

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we have a KS1 Celebration, but our Y1 assembly planned for 15th May will now take place on 22nd May. The guitar teacher is very sorry that the assembly he arranged for last week did not go ahead as anticipated. It is always nice, however, to see parents at assemblies on Fridays!

CROSSING PATROL

There will be no crossing patrol tomorrow morning or on the morning of Tuesday 12th May.

THE NEW ICT SUITE

Children are all extremely excited about our ICT suite. At the beginning of the year, the School Council discussed their ideas for what the new suite might look like and Matthew Stickley, chair, said "It's amazing to think that we discussed our hope for the school and it's finally come true." Ailsa Pettigrew, vice chair, added "The windows are excellent and really useful for the teachers".

MUSIC TUITION LETTERS

Three separate letters were sent home this week:

- letters to those having tuition to ask whether they wish to continue in the Autumn term
- bills for this term's tuition
- letters asking whether children wish to begin tuition on a new instrument in the Autumn term.

Please send in your replies as soon as possible, as it is essential that we book Autumn term lessons with County Music Service in the very near future. Thank you to those who have already replied.

Y6 SATS AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Y6 SATs will take place next week so we wish them all the best of luck. The light at the end of the tunnel shines brightly as they have business enterprise work beginning, where they will be forming teams, getting to know about aspects of business with the help from Gill Dolphin, and creating their own product which they will market and sell to other children in the school.

'WRITING AT HOME' WORKSHOP

We look forward to welcoming lots of parents this evening at 6.00 pm. All our teachers are working hard to prepare for what should be a very informative evening. One issue recently discussed about writing was that half termly targets need to be shared with parents and so it was agreed that this would happen in homework folders or with homework, early each half term. Look out for these as they will help you to guide your children to improve their writing with those reaching targets making especially good progress.

FRANCE AND RED RIDGE

Payments were due last Friday; please send in if you haven't already done so, and thank you if you have. The next Red Ridge payment is due on Thursday 14th May.

CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOS

These will be taken on the morning of Monday 18th May.

'GOLDEN LEARNING TIME'

Please refer to last week's letter and ask around for anyone who would be keen to share expertise with the children.

PEER MEDIATION

You may know that we have been operating a system in school where older children are trained to mediate if others have fallen out. The result of our using volunteer mediators in the school is that there are less disputes and children are learning to solve their own problems. Year 6 have been responsible up until now, but year 5 children are going to take it on, having had their training earlier in the year. As always at school, we have willing and enthusiastic volunteers and they can be found on the back of this letter!

SWIMMING LESSONS

If your child has swimming lessons and has hair which is shoulder length or longer, please could you ensure that they have a band to tie it up with. If their hair is long enough to go into a pony-tail, it needs to be tied back for swimming! The drains at the pool have to be unblocked frequently because they are clogged up with hair – we'd like to think we're not the culprits! Also, please could I remind you that boys should wear trunks, or swimming shorts which come above the knee. Board or surfing shorts should not be worn – they are too long for safe swimming and make it very difficult for the boys' legs to move properly in the water. Thank you.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This takes place from 18th – 22nd May. School Council are giving this their full support: they would like to ask you to consider letting your child walk to school on those days or, if you live too far to walk, to drive part of the way and walk the rest. More details next week.

STEEL PANS

The school steel pan players will be performing at the Summer Fair on Saturday 6th June. Letters will be sent home soon giving details of the times for each group.

MYTON HOSPICE "FEELING GREAT" APPEAL

Last week we had a speaker from Myton Hospice, who talked to the children during assembly. Each child is bringing home a letter and an envelope this week: fun activities involved! Every child bringing in their completed envelope (with or without a donation) by Thursday 14th May will be entered in a prize draw. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause.

MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER SCHOOLS

We have been sent some publicity by Paramount Youth Theatre who are running two summer schools in Warwick. There is a poster outside the office, or see www.paramountyouththeatre.com.

PTA NEWS

Grand prize draw tickets were sent home last week. We have some terrific prizes on offer so please try to sell as many as possible and return money and stubs to the office!! (in sealed envelopes, please).

The Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 6th June from 12.00 – 2.00 pm – letters will be sent home soon.

Yours sincerely,

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