

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### WELCOME BACK

Hopefully you've all had a fantastic break. The children have settled back in really quickly, and it promises to be an exciting term.

### WELCOME TO NATHAN

One new face this term is Nathan Jones, who is beginning a Teaching Assistant apprenticeship. We'd like to welcome him to Clinton!

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00

As always, parents and friends are very welcome.

### THIS MORNING'S ASSEMBLY

We had a couple of visitors in assembly this morning about two completely different topics, but both equally worthwhile! A lady came to talk to us about Kenilworth Rail Station, which was exciting. She is trying to publicise the shuttle from here to Leamington or to Coventry, which will take just 7 minutes. The more we use it, the more likely it is that services to Birmingham or London become possible. There is a poster design competition being run for pupils in Kenilworth. Entries should be handed in to school by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January – please make sure children put their name and school on the back. The prizes are worth having! See the back for more. Our other visitors were from Severn Trent and they showed us how much water we could save in order to protect our rivers. They also did a short workshop with Y5. Please ask them all about it!

### NEW DATE: TRAINING DAY FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

This will be our final training day for the school year.

### PARENTS' EVENING AND OTHER DATES

We'll provide a list of Spring and Summer term dates very soon. In the meantime, this is a reminder that Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Details will follow soon.

### NEW – WEEKLY DIARY ATTACHED

Attached to this and future newsletters you'll find a weekly diary giving details of after-school activities and clubs, plus anything else out of the ordinary which we think it might be helpful to flag up (non-uniform days, for example). We think this should be particularly helpful to enable parents to keep track of which clubs and activities are running on any particular week. Please do get into the habit of checking it!

### DONATIONS FROM PRODUCTIONS AND PHOTOS

Thank you for your donations at the Christmas productions and your contributions for the non-uniform day at the end of last term. You raised £299.30 for Cancer Research UK. This charity has also received £50 from Braiswick, our school photographer, as part of their own 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations – this is based on the photos you ordered from them. Thank you.

### RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2017

The closing date for applying for Reception places in September is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. It's essential to apply by this date. For further details, please see <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/startingprimaryschool>

### CLINTON CALENDARS – PRICE DROP!

We still have just a few calendars left, which we're offering for £3. We're really grateful to those who paid full price before Christmas, as the aim is not just to provide a photo competition for the children, but also to raise PTA funds to benefit every child in the school. So thank you if you purchased early! Further news below.

### 'BE A CHORISTER FOR A DAY' – KS2 CHILDREN

This is an event on the afternoon of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at St Mary's Church in Warwick, for children in Years 3 – 7. Please see the attached poster. Limited places; applications need to be made by 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### CHARITY "WORLD RECORD" QUIZ

If your new year's resolution was to attempt a Guinness World Record, then you're in luck! Debbie Locke (Y3 mum and school governor) is helping to organise the "largest sports quiz ever held". You don't have to be a sports fanatic though, there will be plenty of easy questions which everyone will be able to answer! It's being held at Warwick Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Children are welcome. There's a poster attached, and for more details visit [www.deslovessport.co.uk](http://www.deslovessport.co.uk). If you enter a team by 6<sup>th</sup> January (tomorrow!), you will be entered into a prize draw to win an overnight stay at the Hilton St George's Park! And if quizzes aren't your thing, you can still take part by being an official steward or independent witness on the night. Please email [deb.e.locke@gmail.com](mailto:deb.e.locke@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

### KENILWORTH GANG SHOW 12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Please see attached – at least one Clinton child is in it!

### CHIME NEWS

Please come to our **meeting at 7.30 this evening**, in school – we'd love to have your help in planning the **Barn Dance on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. Children were given letters earlier this week, but there's a further copy attached if you're receiving this letter by email.

### PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Happy New Year to you all! There will be lots of exciting PTA events to look forward to this term, including the bunny hop disco, variety night and of course the secret mother's day room. I'll let you know dates for these, and for our next PTA meeting, as soon as I have them.

Exciting news: the PTA has launched its own website to provide you with another way to keep up to date with news and events. See [www.clintonprimarypta.co.uk](http://www.clintonprimarypta.co.uk)

Clinton Calendar: as it's been so successful we'll run this competition again starting now and ending in October, to give the children the opportunity to take a range of photos throughout the seasons.

As always, you can contact me (Sam Harris) on [sch2k5@gmail.com](mailto:sch2k5@gmail.com).

Yours sincerely,

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