

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

ASSEMBLIES

At tomorrow's assembly there will be an update on our links with Bosnia, on Thursday 20th May our Reception class will be presenting their assembly, and on Friday 21st May there will be a Celebration assembly. Come along if you can!

FAMILY RAMBLE

The first of these, set up following the parents' forum and being coordinated by Orla Davis, will take place on Sunday 23rd May at 10.30am. The meeting point is next to Kenilworth Castle Brays car park. The walk is a 2 mile circular walk over level farmland past Castle Farm and Oaks farm. If you fancy joining them, you will be most welcome. If anyone wants to contact Orla to find out more then please e-mail orla.davis@tiscali.co.uk

MUSIC TUITION LETTERS

Four separate letters are being sent home this week:

- letters to those having tuition to ask whether they wish to continue in the Autumn term
- letters asking whether children wish to begin tuition on a new instrument in the Autumn term (children in Y2 upwards)
- letters asking whether children wish to begin Suzuki violin tuition (YR/ Y1 children)
- bills for this term's tuition

It is essential that we have your replies to the first two letters by Friday 14th May to enable us to meet County Music Service deadlines for booking tuition for the Autumn Term. Thank you.

E-SAFETY

We have been warned by the local authority that sometimes video clips and photos of children are being put onto you-tube and facebook. That is fine if the children are yours but if not, particularly if the photos or videos were taken in school, it is obviously not acceptable. We would not be able to allow parents to take photos or video at all if this were the case. We have a register of children whose parents don't want their images shared online and everyone needs to respect their wishes. I would recommend not even putting images of your own children on you-tube for e-safety reasons.

SATs

Good luck to all year 6 children who are taking their SATs next week. They have worked very hard and, whether they get the levels they are hoping for or not, they can be pleased with their effort.

MONDAY VIOLIN/VIOLA LESSONS

Children who would normally have lessons on Monday 10th May will have them on Friday 14th instead – this change is for one week only, because of SATs.

FRANCE AND RED RIDGE

The next payment for the French trip is due tomorrow, and for Red Ridge on Friday 14th May.

CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOS

These will be taken on the morning of Monday 17th May.

CLINTON'S 'TALK-BACK' BLOG

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the governors have set up a blog which will enable more discussion about developing the school. Orla Davis has written an initial response related to an issue raised in the parents' questionnaire regarding school activities and school trips being varied – or not, as some stated. The blog will have a link to it via our school website and will go live on Monday next week. Please have a go! Hamish Foxley, who updates our website for us has set this up (thanks!) and we're hoping it will help enable you to have your say – particularly if work or other commitments make it difficult to do so at the times of our scheduled meetings.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This will take place from 17th – 21st May. The theme is "Walk your Way", focusing on how walking to school helps children develop skills to help them navigate and get to know their local area, improving confidence and safety. Please walk to school with your children if you can, or if you live too far away to walk, perhaps you could park at Castle Farm and walk from there. There will be more from the school council on this.

PLAYBOX THEATRE

There are leaflets from Playbox Theatre (and lots of other organisations) on the carousel outside the office.

KENILWORTH FESTIVAL

Thanks to Mrs Robinson, some art work produced by the Reception class can be seen at the Art Show being held in the Holiday Inn as part of the Kenilworth Festival (Friday 14th 10-4, Saturday 15th 10-4 and Sunday 16th 10-3).

PTA NEWS

Tea towels We are planning to produce a tea towel with children's self-portraits. Some children have produced their drawings in class (on special sheets provided by the PTA) but others have been given their sheets to take home. If their drawings are to appear on the tea towel, it is essential that we have them back in school by Friday 14th May.

Thank you to everyone who supported Variety Night in any way. It was a fantastic evening, thoroughly enjoyed by performers and audience alike. We raised over £600. If your child left a tutu behind, we have it in the office!

What I particularly enjoyed about the variety night was the fact that children had rehearsed so hard in order to entertain us. There was no attitude of 'look at how wonderful I am' – it was more of sharing an enthusiasm for music, dance, etc and enjoying watching each other. What does need pointing out is that members of the PTA worked tirelessly until 10pm to tidy away and we are all very grateful for that.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER**