

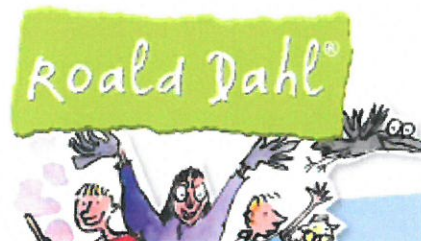
# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Spring Newsletter No.8

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Dear Parents,

Hopefully you enjoyed half term! It's exciting that Spring is coming (though so far it only seems evident because the calendar now says March!). This half term has started with a bang! See below!

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00

Join us any Friday morning if you can. Share this part of school life and listen to our fantastic orchestra!

### WORLD BOOK DAY

There have been some amazing Roald Dahl characters in school today! The children (and some of the staff!) looked magnificent, as you'll see on the back.

Thank you for your donations for Book Aid International; if you'd like to contribute £1 and haven't done so yet, you're welcome to send something in tomorrow. It's a really worthwhile charity and, if you're interested, you can find out more at <http://www.bookaid.org/>.

We still have some spare World Book Day £1 book tokens, so please ask if you could use some more.

### BOREALIS SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Thanks to funding from CHIME and our partnership with Leamington Music, the children enjoyed a live performance by this group of professional musicians yesterday. Another group, Ensemble 360, will perform here in a couple of weeks – see information attached.

There aren't many primary schools which can provide their children with live, professional music performances like this. We (and the children!) are incredibly lucky to have these experiences; we can only do this (and provide all our other extra musical activities, including our orchestra) because a small number of willing volunteers give up their time to run CHIME. Please support them!

### AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Today has been full of excitement, and we had an assembly visitor this morning to tell us more about a project we're getting involved in where a choir of children will get to sing with a fantastic children's choir from Africa. The African Children's Choir is composed of African children, aged 8 to 12 years old. Many have lost one or both parents through the devastation of war, famine and disease. They tour the world and are coming to Kenilworth in June. We have been invited, along with a group about about 5 other primary schools, to take part in a concert in Leamington Spa Centre, singing a few songs with the choir. If your child is interested they will be bringing home a letter. We have been given 25 places, and to start with, the older children will be given priority. We'll have to pull names from a hat! CHIME are supporting the concert and will pay for our participation – money which goes purely to the charity itself. CHIME are keen to hold a non-uniform day to help us raise our participation fee. It's exactly the kind of project that we believe in at Clinton. Helping children gain a real excitement about other cultures, supporting a worthy cause, and doing so by making music!

### A ROMAN VISITOR FOR YEAR 4!

Year 4 had a great day, fully engaged in learning about The Romans! They have tried various battle formations; dressed as soldiers; played Roman board games; written using the Roman alphabet; made clay models as 'offerings' to Roman gods to cure their ills; and listened to Roman soldiers. All in all, a very full and exciting day. See the back!

### YEAR 5 – FLOOD MANAGEMENT!

Year 5 have been considering 'our relationship with water', thinking about what our responsibilities are, and the latest visitors were members of Warwickshire County Council's flood management team. They considered what they would need if they were evacuating a flood zone, and discussed how we control water to avoid flooding.

### MUSIC TUITION PAYMENTS

There are still some payments owing for this term's music tuition. If you haven't paid yet, please log on to your ParentPay account as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

### IMPORTANT SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

This is a reminder of the information from before half term. In addition to the two regular choices, children now have the option each day of jacket potato with cheese or jacket potato with cheese and beans. There are also some changes to the regular menus: the new 'green' options are listed below (see 16<sup>th</sup> February newsletter for a copy of the revised menus):

Week 1 – Friday – cheesy omelette

Week 2 – Friday – Quorn korma

Week 3 – Monday – cheesy pasta

Week 3 – Friday – cheese and potato pie

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

The Attendance Compliance Enforcement Service has requested that we remind parents of the regulations on children's absence. I'm attaching their information sheet. Please remember, when planning holidays, that you can view term dates on our school website.

### PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Welcome to Spring!

Letters for the **Mother's Day Secret Room** will be coming home today. If your child would like to take part, please can you return the slip with payment as soon as possible and by **NO LATER than 10th March**. This is to ensure that we have the correct number of gifts for the children to choose from.

The **Bunny Hop Disco** and **Wear What You Like Day** will take place on **Thursday 6th April** - more information to follow in later newsletters.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sam Pater'.

**SAM PATER**  
**HEADTEACHER**