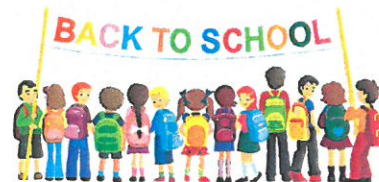


CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

GREAT START!

Your children have started the term brilliantly, settling into their new classes happily, clearly enjoying making the step up!

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM – ALL WELCOME!

This is a reminder that we hold a community assembly at 9.00 am every Friday – do join us if you can. Reception class children don't normally attend the first few assemblies, but join in a little later in the term. The orchestra will play next week but not tomorrow.

DIARY DATES

Dates for this term and next are overleaf. Other dates will be notified as they are arranged. Please remember too that you can view term dates on our website.

TRAINING DAY: MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Please note that we have a training day on Monday 31st October, so children will not be here that day.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

We're sending paper copies of this first newsletter to all parents. If we hold an email address for you, we'll email future copies unless you request otherwise.

INFORMATION SESSIONS THIS EVENING

Please come along to these. As outlined in the letter sent home on Monday, each teacher will run a session from 7.00 to 7.30, with a repeat from 7.45 to 8.15. From 7.30 to 7.45 everyone will meet in the hall. There'll be lots of information which will help you to support your child. We can provide handouts but you'll get **much** more from attending if you can. Reception parents – please come along! This isn't a repeat of the evening in May. Red Ridge/France sessions for parents and children follow at 8.15pm.

MUSIC LESSONS / ORCHESTRA SESSIONS

Starting next week, these will take place as follows:

Monday – keyboard, steel pans, violin (traditional)

Tuesday – orchestra practice

Wednesday – guitar, woodwind, brass

Friday – Suzuki violin

The day for cello lessons is still to be confirmed.

We will let you know when we need you to pay for this term's lessons (probably just before half term). There's a new system for hiring instruments from County Music Service. Information was sent to you in July, but if you need an instrument and haven't yet made arrangements, please organise this as soon as possible: see <https://www.warwickshiremusicclub.org/parents>

RULES ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL

Parents sometimes like to catch up and chat at home-time and we like to enable this to happen for a short while after school. If you choose to do so, though, then it is important that your children are closely supervised so that they don't have an accident and so that they don't treat the school as a giant playground where they can do as they wish! This sends out a mixed message when they have been discussing the importance of following school rules during the day. Children are not allowed on the KS2 playground after school, or on the field if they

haven't been allowed during the day. They are not allowed to use school playground toys and shouldn't bring their own. Please keep your children within your sight. We've had some near misses too, where children collecting scooters or bikes run straight across the car park so we would urge you to watch them closely.

ROAD SAFETY – PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

We have no crossing patrol to help our children cross the road safely. Please:

- Don't park on or opposite the zig-zags – children need to see clearly to cross safely.
- Don't park on or close to corners – children can't see clearly and other motorists are forced onto the wrong side of the road, making it harder for children to assess the situation.

We also want to keep good relations with our neighbours so please don't park in a way that prevents them driving on or off their property – even if it is only for a short time. Please also pass this parking message on to carers, grandparents and anyone else who brings your child to school or collects them afterwards. Thank you.

CLUBS THIS TERM FOR YEARS 1-6

Mrs Wallace has organised a whole year's worth of sports clubs! We'll be sending home a list tomorrow so that you can plan what you'd like your child to do (subject to availability - places are limited). There will also be other clubs which are arranged during the year; we'll let you know about these as they're planned.

VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

As you know, our parent (and grandparent!) volunteers are hugely important to our school life. Please look out for a separate letter coming home very soon.

BANGED UP DVDS

There's still time to order one if you wish: please let the office know by Monday and let us have your £5 (either cash or cheque payable to Clinton School Fund).

DADS' FOOTBALL

On Wednesday evenings from 6.00-7.00 a group of enthusiastic footballing dads meet at Meadow Sports Centre on Lyes Lane for a light-hearted game. If you're interested in joining us, let us know and we'll pass on further details.

APPLE MACS

You might recall that last year we offered our no-longer needed Apple Macs to parents on a 'sold as seen' basis. We still have two left – details attached.

CHIME NEWS

Please read the attachment to see what a difference your support of CHIME made last year! Deb Thomas provided this in July; we didn't quite manage to send it out but it makes a 'good news' item to start the term!

Yours sincerely,

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

SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER