

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00

As always, we'd be very glad to see you at any of our Friday morning gatherings. Our Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour award assembly will be on Friday 7th April.

STRANGER AWARENESS

A few years ago children were encouraged never to talk to strangers. In fact, the advice now is not the same, as it has on occasion put children off seeking help when they desperately needed it, and asking a stranger would have been just the right thing to do. However, there have been some recent reports in Leamington and Warwick of people acting suspiciously towards children. Don't overly-concern children with this as it could cause unnecessary anxiety, but it would be useful to go over with them what they might do if a stranger is talking to them. It might also affect your decision about children who walk to school on their own.

ANOTHER NEW DATE: LEAVERS' AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT - TUESDAY 27TH JUNE

All Year 6 children and all orchestra members will have the opportunity to take part in this concert. Details will follow nearer the time, but please put the date in your diaries now. It's a very special occasion!

ENSEMBLE 360

On Monday afternoon all the children were treated to another live performance by professional musicians, again arranged in conjunction with Leamington Music and with financial support from CHIME. Ensemble 360 gave us a 'musical tour' around the world - and an introduction to double bass and French Horn. They will be giving a concert at the Spa Centre on Sunday 19th March at 11.30 am - it's suitable for children aged 3-7 years, and lots sounded keen!

RELIEF MIDDAY SUPERVISOR WORK

Are there any parents who would be interested in undertaking lunchtime work to cover staff absences? Our Midday Supervisors are a crucial part of our staff team and it would be really helpful to have a few people who'd be willing to cover for absence. The rate of pay (from April 2017) is £7.78 per hour (so £9.73 per lunchtime). If you, or anyone you know, might be interested, please speak to the office staff.

Y6 AND Y2 SATS

This is a further reminder of the notice in last week's letter that Year 6 will be doing most of their tests in the week beginning Monday 8th May, with some tests in the following week and writing assessments going on until the end of June.

OWN CLOTHES AND WACKY HAIR! A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

In case you missed it last week, School Council members have asked me to pass on this message: 'School Council have come to the conclusion that we will be having a **'WACKY HAIR' day on Friday 17th March**. Everybody can come in **non-uniform** and with their hair as wacky as possible. This will be in return for a £1 donation which will all be going to something that will benefit the whole school!'

ACCELERATED READER

The accelerated reader scheme certainly has had an effect on the amount of time children are reading in Years 4, 5 and 6. It calculates, from the number of words read per book, and the number of books children have quizzed on, that the average amount of reading time children in KS2 have been doing is 53 minutes per day. Some of that reading is done in school but most is at home! Between the scheme and parent persuasion power, there is a lot of reading going on! The highest average is about 3 hours per day, so it's not a surprise that this child's reading age is 5 years above her chronological age! Keep up the good work. If you know your child is not reading much at home, and you want some support with getting them into it, please talk to class teachers.

CHIME

I hope you've all seen the CHIME newsletter which was sent out on Friday last week. I'd like to emphasise just how much difference contributions from CHIME and the PTA make to school life. Because we've enjoyed very reliable financial support from both charities over many years, it's perhaps not easy for people to be aware of the impact that both organisations have. One way you can help ensure that this level of support continues is to come along to the **CHIME AGM on Tuesday 28th March** at 7.15pm. Please come along - you won't be signing up for a lifetime commitment! It would just be good to have your ideas and maybe an offer of an hour or two of your time each term. Simone Royle and her fellow committee members will be very glad to see you at the meeting. If you'd like to see a copy of the agenda before the meeting, please ask the office. Please remember too that it's the **KS2 cake sale after school on Monday next week (20th March)**. CHIME would be really grateful to have all KS2 parents donate cakes, and you are all invited to come along and buy them!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Pater". The signature is written in a cursive style.

SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER