

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM – ALL WELCOME!

We are excited about hearing our new look orchestra however they will not be making their first appearance until next week.

## INFORMATION SESSIONS LAST THURSDAY

Thanks for a good turn-out last Thursday. We are happy to commit the time to such a meeting as parents often say how helpful it is to know what the expectations are and what is coming up during the year.

## HARVEST AND BOOK FAIR

Look out for details very soon of Harvest Festival (5<sup>th</sup> October) and the Scholastic Book Fair, also that week.

## PARENTPAY – VOTE NOW!

We've had responses from just under half of our school families. If you haven't voted yet, please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/57P2XH7> I'd like to clarify the information about the surcharge, following comments from a number of parents. ParentPay, like every other organisation, is charged a handling fee by the banks for every card payment it processes. Schools buy into ParentPay and their charge to us has to cover these handling fees and other costs. We therefore need to make a slight increase in the amount we charge you for trips etc. All schools will need to find a way of covering the cost of their online payments system, and most will do it this way. We wanted you to be completely clear about the facts before you give us your views.

## CLUBS THIS TERM

Letters have been sent home this week about the following after-school clubs:

- Football starting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September for Y2,3,4
- 'Bowl for Fun' starting Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> for Y5/Y6
- Dodgeball from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September for Y5/Y6.

Look out tomorrow for details of before-school Mandarin club on Wednesdays for KS2 children. There will be more clubs starting after half term for children in Y1 – Y6, including Multisports on Tuesdays for Y1 and Y2.

## BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB

Please remember that we operate this in the IT suite on a drop-in basis every morning from 8.00 onwards – no need to book. Please pay on the day (£3.50 per child) and come in via the Y6 classroom door. The children are escorted to their classes when it's time. The club is run by Mrs Meaden, Mrs Doherty and Mrs Hewin.

## PROFESSOR MCGINTY

No doubt children in years 3, 5 and 6 were excited about their Professor McGinty visit, hooking them into their new Contexts for Learning. They seemed to have a great time! Thanks to Mr Rabone for organising this again.

## RED RIDGE

Children going on the trip will be bringing home final details and medical consent forms tomorrow. The deadline is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

## RECEPTION SETTLING IN

It's always a special time for children when they start school and they seem to have taken to it amazingly well! See them busy on the back!

## VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

As you know, our parent (and grandparent!) volunteers are hugely important to our school life. It's a really rewarding thing to play a part in helping children to learn that critical life skill of reading, and if you can help then you won't regret giving up your time! Please complete the mini-form at the bottom if you can help and we'll be in touch!

## GARDENING GOLD!

Thanks to the hard work of Gardening Club children, not to mention Mrs Mills, Mrs Pettman and Mrs Cherry, Clinton once again won a gold award in the Kenilworth in Bloom competition. Well done to our gardeners!

## CHIME NEWS

CHIME would like to thank those who have paid for their membership contributions for this school year, and kindly remind all those who have not as yet. Your children should have brought CHIME information home at the end of last week or the beginning of this week. **We really rely on your contributions to help keep all the musical activities going on in school.**

Our **Cake Sale** is taking place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**, after school in the hall. Please can **KS1 families** donate home-made or bought cakes for sale - thanks you! We appreciate any offers of help to run these events - even half an hour of your time is really helpful.

**CHIME Cinema Friday is on 16<sup>th</sup> October** - at the **Talisman Theatre, from 3.45pm** - please note that parents need to stay with their children. Tickets are sold on the door, as are refreshments. If you've paid your CHIME contribution we'll enter your name in our raffle - some great prizes to come.

For any more information or to find out how you can volunteer with CHIME: contact Deborah Thomas 07976 977 247 / [thomdeborah@gmail.com](mailto:thomdeborah@gmail.com)

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER**  
**HEADTEACHER**

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**I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP IN SCHOOL.**  
**I could help on: (please circle to show availability)**

**Mon AM Tues AM Wed AM Thurs AM Fri AM**

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Name .....

Parent/grandparent of .....