

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 – ALL WELCOME!

'Special' dates arranged so far are:

Thursday 11th February Record of Achievement

Friday 11th March Y3 class assembly

Friday 18th March ROA and Good Neighbour awards.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

One of the things that we are always keen to emphasise at Clinton is that we view education as a supportive partnership between school staff and parents. We all have the common goal of wanting to help the children reach their potential the best we can. We are lucky to have a staff who are not only trying to fulfil the duties of their job, but who also take all the time available to them to give each child the best education and opportunities possible. This is evident in the quality of the lessons planned; the way staff take time to listen to children and parents; the effort put into designing learning to be the most purposeful and productive possible for each individual child.

However, there are not enough hours in the day and is not enough money in the budget to do everything we want to do. We ask for your help to:

- firstly understand this and recognise how much we're trying to do – as this builds goodwill and energy levels to do more;
- support children with home learning;
- offer time if you have any to support the PTA, CHIME or come in to volunteer;
- come and talk to us, if you are concerned about anything, and me specifically if necessary.

Parents do an amazing job in lots of these ways and I wanted to reiterate how important and valuable that is for your children.

READERS

We're really keen to get more volunteers helping with reading at school. We've managed to get 5 students from Warwick University to help but the more we have the more progress children will make. If you have any spare slots, please let us know. If there are grandparents out there that's another possibility. As with everything in life, those who get more practice, make more progress. Home practice is vital and, given that it is a very inefficient use of teacher time to listen to children read individually, most of the reading they do will be with you at home or with volunteers. Please complete the slip if you can offer any help at all. Thank you.

COURTESY

We've been having a big push on the school value of 'courtesy', making the point that those who show good manners are thoughtful and considerate of others and that the prize for showing courtesy is that more people will like you! If you want to support the high profile we're giving the theme at school this week and next by reinforcing those messages at home I'm sure that will help at school too. Some children will be receiving gold stickers next Friday for showing this value next Friday.

REMINDER: TRAINING DAY FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

If you haven't already put this in your diaries, please do!

'RAISE YOUR GAME' CHALLENGE – TIMES TABLES

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should have received a letter earlier this week asking you to encourage your child to sing the 3 and 4 times tables song on <https://mathstools.wordpress.com>. Please do this with them! Older children will receive instructions too, but they can be practising straight away.

HOMEWORK MEETING - THURSDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

All parents should have had this letter (copy attached with this email). Please do come and let us have your views before we review our homework policy.

KS1 AND Y3/4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION DVDs

There's still time to order a DVD if you wish. We'll get them to you as soon as we can.

CHIME NEWS

The Cake Sale is TOMORROW, in the hall after school. We would appreciate any baked goods donated by **KS2 families**. This is always popular with the children, and so would appreciate even a small amount donated by as many of you as possible. We would also appreciate your help in selling the cakes - We are looking for two volunteers, from 15:10-15:40 approximately. Thanks!

Monday 18th January - CHIME meeting at 7.30 pm in school. This is where your ideas come into fruition and the decisions are made - Please come along, even just to listen or see what CHIME is all about.

For any offers of help - please contact Deborah Thomas on 07976 977 247 / thomdeborah@gmail.com

PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

The first PTA meeting of the year will take place on Monday 18th January at 7.30pm at the Gauntlet. Please come and help us plan some exciting events. If anyone has anything specific they would like to discuss at the meeting, or if you'd like a copy of the agenda in advance, please email me at sch2k5@gmail.com and I'll make a note of it on the agenda.

Nearly-new uniform sale – this will take place tomorrow at the same time as the cake sale.

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)

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Name

Parent/grandparent of