

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Please remember that tomorrow is Sports Day, so there will be no assembly and no orchestra. Next week's arrangements are:

Thursday 16th July at 9.00 am – Headteacher's Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour Award assembly, with the orchestra playing. **(Please return your Good Neighbour shields by Friday 10th – thank you)**

Thursday 16th July at 2.30 pm – Staff leavers' assembly – a letter was sent home earlier giving details.

Friday 17th July at 9.00 – Leavers' assembly (there will be no orchestra at this assembly). Y6 awards will be given out at this assembly rather than Thursday's.

CLINTON THEATRICALS!

Yesterday, some of the children who have been doing Chinese exercises in the mornings before school performed in the Spa Centre in Leamington as part of the Intercultural Arts festival. They did extremely well and the teachers that went were very proud of them. Thanks to Anita Ballard and Dr Ding for their help week after week! I was sorry to have missed it but was rehearsing with the children from years 5 and 6 who are performing their play this evening. Directed by Nick Rodriguez, the play has come together and the children are excited to get started. We wish them luck!

REPORTS

These are being sent home with children today.

CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

These are also being sent home today.

FRANCE

The final France payment was due last week. We would be grateful for prompt payment. There will be an information evening for parents and children on Thursday 10th September at 6.30 pm. Please note that children will need a European Health Insurance Card before travelling. If you do not have one already, please could you apply for one. Thank you.

RED RIDGE

The final payment is due today. The date of the Red Ridge information evening will be confirmed soon.

CHIME SUMMER'S EVENING

Kevin Purdy, the Chair of CHIME, has asked me to pass on the following: "The CHIME Summer's Evening went ahead in glorious sunshine on Saturday. We all enjoyed music from the Clinton Steel Panners, food from the Barbeque, including excellent buns from the Andrew Davies Bakery, strawberries and cream, and the chance to sit and chat while the children played games. In total we raised £537 towards music provision at Clinton. Some of this money will be used to purchase new recorders and music books for next year's Year 3 children so thank you to all who came to support us."

INFORMATION BEING SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Dinner letters are being sent home with all children except those in Y6. **Please note that Thursday 17th July is the last date for ordering dinners for September.** Swimming letters also be sent home with children currently in Y3 and Y5. Please feel free to avoid the queues at the office by returning slips and cheques via your child's class teacher (either stapled together or

in sealed and named envelopes, please). Children in Y2 will be bringing home information about moving to KS2.

KEYBOARD LESSONS

There have been no lessons today: please could children bring their music on Monday.

SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 10TH JULY

Sports Day will take place tomorrow, or on Monday 13th if conditions are not suitable tomorrow. A decision will be taken tomorrow morning, and then a further decision at lunchtime on whether the afternoon session runs. All KS1 and selected KS2 children will take part in the races in the morning, beginning at approximately 9.20 (KS2 children will have taken part in heats during PE lessons). These races are very brief (two sprints for each class, plus the 800 metre race for some of the older children), so the morning session will last less than an hour. **If you are coming to see your child run, please err on the side of being early! Every year we have at least one very disappointed parent who has arrived too late.** A carousel of activities will take place from around 1.15 p.m. All children may come to school in sports kit. If possible, please could they wear trainers rather than pumps. We would also like children to wear their 'team' colour T-shirt. If you do not have the appropriate colour, please do not worry – a coloured band will be provided. Please provide a sun hat and water for your child. Parents are welcome to attend both AM and PM sessions. **A Sports Day programme is being sent home with each child today.**

SWINE FLU

The latest information we have received is displayed on the school website along with this newsletter. Copies are available from the carousel near the office. The essential point is that any children with symptoms of flu-like illness should be kept away from school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our final order will be placed next Wednesday. If any children moving from Y4 to Y5 wish to purchase a large school backpack, we have a few in school priced £7.00 (payable to Clinton School Fund).

IMAGINEERING FAIR

This forms part of the Country Festival at Stoneleigh from 29th – 31st August. Imagineering has negotiated a great deal on advance tickets for the Festival – up to 60% discount (family ticket £16 instead of £32). To order, phone 0971 230 5593 and quote "IMG1".

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

There is information on the carousel about various local activities. We're also planning a new "Activities" section on the school website – you might like to look soon.

PTA NEWS

Please see the PTA newsletter overleaf. I would just like to take this opportunity to say a big "thank you" to the PTA committee and to everyone who has helped them raise money this year.

Yours sincerely,

MR SAM PATER
ACTING HEADTEACHER

PTA UPDATE

We're now coming to the end of another successful year in terms of PTA fundraising, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and teachers for their continued support and contributions.

There is much to celebrate because due to all the hard work and effort put in over the last couple of years, the PTA has been able to make the following contributions:

1. £4750 for new gym equipment
2. £3104 for new KS1 classroom storage facilities
3. £1950 for a Maths Works Scheme rolled out in every year
4. £2450 for a Whiteboard for Year R
5. £388 for a Christmas Pantomime
6. £180 for Education City Subscription for Year R
7. £175 for 'Golden Tickets' scheme
8. £1000 towards Arts Week

We're sure you'll agree this is a fantastic achievement, and something to be very proud of.

We are now approaching the time where we have to consider how the PTA will run for the next school year. The PTA comprises a very small group of people, and new recruits are vital for it to keep going. Any nominations for the roles of Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary would also be gratefully received.

The PTA would be very happy to welcome any new members. We appreciate how valuable your time is, but all offers of help – no matter how big or how little – make a big difference. If you'd like to find out more, then you are very welcome to come to the PTA meeting next Monday, 13th July 2009, at 7.30 pm in the Staff Room. Come along and have a say in what events you'd like to see next year, and contribute any new ideas.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and thank you again for all your help and support.

With warmest wishes,
Sue, Sarah and Michela