

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we had planned to have a visiting speaker present "The Big Tidy-Up" recycling assembly, but unfortunately this arrangement has had to be postponed. On Friday 7th May there will be an update on our links with Bosnia, and on Thursday 20th May our Reception class will be presenting their assembly. We are always glad to welcome parents and friends to our Friday assemblies.

DINNER MONEY REFUNDS

Dinner money refunds for any meals missed last term have now been sent home, unless they are for more than £5 in which case they are available from the office.

GOLDEN LEARNING

We would really like to run golden learning time once more on the last three Fridays of this half term (with a meeting the Friday before – which happens to be next week!) Some of the volunteers which have come in before have offered their services again and it would be great if we had other activities we could offer. The children LOVE Golden Learning time and if we are to run it we need a few more willing volunteers. Perhaps someone is a computer expert, a dancer, speaks a language – maybe someone has connections with a sports club etc. The more people we have volunteering, the more choice the children have. Research shows that children that try new things are more successful and this gives them a chance to find something they may love doing and will carry on. Please talk to me or let the office know by next Wednesday if you are able to help.

E-SAFETY AND LEARNING PLATFORM MEETING ON THURSDAY 20TH MAY

On May 20th Sarah Fitzgerald, our ICT link advisor will be coming to talk to parents about e-safety, which is a HUGE issue for children now and as they grow older. She will help you to realise what serious issues children are likely to come across when using mobile phones, the internet, play-stations etc. I would strongly recommend you come. The other thing she will introduce you to is the LEARNING PLATFORM. **Every parent** and every child has a username and password for a website which enables you to keep in touch with your children's progress, see their e-portfolio and use online tools that are very useful for extending learning at home. It is a safe area online which will be used increasingly by all schools and you will be given your username and password at this meeting. More information will follow in a letter next week.

SCHOOL SPORTS

Ladies Netball club was a huge success and I hear that there were only minor injuries. I hear it was competitive but the emphasis was on fun and not winning! The club will meet at 6pm and there is a permanently open invitation for any others to join them.

CHILDREN'S QUESTIONNAIRES

As well as sending questionnaires to parents recently, we also asked children for their views on school life. You can read their "what we love about Clinton" responses overleaf.

ATHLETICS

Many thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help with athletics club. We have been able to increase the number of places and are now full!

KERBSAFE

Each year we run this training for Y1 children to help keep them safe when crossing roads. We desperately need parent volunteers from 6th May – 17th June; please speak to Mrs Jones or to the office tomorrow otherwise we will have to cancel this really important activity.

PARENTING PUZZLE

These relaxed, informal sessions will be running at St John's Children's Centre on Tuesday afternoons for 10 weeks beginning 4th May. Details from 856397.

KAMPALA CHILDREN'S CENTRE

One of our parents is involved in organising a charity ball and dinner at the Manor Hotel in Meriden on Saturday 22nd May, with entertainment from the Destiny Africa Children's Choir. Tickets are £35, with all proceeds going to this children's centre in Uganda.

SATs

Despite prayers from some of the children in year 6, KS2 SATs will be going ahead at Clinton a week on Monday. They have worked hard towards them and we use the scores as a small part of school self-evaluation, using teacher assessment as the judgement that really counts and the one that informs us of what learning our children need next.

PURSE FOUND

A purse was handed in at the office recently – please let us know if you think it might be yours.

PTA NEWS

Variety Night is **TOMORROW!** Tickets are limited but we still have some available - remember you will need a ticket even if you are performing/helping on the night! Please buy your tickets in advance from the office as there may not be any left to sell on the door. Please arrive for 6pm - there will be adult and children's refreshments available along with a few games to play. Helpers - please look in your child's book bag as letters have been sent out today. Thank you for all your offers for help - we will be setting up after school tomorrow so if you're available, then your help will be appreciated! Also if you are able to stop after the show to help clear up we would also be really grateful.

Plans for this year's **Summer Fair** on Saturday 26th June (from 12.00 – 2.00pm) are also well under way. The theme this year will be the World Cup – we're still looking for raffle prizes and for a 1st prize for the Grand Prize Draw.

Please remember that Monday 3rd May is a bank holiday so school will not be open!

Yours sincerely,

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