

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Summer Newsletter No. 11

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Dear Parents,

### **END OF ANOTHER YEAR!**

Well, as if by magic, a year has gone by and we break up for the summer (to return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September by the way!). The year has been packed full of exciting learning opportunities and successes, thanks to our very dedicated staff and community. There have been some really appreciative comments on report slips which the teachers have enjoyed reading, and the positivity of the school community continues to reward their efforts. Thanks for that. The children have worked hard this year and have impressed us all. We are going to use the phrase from London 2012 next year 'Raise Your Game'! So we hope you have a refreshing break (those of you who will be taking one), enjoy your children over the summer, and send them back ready to reach for the skies next year!

### **ASSEMBLIES**

Tomorrow we have our leavers' assembly and presentation of Y6 certificates. Please come and join us if you can. There'll be no orchestra, so no need to bring instruments to school.

### **'THANK YOU' DRINKS - FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY AT 2.45**

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. We'll seek shelter if it rains!

### **FRANCE AND RED RIDGE**

As mentioned in last week's letter, there will be an information session on each trip immediately following the 8th September Parents' Evening. Letters about France and Red Ridge (including a kit list for the latter) are being sent home today.

### **DINNERS - FINAL REMINDER - IMPORTANT!**

Please make sure we have your replies by tomorrow - although we'll be setting up lunch orders for new Reception children during the first week of September, at that stage we don't plan to deal with any new requests or alterations for children in other classes. Please try to keep a note of which days you've ordered dinners - memories tend to fade during the holidays!

### **MUSIC TUITION**

We haven't been able to send out contracts for next year's teaching yet, but we will be able to provide lessons for all children who've requested them.

### **NEW CLASSES PARENTS' EVENING THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Please remember to put this date in your diaries and please make it a priority to come if at all possible.

### **INTERCULTURAL ARTS MORNING**

Spilling over from last week's 'Brilliant Britain' week, children in years 3 and 4 had a fantastic time learning about Indian artwork (banners which are often seen at the time of Diwali) and doing some Bhangra dancing. They loved finding out how these Indian traditions have enriched British culture.

### **OPTIONAL MANDARIN IN YEARS 3-6**

Please send your replies in tomorrow if your children wish to continue Mandarin lessons in September.

### **SCHOOL GARDEN AWARD**

I'm delighted to be able to tell you that following a visit from the Kenilworth and District Agricultural Society judges, the school has been awarded the "Best School Entrance" prize in their annual competition. The judges commented particularly on their pleasure at seeing children so involved in gardening, and on the fact that Clinton is the only school to have compost bins in the playground (thanks to Miss Keeley and the Eco-council for this green initiative!). We're all very grateful to Linda Marsom and her family for running Gardening Club and for making the area outside school look so attractive, and also to the children who have taken part in the club. This leads on to...

### **WATERING (AND OUR WILD AREA)**

Is there anyone who would be willing to carry out watering duties during the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> August? Please contact the office if you could help. Thank you. Also, Simon Clarke has been trying to work with the pond and nature area in the corner of the school field. He is a parent of children who left two years ago and is still helping us out. He would really appreciate some extra hands over the summer to work on the area so, again, let us know via the office.

### **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.**

### **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. They all seemed really keen to take part following the presentation to them all yesterday. We want to see just how many children we can get involved in this.

### **THANK YOU FROM TONY ZHOU**

Tony completed the British 10k race in London earlier this month - thank you to all who has sponsored him.

### **PTA NEWS**

#### **Dates for your diaries...**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm - AGM  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October - PTA Auction Night

Best wishes for an enjoyable summer, and we'll look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

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