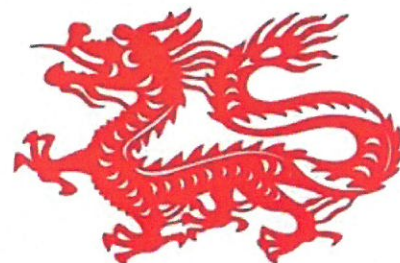


CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00

Please remember we'd love to see you any Friday morning! If you join us tomorrow (3rd February), you can hear from Year 5 about how they will be helping on the playgrounds to mediate between children who have fallen out. Their training is complete and almost ALL children have volunteered. They will be doing a demonstration so the children know the service they will be offering.

TRAINING DAY ON FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

This is a further reminder!

HELPING YOUR CHILDREN WITH THEIR EDUCATION

In the last couple of newsletters I've emphasised how useful it is to get children to summarise from time to time as they read - and also how useful it is if they learn the counting songs, providing a weblink.

Another thing that's really important is sleep! We know this, but there are two aspects which research shows are crucially important. The first, which is more obvious, is that without good sleep patterns, children (and adults!) will find it much harder to concentrate. The other aspect is really interesting. Our brains change as we sleep using information that we've processed throughout the day. If we don't get enough sleep, our memory is badly impeded. Clearly, when children are in school learning a great deal, if their brains don't get the opportunity to change physically as they sleep, they will not retain what they've learnt. Food for thought!

GIVING CHILDREN FREEDOM TO BE INDEPENDENT

We work hard on developing children's independence. Not just so they can organise and manage themselves, but also so they can think for themselves. Right from Reception children are encouraged to come into the classroom on their own, manage their stuff and get on with their first activity. However children who enter the Year 4 door are often getting help with their coats, bags and equipment when it would be much better if they managed that themselves. There are also security implications if adults are coming into school in this way without signing in. Teachers would love to be able to focus their efforts on children's learning rather than on security.

RECEPTION CLASS AT THE CHINESE TAKEAWAY!

One of Clinton's longstanding traditions is that the Reception children visit the local Chinese takeaway, the Hong Kong Garden, around the time of the Chinese New Year. The class walked up the road yesterday to collect some food, which they brought back to school to sample. They all had a chance to try using chopsticks! We're very grateful to all those Reception parents who helped us get them there and back safely - thank you.

ORDERING DVDS OF CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Letters are being sent home today with all children from YR - Y4, and also with those children in Y5 and Y6 who took part in the the play on the last afternoon of term. Please send in your orders by Wednesday 8th February.

Y5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT HERE YESTERDAY

Kenilworth primary schools sent teams to yesterday afternoon's netball tournament. The rain stopped and a great afternoon was had by all. Well done to the children who took part, and thank you to Miss Parker who looked after all the arrangements and the scoring, and to Mrs Meaden, our umpire. Our Clinton team took a little time to warm up, but seized victory in their final game. They tried really hard, giving it everything!

Y6 VISIT TO FRANCE IN SEPTEMBER

We will be sending out letters very soon, as we're planning our annual visit to Normandy.

IMAGINEERING CLUB: NO MEETING 14TH FEBRUARY

The club won't run that day as it's Parents' Evening.

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Please bring these in for us - it's another chance for us to acquire some great sports and cookery equipment for the children to use. There's a collecting box by the office. Thank you.

ABBEY CINEMA AT THE KENILWORTH CENTRE

For more information on this series of Saturday afternoon films for children, please see the attached or find details on Facebook.

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

For details of sports, theatre, dance, arts/craft activities at half term see www.warwickdc.gov.uk/leisure.

EASTER HOLIDAY SPORTS ACTIVITIES

For details of two Easter holiday fun days on 10th and 11th April at Champion School, please see <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfUYgBU-Veez5zkNgG1d6Nh7uu3-957N8qYt9IvNV1Y4iZxg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

CHIME NEWS

It's the Barn Dance tomorrow! Tickets are now selling really well, but it's not sold out so you will be able to pay on the door - £2.50 (child) and £5.00 (adult). It should be a great evening and you'll be helping to keep Clinton musical into the future too!

PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

I'm delighted to be able to announce the next few PTA events. On Friday 24th March children will be invited to partake in the mother's day secret room. Thursday 6th April will be the annual Bunny Hop Disco. Variety Night will take place this year, after the SATS on Friday 9th June with the all day rehearsal taking place on Sunday 21st May. Any offers of help for any of these events will be gratefully received and as always, any questions or suggestions, drop me an email at sch2k5@gmail.com

Yours sincerely,

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