

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AND GOLD STICKERS

Starting tomorrow, every second Friday we'll be awarding gold stickers to two children in each class who have best displayed our school 'value' for that two-week period. This week and last we've been focusing on 'pushing yourself', and for the next couple of weeks the value will be 'kindness'. If your child is getting a sticker, we will email you the day before the assembly – class teachers will nominate children at the end of Wednesday afternoons, to give children as much opportunity as possible to put that 'value' into practice.

RAISE YOUR GAME!

This year (as we did the last Olympic year), we will be encouraging children to 'Raise their Game'. There will be competitions based on 'basic skills', with the first being spelling. All children in years 1-6 were set spellings on Spelldrome to practise over the summer if they had time. In the final week of this half term, there will be a chance for them to earn points for their 'House team' (sports day colours), for each spelling they get right at the exciting 'event'. The winning team will be awarded the trophy with their colour ribbons. More information to follow. For now, please encourage them to learn the words set – there are only 4 weeks left to prepare.

CLINTON COUNTING SONG

I have been teaching children in years 1 and 2 how to sing, counting in 3s. The Clinton Counting song has been instrumental in recent great success in maths attainment at KS1 and KS2 but year 1 and 2 weren't so involved first time around. It would be VERY helpful to them to them if you could help them learn the 3s off by heart. Go to www.mathstools.wordpress.com.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

Letters are on their way home today – plus email copies.

PARENTPAY

We've had around 84 votes now – you can still vote on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/57P2XH7> 67% of those who've voted are in favour of using an online payment system. A significant number of parents haven't voted; we assume this means they don't have strong objections to adopting the system. It looks likely, therefore, that we'll move onto the ParentPay system later this school year. If you do have strong objections, please come and see me to let me know.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR DETAILS

Monday 5th October between 8.30 and 9.15 – bring your children before they go into class, if you wish, or come and browse on your own after you've dropped them off. If you're walking to Harvest, come and browse while you wait: have coffee once children are in class!

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th from 3.15 – 3.45 in the hall. Children visiting the book fair can fill in a slip to enter a prize draw for a £5 token to spend at the fair. You can also order books from the leaflets being sent home today. We receive commission which teachers spend on books for children in their class.

However, we need your help to run the fair! Could you help with any or all of the sessions? If so, please speak to the office staff. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

We really would be glad to have some more volunteers to come into school to help with their children's (or grandchildren's) reading. It's really rewarding: the children love reading to you and you have the satisfaction of helping with hugely significant part of a child's education. Please send in the slip below, or email us. So far we have NO volunteers.

EARLY-MORNING VOLUNTEERS FOR YEAR R

We would love as many volunteers as possible to come into Reception class each morning, for about 20 minutes starting between 8.45 and 9.00. It would be a great help to have people spend time with individual children, working with flashcards. If you have a child in YR or in any other class, please use the slip if you could volunteer. It will be a really enjoyable start to your day!

TUBS FOR TABLETS

If you shop at Tesco and buy tubs of Flora, you could help us get free Samsung tablets! There's a collecting box outside the office. Details attached. Thank you!

YAKULT BOTTLES FOR YR – CAN YOU HELP?

Reception class would love to get hold of 30 empty (washed!) Yakult bottles to turn into 'mini people'!

LOST PROPERTY

Claim it before it goes! Please see attached photos.

CHIME NEWS

Our first cake sale is tomorrow after school in the Creative Arts Zone. We'd love cake donations from KS1 families and hope for lots of purchasers!

Thank you if you've paid your **CHIME membership donations** this year - all these families will be entered into the prize draw during the **Cinema event on Friday 16th October** at the Talisman Theatre. Thank you for your donations – still time to send in before the draw! Please contact Deborah Thomas for any more information: 07976 977247 / thomdeborah@gmail.com

PTA NEWS FROM AMANDA WRIGHT

Welcome back! Please do read the attached letter.

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)**

Please tick if you're offering YR morning help

Mon AM Tues AM Wed AM Thurs AM Fri AM

Mon PM Tues PM Wed PM Thurs PM Fri PM

Name

Parent/grandparent of

An important message from the PTA

Welcome back everyone. We hope you have had a lovely Summer holiday and enjoyed lots of family time!

In the next few weeks we need to schedule in the AGM where the PTA committee for the next 12 months will be signed in. Before we do that, we'd like to hold an informal meeting and social event at the Gauntlet pub on Thursday 1 October at 7.30pm. This is an open invitation to anyone who has helped, is thinking about helping, or would just like to find out a bit more about how the PTA is run and what we do.

Working on the PTA is great fun. It is a fantastic way to meet parents from across the year groups and become an integral part of the school community. We know that you enjoy the events the PTA run from the attendance levels and funds raised at events. However, you may not be aware that our recent PTA meetings have been attended by just a handful of people and the headteacher. Many of the current office holders will be standing down at this year's AGM and without extra help, we may not be able to fill the positions for this academic year.

All of the current committee members have held positions on the committee for a number of years now and it really is time for some new blood! Without an influx of a few more committed people who can attend meetings, it will be a real challenge to continue to thrive.

We really need your support. If you are considering helping out on the PTA, you can take on as much or as little as you like, but your attendance at meetings would be hugely valued as many hands make light work. To the regular pool of parents who answer my calls for help at events, please know that we are truly grateful for your continued support.

It will be lovely to see as many as you as possible at the Gauntlet on Thursday 1 October. There is no pressure to sign up for anything on the night, so please do just come for a drink and chat.

Thank you, Mand

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