

# 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.

### PARENTS' EVENINGS – 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Letters will be sent home tomorrow with all children so that you can let us know your preferred day and time for parents' evening appointments. The letter will also be available on the school website. Teachers will liaise so that appointment for siblings are scheduled as close together as possible. Please get your slips in as soon as possible.

### VOLUNTEERING TO LISTEN TO READERS

We're really grateful to those volunteers who come into school to hear children reading. We'd love to have some more as we're really short of help this year. In the past we've had as many as one or two parent readers per class but now many classes don't have any volunteers. Could any parents or grandparents spare an hour or two each week to help in this way? Even coming for a short time would be of benefit and it is really rewarding. Please let us know if you could do this. Thank you.

### PAYMENT FOR INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

If your child has music lessons, please check your ParentPay account and pay as soon as possible so that we can pay our lesson providers. Thank you.

### STOPPING MUSIC LESSONS – NOTICE PERIOD

If your child no longer wishes to have lessons after Easter, you must inform us by letter or email no later than the end of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. There's no flexibility on this as the following day is our deadline for booking teaching time for the Summer term.

### SCHOOL DINNERS

You will remember that our last parent questionnaire included a section about school dinners and we have been working with County Caterers to make gradual improvements to their service. The changes that have been made are as follows:

- They have increased the number of vegetables that come fresh, including broccoli and carrots.
- A larger salad bar is in operation with different choices, including raisins and grapes.
- Now 75% of meals are freshly prepared.
- There are more options available now, particularly for vegetarian meals.
- Red meat is on twice a week compared with up to three or four times, with only one processed food meal per 3 weeks (sausages)
- There are more portions of fruits, yoghurts or 'rice pots' available, as well as cheese and crackers so children can make a healthier choice for pudding.
- Children don't have seconds of puddings

In addition to these changes, others that are on the horizon include for after half term:

- the introduction of daily jacket potatoes with cheese (and beans if requested);
- children being able to have further portions of the main meals whilst sizes of puddings monitored.

And after the Easter holidays:

- the trialling of 'deli-bags' (which include sandwiches, veg sticks, fruit and yoghurt).

Our cook, Marie, is very keen to respond to our needs and we'll continue to make incremental changes to improve what children are offered.

### CLINTON CALENDARS – OPEN TO OFFERS!

There are just a few left. We reduced them to £3; at this stage in January we'll accept best offers, as we'd like to find homes for them and whatever money we raise is helpful. Please see if you can find space for one!

### KENILWORTH STATION POSTER COMPETITION

The deadline has been extended a little, so if your children are feeling creative over the weekend, they could bring in their poster on Monday morning.

### THE BIG BANG FAIR AT THE NEC

Calling budding scientists and engineers! The annual Big Bang Fair is being held soon, and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March is the day for families. It's aimed at young people from 7-19 years and you can find more information at <http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/the-big-bang-fair/about-us/>

### 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 just 2 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,

**SAM PATER  
HEADTEACHER**

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**I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP IN SCHOOL.  
I could help on: (please circle to show availability)**

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**Name** .....

**Parent/grandparent of** .....