madagascar" takes place after school tomorrow. There's still time to sign up, but we do need your consent forms and £1.30 by 9.00 tomorrow - Mel Elkington will be in the reception area to take them off your hands! Children will be supervised between the end of school and 3.30. The film should finish around 4.35 pm - **please** make sure that you collect your children promptly so that CHIME members don't have to give even more of their time than they are already offering. Thank you.

CHILLY MTB DUATHLON

Thank you for all the donations to CHIME. Total raised to date is now £353!

PARENTS' FORUM

This takes place on Thursday 4th March at 7.30 pm – please come along, share your ideas and help us make Clinton an even more special community. All welcome!

WEAR RED TO SCHOOL DAY TOMORROW

This non-uniform fund-raising event will take place tomorrow. Children are invited to wear something red and to bring 50p for the British Heart Foundation.

CYCLING AWARENESS

We are planning to run a cycling course next month, for children in Y6 and Y5 – they will be bringing home letters today. Cycling courses are also taking place during the Easter holidays at Warwickshire College in Leamington – details from Mary Holliday on 412776, or from www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadsafety.

SPRING TERM MUSIC TUITION BILLS

Bills are being sent home tomorrow.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This takes place on Thursday 4th March. Children are bringing home £1 vouchers today, which are valid for use between 1st and 28th March.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This takes place from 22nd February to 7th March. There is a Fairtrade town trail again this year involving posters in various shops. Entry forms were sent home with children earlier in the week.

KENILWORTH CHILDREN'S CENTRE ACTIVITIES

The January – July Family Partnership Centre Activity timetable is now available – copies near the office, or see www.kccns.org.uk.

THE BIG GREEN ELECTION DEBATE

Kenilworth Initiative for Climate Change is a local community group formed to increase awareness and promote action in addressing climate change. They are hosting a "Question Time" style public debate for all the local general election candidates, to be held on 12th April and Kenilworth School. Further details from www.kenilworthclimatechange.org.uk.

PTA NEWS

Invitation Books 2010/11

Thank you to everyone who has purchased or returned an invitation book – please send in your money or your unused book if you haven't do so already.

The cake and 2nd hand uniform sale is after school today in the hall - all cakes have generously been provided by KS2 pupils and parents. Please come and support us, everyone is welcome.

The next PTA meeting is this Monday (1st March) at 7.30pm in the staff room.

Friday 19th March - Wear what you like day – in exchange for an Easter Egg or Chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola stall at the Bunny Hop Disco

Saturday 20th March - Bunny Hop Disco & Chocolate Tombola - 2pm till 4pm

Yours sincerely

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**

“What we love about Clinton” - these are just a few of your comments:

The “family” feel of the school. I like that the teachers are approachable and that the reception staff are always helpful and go the extra mile to help. Mostly I love that my child has settled in to school life and routine and looks forward to going to school!

That it is a community based school and the kids are proud of the school.

I like the Newsletters and the protective behaviour seems to be well done too!

Such a warm friendly environment. My son adores school. Lovely staff / parents/ other children.

Its friendliness and caring attitude.

Lovely friendly, welcoming atmosphere where my children are very happy.

Everything! It is a great school which I cannot praise enough.

The friendly caring teachers and staff. All of the activities such as jumble sales, fairs, discos, bazaars.

How friendly the school is.

The “community” feel.

Variety of academic and sporting activities.

Friendly atmosphere + the way the older children integrate with young to help them.

Relationships between infants and juniors very strong. “International” dimension.

I love the fact that all the children in all year groups look after each other.

Professionalism of staff. Friendly Community.

Encouraging and positive reinforcement. Older years take responsibility for younger kids.

How close knit and friendly the school is.

The positive attitude fostered by the head, staff and from pupil to pupil. And music!

Welcoming and helpful office staff. Approachable head teacher. Mandarin. Outside space for years R-2.

The investment put into each child's education and future as a good citizen.

Friendly. Fundraising events. Friday assembly.

I love the way how you see each child, his abilities + disabilities, his progress and personality individually and with how much kindness each child is treated.

The pastoral care is second to none, how the older children look after and respect the younger, homely and friendly feel of the school.

Inclusivity, friendliness.

Children are cared for as individuals. Everyone is friendly. Concerns are always taken seriously. Lovely atmosphere, kept well informed of progress, initiatives.

School meals. Friendly school and feeling of community. Musical. Good morale, work and social ethics.

Approachable staff. Sense of community.

The security and feeling of well being

The openness, inclusiveness and excellent communication with parents. I feel very likely to be part of a school with such a fantastic team of staff!

Kids rewarded for excellent behaviour.

Fantastic school. Friendly family school. Great that children are able to think for themselves eg Y6 Haiti fundraising and help out at school – eg Peer mediation.

Everything - where do I start! It is the best school in the world - and I have seen many across the globe. Children happy - development and progress fantastic. The atmosphere in the school is amazing - warm friendly caring. I have seen developments in my child that at one stage in his life I could only have dreamt of - thank you. It seems that you have every area within Clinton community covered to the highest degree - staff, receptionists, cleaning, kids clubs, dinner times as well as teachers are all pulling in the same direction. I think life doesn't get better than Clinton. Thank you.