

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

On Friday 1st May some of our guitar pupils will be playing at assembly. We have a KS1 Celebration on 8th May and a Y1 assembly on 15th May.

THE NEW ICT SUITE

During the Easter holidays, and much sooner than expected, work has taken place to develop the library area into a new ICT suite. Great and weird shaped holes were cut in the walls, with new windows put in - one wall has been chopped in half! Electrics and data cabling is all in place and all we are missing now are computers! A slight oversight? No - these are to be installed on Friday next week and then we will have the option of having a class in each suite at the same time, or of having one computer per pupil - which I believe will enable them to really develop their computing skills further. I've included photos on the back, but if you would like to have a look, then I'll be out on the playground after school tomorrow so find me and I'll happily show you.

THANK YOU!

Miss Saunders has asked me to pass on her thanks for all your good wishes and gifts. Those of you who were able to join us for her "leaving" assembly will have seen the comfy slippers and box of chocolates! Thanks to generous donations from parents and staff, we were also able to give her a cheque to buy something special for her new home. It won't be the same without Miss Saunders, but we wish her every happiness.

Y5/Y6 PRODUCTION

There has been a slight change to the arrangements for the summer production this year as, unfortunately, the Talisman Theatre has a full schedule and can't fit us in! In order to make the event just as special, we have been able to negotiate the use of the Lower School Hall at Kenilworth School. The dress rehearsal will now take place on Wednesday 6th July and the production will be on Thursday 7th July. Rather than be involved in the year 5/6 production this year, Y4 children will be given the chance to take part in the Intercultural Arts Festival, performing Chinese exercises on stage in the Spa Theatre on Wednesday 6th July, under the guidance of Mrs Duffy.

CHIME EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, raising £161 to support music at Clinton. CHIME is also very grateful for the £100 in donations at the Spring Concert.

CHINESE MORNING EXERCISES

We are really grateful to Mrs Ballard and Dr Ding who have been running these exercises on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We have tried to make these available to all KS2 classes in turn, so as of next week, we will be offering the exercise sessions to Y5 pupils (they are bringing letters home this week).

THERE'S LOTS GOING ON!

A glance through the diary shows what a range of activities are on offer to the children - I thought you might be interested to hear about some of them. On Monday next week we have a string quartet coming to play to all the children, courtesy of the County Music

Service. Other activities running last term or this term (or both!), and in no particular order, include Chess club, Inter-cultural club, Cycling awareness, Orchestra, Tennis, Cricket coaching, Athletics club, Football, Netball, Cross-country, Handbells, Choral festival, Country dancing, Munch bunch, Skipping, Dance, Warhammer club, Imagineering and Chinese morning exercises! While not all these opportunities are available to all children, I hope you agree that there are lots of activities apart from normal school work! We do try to ensure that all children have the opportunity to try a whole range of experiences during their time at Clinton.

CHESS ROCKS

We understand from the organisers of the club that there are places available for all the children who have applied for a place this term. The club's first meeting is tomorrow.

'GOLDEN LEARNING TIME'

Soon after half term, we're going to be trying out a new approach to 'personalising' learning whereby we are going to be giving children in KS2 the chance to choose from a wide range of activities which they would do in the last hour of a Friday afternoon for three consecutive weeks. The children will be put into groups of 6 and may be mixed with those from other year-groups and then will negotiate with the activity leader which skills they would like to gain and what the content of the sessions might look like. To manage this, we are going to need the skills of parents in order to provide as wide a choice of activities as possible. Long ago, parents stated what skills they might be able to offer in order to enrich the children's education and you may be contacted informally by teachers to see if you are able to help. We appreciate that many of you work and are far too busy, but also that others would relish the opportunity to share your skills with the children. If you are keen to run an activity for these 3 weeks in the summer term, please let a member of staff know and we'll be happy to talk you through it a little more. I'm hoping we'll be able to offer activities ranging from sports to language, from gardening to needlework etc. There seems to be a wealth of expertise out there which we are desperate to tap into. If it is a success, then we can do more of it next year!

LOST PROPERTY

Final call! Unclaimed items will disappear on Monday!

THE "SLIM YOUR GREY BIN" CHALLENGE

Warwick District Council is selecting up to 5 households to take part in this challenge - you could win £250. The closing date is 30th April. Contact waste.education@warwickdc.gov.uk.

STEEL PAN ACADEMY - ADULT GROUP

As well as running weekly lessons for pupils, the Academy also offers a group for adult learners here on Tuesdays at 1.40 pm. Please contact Diana Hancox on 07765 811042 or email diana@steelpanacademy.com.

Yours sincerely,

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