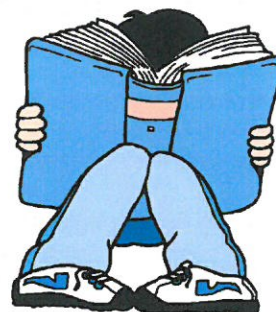


# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00

As always, parents and friends are very welcome. One date for your diaries is our Record of Achievement assembly on **Thursday** 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### TRAINING DAY FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

As notified last week, this will be our final training day for the school year.

### PARENTS' EVENING

As already notified, Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Letters will be sent home next week so that you can request appointment times

### SCHOOL MEALS - MENU CHANGE 19<sup>TH</sup> JAN

There will be a special 'Children's Choice' menu on Thursday next week, when the choices will be hot dog or cheese pizza. Please bear this in mind if you're looking at menu choices with your child.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

This one is mainly for KS2 parents. If you don't do this already, and if your child has school meals, we'd be grateful if you would keep a regular check on your ParentPay account to make sure that it's always in credit. We're having to chase a considerable number of parents each Friday to pay for meals their child has eaten during the week. The aim is for parents to keep accounts in credit; we'd be really grateful if you could aim to operate that way so that you always have the funds to pay for meals during the week ahead. Thank you for your co-operation - it will save us a lot of time.

### PAYMENT FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

If your child has music lessons in school, please check your ParentPay account at the end of the week as music payments should be loaded on there by the end of tomorrow. Please pay as soon as possible so that we can pay our lesson providers. Thank you.

### RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2017

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

### SUNFLOWER KIDS' CLUB

Most parents whose children attend Sunflower will have received a letter from the owners of the club informing them that from September, after-school care will be provided by the school itself. The plan is that Mrs Freeman and Mrs Ratcliffe will continue in their current roles, so from the children's point of view, there will be no change in the arrangements. I'm sending a letter to all parents today to outline the new plans and the reason for them. We're very grateful to Sunflower Club for their excellent provision over the last ten years.

### READING WITH YOUR CHILD

Reading with your children, particularly up until year 4, is the most important thing you can do to help them do well educationally. Once they reach year 5, the key thing is that they are reading plenty independently. We are currently starting to work with children from year 2 to 6 on the skill of 'summarising' (explaining what has happened in the text) which is one of the most important skills we can develop to help with their ability to understand what they read. It would be great if you could build into your reading with them some time to help them with this. We would suggest starting with just a paragraph of text before building it up to a page, then a few pages. The ideal summarising wouldn't be them retelling great sections of a story, more saying the key things that have happened. They could look back at the text to help them, but it would also be good for them if they did that without looking back. We will focus on this skill for all of this half term so they can really become good at it. It is essential that children grow to really enjoy reading so if you're worried this might affect that, please hold back or do it fairly infrequently.

### CLINTON CALENDARS - BARGAIN - ONLY £3!

There are just a few left. Please buy one if you can!

### KENILWORTH STATION POSTER COMPETITION

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. Details were sent out with last week's newsletter and are attached again today.

### CHARITY "WORLD RECORD" QUIZ

This is a reminder of the information in last week's newsletter that Debbie Locke (Y3 mum and school governor) is helping to organise the "largest sports quiz ever held". There's more information at [www.deslovessport.co.uk](http://www.deslovessport.co.uk). 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.

### CHIME NEWS

#### Barn Dance - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 6-9pm

The CHIME Barn dance, and the musical delights of 'The Jam and Crumpet Band', are now only 3 weeks away. Tickets for the dance are on sale now - £2.50 (child) and £5.00 per (adult). Please purchase your tickets soon to avoid disappointment as there is limited availability. Cheques can be made to 'CHIME'. Payments can be handed in to the office or to Simone Royle and your tickets will be delivered to your child in school.

Yours sincerely,

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

**SAM PATER  
HEADTEACHER**