

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back and I hope you all had a superb holiday in the sunshine. This is a remarkably short half term so we are hitting the ground running with lots of exciting new things planned for the children. It's great to have Jenny Paxman back as well as Angela Fairbairn, who has returned from her maternity leave to teach Y1. Mrs Jones had hoped to teach up until the end of next week but has been ordered to rest up as she approaches her due date. Mrs Fairbairn, having started some projects with the junior classes which she will complete with them next week, will be taking Y1 from Monday 16th.

ASSEMBLIES

Friday morning assemblies planned this term include:

20th May – Celebration assembly

27th May – Record of Achievement awards

1st July - "What's going on at Clinton?"

8th July – Celebration assembly

Thursday 21st July – ROA and Good Neighbour awards

Friday 22nd July – Leavers' assembly

LEAVERS' CONCERT AND OTHER DATES

These were given in the last newsletter and can also be seen on the website (calendar in the Parentzone). The Leavers' Concert will take place on Tuesday 28th June.

PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING 26TH MAY

Homework is a hot topic in all schools and we are planning to hold a consultation evening to get parents' opinions about the homework children currently do and any possible changes we may make to what we send home. This will take part on the evening of Thursday 26th May and we hope that lots of parents will be able to come as we revisit our strategy and policies for homework. Look out for a letter coming next week.

SATs WEEK

Year 6 and year 2 (although through less formal means) will take external SATs tests this term. Y6 will take these next week so we wish them luck. Y2 will be tested during the course of the term, with teacher assessment playing the greater role in the levels the children are awarded. We don't put great pressure on the children regarding these tests and like to know if any children are feeling particularly anxious so we can reassure them, so please let us know if that becomes the case.

ATHLETICS CLUB

Can any parents help with Athletics Club after school on Thursday for 4 weeks from 12th May? Please speak to Mrs Paxman. Last year we were able to include all the children who wanted to take part, thanks to the number of parents who helped. We hope to do the same again!

SWIMMING LESSONS

We've had to change our swimming plans this year because the planned closure of the pool didn't go ahead. Consequently, Y3 and Y4 children will not be swimming during this coming term. Y6 lessons will start on Wednesday 18th May and the children will need to bring old pyjamas for personal survival work. We may have the opportunity to use the outdoor pool this term: please let us know in writing if you do not wish your child to swim outdoors. Thank you.

SUN SAFETY

At this time of year children could spend their lunchtime outside followed by an outdoor games lesson in the afternoon. Therefore they could be out in the sun for quite a while. What we suggest is that you apply long lasting sun-cream (like 'Once' which lasts for 6 hours) in the morning as we obviously can't apply sun-cream to all the children mid way through the day. We prefer this to children bringing their own sun-cream in as it's the simplest method. We will teach children about safety in the sun during the summer term as being sunburnt as a child obviously carries a health risk for later in life.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Letters are being sent home this week to let you know what your children will be working on this half term.

SCHOOL MEALS – NEW MENUS

The new summer menus will be served from Monday next week. Details are being sent home today.

Y6 LOCKERS

The year 6 lockers, paid for by the PTA, have been installed and are already in use. They look fantastic and the children would all like to say a big thank you!

RED RIDGE

The next payment is due tomorrow. Thank you.

TRIP TO FRANCE – PAYMENT AND PASSPORT

Please note that the next payment is due on Monday next week. Collective Passport forms and photo are also due in by Monday. Your child will need a European Health Insurance Card: if they have one already, please check the expiry date on it. New cards and replacements can be obtained online – Google 'EHIC' for information.

CYCLING AWARENESS FOR Y6/Y5

Sessions will take place after school each day from Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th May. Numbers are limited: please see letter being sent home today.

EVENING MEETING FOR NEW RECEPTION PARENTS

Just in case you missed this in the 31st March newsletter, this meeting was originally planned for 5th May but will now take place on Thursday 19th May. Letters will be sent home within the next few days.

PARENTS' NETBALL

Weekly sessions will be starting up again on Monday 9th May, from 5.30 – 6.30 pm at school.

FOUND – CHEQUES AND KEY

A small key and three cheques, (for "Talk Therapy") have been found. Please see the office if they are yours.

PTA NEWS

Dates for your diary:

PTA meeting on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30 pm

KS2 cake sale after school on Friday 13th May.

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER