

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Another year, amazingly, is drawing to an end and it's been a successful one on many levels. Our KS1 and KS2 SATs results are the best they've ever been and, although results vary depending on cohorts the progress the children have made has been fantastic. We've drawn attention from the Local Authority and the SSAT for our work on 'global citizenship' and successfully run golden learning three times, with children thoroughly enjoying the new activities they've tried. The school council have made a big difference this year, by raising money and in their work on helping children to adopt healthy lifestyles. We now have a permanent Deputy Head which gives us a very settled and incredibly hard working staff team. The children have had many memorable learning experiences this year and it is thanks to the willingness and dedication of our staff. We really appreciate how positive parents are about the school and so many of the report reply slips were full of thanks for our hard work. This just fires our motivation more to do the best we can for all the children. I have felt privileged to be the head of such a special place and thoroughly enjoy working in the fantastic atmosphere that exists here.

ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we have our Leavers' assembly, when we say goodbye to our Y6 pupils, and presentation of Y6 certificates. Come and join us if you can! The orchestra has made its final appearance at the assembly this morning, so children will not need to bring instruments tomorrow.

GOODBYE...

I'm sure you'll want to join me in saying "goodbye" and "thanks for all you've done" to Tina Jones, who has been covering Angela Fairbairn's maternity leave in Y1, to Helen Keast, who has been working as a Teaching Assistant, and to Helen Lewis who has been teaching Mandarin to our younger children. We are glad that Tony Zhou will be stepping in as our Mandarin expert next year but will miss Helen's input as she undertakes a PGCE.

... CONGRATULATIONS ...

As many of you will know, Miss Foster is going to be married at the end of this month. We send our very best wishes to Jenny and her fiancé, and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Paxman in September!

... AND THANK YOU!

Please remember that at 2.45pm tomorrow I would like to invite any parents and other volunteers who have supported us in any way this year to come for a drink, which will be served to you by our year 6 pupils. Please come around via the KS2 playground to the year 6 classroom.

FRANCE AND RED RIDGE

As mentioned in last week's letter, there will be information on both trips immediately follow the 9th September Parents' Evening (see below). You should also have received a brief letter about France or Red Ridge (including a kit list for the latter) earlier this week – please check that you've received it.

DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

A full list of dates will be sent home early next term, but you might like to note the following September dates:

Tuesday 7th – children return to school

Thursday 9th – Information evening – see below

Term dates can be viewed on the school website, at the foot of the "Calendar" page in the Parents' zone.

NEW CLASSES PARENTS' EVENING THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

Remember to put this date in your diaries and do come half an hour early at 6.30pm if you would like to hear about how our language strategy is developing.

DINNERS/SWIMMING LETTERS

School meals have now been arranged for next term. Please return swimming permissions for children currently in Y2 and Y3 if you haven't yet done so.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Letters confirming arrangements for your child's music lessons next year were sent home earlier this week. If you would have expected a letter and haven't had one, please check with your child then contact the office.

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Please note details of the information evening above. You should also have received a brief letter about France or Red Ridge (including a kit list for the latter) this week.

LOST PROPERTY

Our box is overflowing once again! We will put items out in the hall at the end of school tomorrow: please come and check through in case any of the items belong to your child. Items will be disposed of after that. **PLEASE name your children's clothes and possessions.**

MONDAY EVENING NETBALL

The parents' netball sessions on Monday evenings have gone really. Play will continue after the summer holidays, until the October half term – Mondays from 6.00 – 7.00pm. All welcome!

READING BOOKS

Please note that children will not be bringing reading books home over the summer. Please check at home and bring in any school reading books you still have. Please encourage your children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge being run by the local library – regular reading over the 6-week holiday makes a real difference to children's progress next term.

PTA NEWS

A PTA newsletter was sent home yesterday – please note the dates for the AGM and Auction Night.

Tea towels will be on sale at the Leavers' assembly.

Second-hand uniform We would welcome donations of any uniform which is in "nearly new" condition. Please hand donations to the office or to a member of the PTA.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER**