

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES – ALL WELCOME!

On Friday next week I'll be giving out Record of Achievement awards; tomorrow is just a 'normal' assembly but as always, we'll be glad to see you!

MRS WALLACE

Today we're saying 'au revoir' to Mrs Wallace as she begins her maternity leave tomorrow. It's been fantastic having her, as a PE specialist, teaching PE throughout the school recently – not to mention stepping in to run after-school clubs when, unfortunately, the providers haven't been able to send along a leader. We all wish her well and look forward to hearing happy news!

PARENTS' EVENINGS 18TH AND 20TH OCTOBER

You should by now have received a slip giving your appointment time(s). Key Stage 2 children are invited to attend the meetings. We would encourage parents not to bring younger children with them, but if that's difficult, please have them sitting outside the classroom you are meeting in, doing something quiet. Some governors are making themselves available to you on each evening and they'd be interested in your views about school as a whole. The appointments are at 10-minute intervals and your children's work will be available for you to look at, so do arrive early if you can. Please help staff and your fellow parents by sticking to your time allocation, so we can keep appointments running on schedule. Thank you.

PHOTOGRAPHS ON MONDAY MORNING

Please come along at 8.30am if you wish to have pre-school children photographed with their siblings, and please let us know by tomorrow morning if you want individual as well as joint photos, or if you don't want your children photographed at all (please email or send in a note).

PROFESSOR MCGINTY

Children in Years 3 and 5 enjoyed a visit from the one and only Professor McGinty! I'm sure they had plenty to say about it, but if not, the photos on the back should trigger some memories!

CLUBS UPDATE

Letters are being sent out this week as follows, for clubs starting after half term:

Mondays: Y3/Y4 archery

Tuesdays: Y1/Y2 gymnastics and also Y6 Imagineering confirmations

Wednesdays: Y1/Y2 multisports starting 16th November (table tennis continues for 2 weeks after half term – see email) and also Y4/Y5/Y6 drama

Fridays: Y5/Y6 lacrosse

IMAGINEERING CLUB FOR YEAR 6

We still have some space, so if any other Y6 children are interested, please let the office know. The tutors would be delighted if any parents or grandparents are available on Tuesdays from 3.30 – 4.30, to give practical help to the children as they work on their projects. Again, please let the office know. Thank you.

SWIMMING FOR Y4 AND Y6 AFTER HALF TERM

Please look out for an email soon to remind you of details. We need volunteers to walk there and back – could you possibly help, even if it's not every week?

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

We'll be sending a letter home to KS2 parents soon, as we did last year, to give you a summary of the residential trips we normally offer Years 3 – 6. This will include likely costs to help with your financial planning!

We are keen to evaluate the France and Red Ridge trips and will be sending out a link to an online survey so that those of you who have had children attend these can give your opinions!

SCOOTERS (AND ROAD SAFETY SKILLS!)

Quite a few children come to school on scooters and leave them just inside the gate into the KS1 playground. If you prefer, you are welcome to leave them in the cycle shed alongside the car park, where they're not quite so visible from the road. If you do leave them there, please demonstrate safety-conscious behaviour by walking along the pavement, crossing the drive carefully and then using the pedestrian gate and path alongside the drive. It's a great way of reminding your children that we need to treat the drive as a road, not as a footpath. We do sometimes have vehicles (including delivery lorries) leaving and entering the car park at the start and end of the school day.

LIGHT PARTY DISCO ON 31ST OCTOBER

There's a free party for primary school age children at Kenilworth Methodist Church, from 4-6pm on Monday 31st October (our training day, so children won't be in school). For more information or to register, please visit www.kenilworthmethodist.org or phone 07887 396164.

CHIME CAKE SALE NEXT WEEK!

It's planned for after school on Thursday 20th! CHIME would love donations from KS1 parents – details soon.

PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Planning is well underway for the **Autumn Disco on Thursday 3rd November**. The KS1 disco will be between 6pm - 7pm and the KS2 disco will be 7.15pm - 8.15pm. If you're able to help please contact Deb at d.green200@btinternet.com. Poster attached!

We've had a couple of offers of help for the **Christmas Light Switch on** (greatly appreciated) but we really need a couple more volunteers to enable us to run the stall. Please email me at sch2k5@gmail.com if you can help.

The **deadline for the photography competition is Tuesday 1st November** so please encourage your children to get any photographs sent through to us by then! Half term is a fabulous opportunity to get out and snap some seasonal shots of Kenilworth.

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**