

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### ASSEMBLIES

No assembly and no orchestra tomorrow - Sports Day!

### DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Children are due back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Term dates are attached to this letter and are also available on the school website <http://www.clintonprimary.co.uk/calendar-and-term-dates/> - scroll down to the foot of the page to access the dates) Please see below for one very important date.

### IMPORTANT - THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Please make sure this is in your diary - it's one of the most important evenings of the school year. There will be class information sessions at 7.00 and 7.45 (the same session repeated), with a meeting for everyone in the hall at 8.00 then France and Red Ridge meetings at 8.15pm. It's your chance to meet your child's teacher and to hear what's planned for the year ahead. Handouts just can't convey all the information so please be there if you can.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

We have been happy to receive such a lot of lovely comments in response to the reports. It's great to receive positive feedback after another year where Clinton staff have given their all.

### COUNTRY DANCING AT THE CASTLE

You can see parents' photos overleaf - thank you!

### VISITS TO NEW CLASSES

Children will spend time in their new classes next Wednesday morning. Year 2 children will be bringing home some information about transition to Key Stage 2.

### 'CARNAGE!' - PRIORY THEATRE

The dress rehearsal performed for the younger children went really well today! Thank you for doing such a sterling job on finding costumes. The children have aged about 70 years! They are pretty good with the songs. We'd really appreciate you working with them on the last of the songs in particular - so they know the words. The links to the songs are in the email with this letter. Tickets were sent home yesterday. There are still a few seats left so please ask if you want more.

### STILL SOME SEATS LEFT!

As mentioned above, we still have a small number of seats left for the performances on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next week, at 7.00 pm, so we're now able to offer those to parents of children in other years. Tickets are £2.50 each - please ask!

### READING (ETC) OVER THE HOLIDAY

I will be talking to all the children about the library reading challenge, which has been really useful to inspire some reading over the holiday. We find that children will go back in terms of their learning, sometimes by half a term, during the long holiday. Encouraging reading is essential during this time. Class teachers may also set other challenges for them,

perhaps for maths and spelling. Here's a link to tell you more about it: [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk).

### CHILDREN'S BOOKS AT YEAR END

We wanted to flag up that we do keep children's books for half a term, in case Ofsted arrive early in the year and want to see what children's learning has been like. At that point we can let them go home.

### MUSIC LESSONS / ORCHESTRA

We can now confirm that all requests for music lessons in September can be accommodated. You will receive an agreement form soon - please return before the end of term and please see attached information about instrument hire. Payment for Autumn term lessons will be requested in October. On the afternoon of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September Miss Butler will listen to any prospective orchestra members - children are invited to prepare a piece over the summer if they'd like her to listen to them. Please explain to your child that not all children who play for Miss Butler will be ready to join the orchestra at that stage, so they shouldn't be disappointed if she feels they're not ready yet. They won't enjoy being part of the orchestra if they join too soon, but they will once the time is right! Also, there might not be spaces for the instrument they play (priority is given to Y6 and Y5 children).

### BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB EARLIER OPENING

We'll be opening the Before-School Club at 7.45 each morning. It will continue to be on a drop-in basis. It's £3.80 (from 8.00 onwards) or £4.80 if arriving between 7.45 and 8.00) and this will be collected via ParentPay.

### CLINTON CAMP INFORMATION EVENING - TODAY

This is at 7.00 pm. If you haven't returned the various forms yet, please make sure we have them tomorrow.

### SPORTS DAY TOMORROW

A further reminder about timings (see newsletter 9 on the website for further details). **9.15:** sprints followed by 800m race. This part of the day will be over fast! **1.15 - 3.10:** an afternoon of various team activities. Children can come to school wearing T-shirt and shorts (shirt in their team colour if they have one, otherwise we'll give them a band to wear). The PTA will be selling ice creams for £1 and ice pops for 10p - limited stocks, so when they're gone, they're gone!

### DRINKS FOR HELPERS - FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 2.30PM

We won't send out personal invitations, but you know who you are so please do join us for a 'thank you' drink.

### CHIME NEWS

**It's the Summer's Evening on Saturday!** We hope to see you between 3.30 and 7.00 pm for a lovely relaxing evening of music and food!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Pater".

**SAM PATER**  
HEADTEACHER