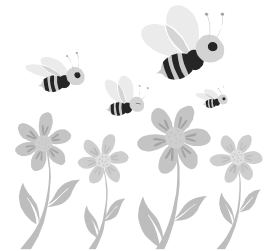


CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

ASSEMBLIES

Again, it's not a "special" tomorrow, but all are welcome. There will be no assembly next week because of Sports Day (so no orchestra). End of term arrangements are:

Thursday 22nd 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 16th – thank you)**

Friday 23rd 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.

THANK YOU

At 2.45pm on Friday 23rd I would like to invite any parents and other volunteers who have supported us in any way this year – whether helping out with golden learning time, reading, as part of CHIME or the PTA, as a governor etc etc. to come for a drink, which will be served to you by our year 6 pupils. I think we have been better supported by parents and other helpers than ever before and it would be nice to be able to do something to show you how much you have been valued. Please come around via the KS2 playground to the year 6 classroom.

ARTS WEEK

'World Cup South Africa' week kicked off with African dance for all the children in the hall on Monday. The children will almost certainly have talked about it and about other aspects of the week where teachers have been freer with the curriculum to provide some exciting learning opportunities. See pictures overleaf.

YEAR 4-5-6 PLAY

There will be a dress rehearsal of the play in school tomorrow and the children are working hard to practise their lines. All singers really need to practise the words to the songs – particularly the second and third verses. This will enable them to really shine! Thanks to parents for getting their children's costumes together.

ANNUAL REPORTS

These are being sent home today.

DINNERS/SWIMMING LETTERS

School meals letters are being sent home this week with all children except those in Y6. Swimming letters are also being sent home with children currently in Y3 and Y5. **Please reply by Thursday 22nd July.**

FRANCE AND RED RIDGE

Final payments for both trips are due tomorrow.

ATHLETICS

There were fantastic performances from Robert, Jack, Jordan and Ben, who won their events at the Area Athletics competition last week, and also from Emily and Joe who came third. Well done to all!

COUNTRY DANCING

Children from year 2 really enjoyed themselves at the Kenilworth Family of Schools' country dancing event yesterday evening. I'm desperately hoping it won't be Linda Duffy's last but would like to say an extra big thank you to her for enabling us to take part in the event each year.

CHIME NEWS

CHIME report that their Summer's Evening event went ahead in glorious sunshine on Saturday, raising £469. Thanks to all who came, to the Steel Panners, and to Mel and Barry Elkington, Andy and Liz Cherry, Karen Rossiter, Stewart Worthington, Helen Hollings and Chris Benson. Also, thanks and farewell to Y6 who performed at last week's excellent Leavers' Concert. Thanks also to Mrs Gallaway, the orchestra and to Sarah Purdy and Chris Benson (for cakes). We raised £110, which helps keep music at the very heart of our school.

SPONSORED SKIP FOR BHF

You and your children have raised the fantastic total of £291 for the British Heart Foundation, which is £70 more than last year. The children did really well – and so did their sponsors! Thank you very much.

SAINSBURY, TESCO AND NESTLÉ TOKENS

Thanks to your efforts, we've just received a cheque for £95 from Nestlé. From Tesco we've ordered an I-pod touch so that we can store all of the school music ready for assemblies and hymn practices and we've also ordered a 'Visualiser'. This is a fantastic piece of ICT equipment which enables teachers to point at writing or children's work on a page and show what it sees on the whiteboard so it can be shared with everyone. We've ordered PE and cooking equipment from Sainsbury's.

SPORTS DAY

Details as in last week's newsletter (it's on the website).

MANDARIN

I'd like to thank parents who have raised concerns about the need to charge for Mandarin in years 3-6 with me. So often in school playgrounds (but thankfully not here), negativity can spread when people feel concerned about something without coming forward with their views and I am pleased that parents feel able to do so. It's absolutely crucial to maintaining the great community feel we have. It gives me a chance to explain the whole picture and the opportunity to reflect upon school decisions with more viewpoints. If anyone else would value some time with me to talk over this issue (or any other for that matter) please do make an appointment.

GARDENING

Thanks to Linda Marsom and the Gardening Club, the area outside the school is looking lovely. Would anybody be available to carry out watering duties from 7th to 21st August? Please speak to the office staff.

PTA NEWS

Can you help? The PTA has some vacancies coming up. We need a co-chair and a secretary. If you are interested, please ask a PTA member for information.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER