

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES – PLEASE JOIN US!

We won't have an assembly on Friday 15th July (Sports Day) but we're here every other week!

SCHOOL BUDGETS

School budgets have increasingly become tighter for a number of years but for the first time since I've been headteacher, we're getting to a point where we will actually rely on PTA and CHIME funds to buy materials that will enable us to teach to our potential. Increased National Insurance contributions and the accumulation of years of capital budget cuts leave us needing the fundraising of the school community more and more. At the same time, we're all getting busier and it's hard to find volunteers able to support our events. We are, currently, superbly resourced, due to PTA and CHIME donations and grants that we have been successful in winning, but we want to be able to maintain our levels of resource as well as to buy new resources to continue to move with the times. Wherever you can, please support the efforts of our small but willing PTA and CHIME committees.

'ACCELERATED READER' APPEAL

I hope you'll have received a letter about this year's appeal on Wednesday (email and paper). One again our 'mystery benefactor' has offered to match the funding we can raise, and we plan to use the money to support children's reading using this innovative scheme. Please ask if you haven't seen the letter yet.

OLYMPIC ATHLETE VISIT AND SPONSORSHIP

Children have had a great time this afternoon really trying their best in the fun fitness circuit. Our Olympic athlete Dominick Cunningham impressed us with his skills – doing back flips and walking around the hall on his hands! It was really exciting for children and staff. Thank you for collecting sponsor money. This is just a reminder that sponsor money is due in on Wednesday.

BLUE CLINTON T-SHIRTS

Please return these urgently, as we need them for athletics competitions next week. Thank you!

SCHOOL PE KITS

Please could I ask you to **make sure that your child always has PE kit in school.** It was clear yesterday that many children didn't have theirs. Thank you.

SUNHATS

We've provided 5 spares to each class, but we still have children needing hats. **PLEASE make sure your child has a named hat to wear every day.**

AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

Letters sent home this week include:
Dodgeball club for Y2/Y3 on Mondays
'Ultimate Frisbee club' for Y4/Y5/Y6 on Fridays.
Copies were emailed to parents yesterday.

CLASS AND TEAM PHOTOS

Proofs are being sent home with children today. Please read the information carefully for details. Final versions will show children's names as usual. Please order by Monday 20th June (or pay the admin fee of £4).

Y6/5/4 PRODUCTION OF 'BANGED UP'

We're aiming to get information and ticket requests to you within the next few days. We'll send paper copies but will alert you by email too.

SAINSBURY'S 'ACTIVE KIDS' VOUCHERS

Definitely the last call for your vouchers! Thank you!

E-SAFETY MEETING AT ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL

Please see the attached notice about this meeting on Monday evening next week.

PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Summer Fair on 25th June - preparations are well under way; more information is attached. To celebrate our Brazilian Carnival theme, why not come dressed up and maybe win a prize? If you can spare half an hour to help please offer as it would be greatly appreciated.

There will also be a **Wear What You Like Day on Friday 24th June.** KS1 can wear what they fancy in exchange for a delicious cake or similar and we are asking KS2 to bring in a bottle of something for our 'Pull a Bottle Stall' anything from sauce to squash to shampoo is perfect! (Please note that Y5 have a trip that morning, but they don't need to wear school uniform).

We still need some help **selling raffle tickets outside Sainsbury's on Thursday 16th June between 11 am and 9 pm.** The raffle raises around an extra £1000 for the summer fair – please offer to help if you can.

Finally, just a reminder that James Harris will be at Kenilworth Castle this Saturday from 2pm-4pm offering free photography tips for anyone interested. This links in with our calendar competition that is running from now until October (see letter with last week's newsletter).

My contact details: sch2k5@gmail.com or via Facebook.

CHIME NEWS FROM DEBORAH THOMAS

Cake sale tomorrow! It's after school in the Creative Arts Zone. Please donate baked items (KS2 parents) and come and purchase (everyone!).

Thanks if you've offered help with the **Summer's Evening, on Saturday 9th July** – please contact Denise Wilson at denise.laptop@btinternet.com or Sarah Bell on 07730 744983 with any further offers / enquiries.

CHIME is looking for a new **CHAIR** from September - if you'd like to chat to me find out more about this voluntary opportunity, please do! Deborah Thomas 07976 977 247 / thomdeborah@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

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

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**