

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00

As always, we'd be very glad to see you at any of our Friday morning gatherings.

NEW DIARY DATE - SPRING CONCERT 4TH MAY

All orchestra members, steel pan and recorder players will be invited to take part. Letters will be sent home before Easter, but please put the date in your diaries now.

INTERESTING FACT

One of the most important factors behind children thriving in education is the 'positive vibe' parents give off about their school! It makes them feel happier (and less anxious), more positive, more eager to please and more confident that things are going well for them. Remember that if there is anything that is bothering your children that we're really keen to help with that, so come and see us.

YEAR 2 AT KENILWORTH CASTLE

Mrs Jackson and Y2 had a trip to the Castle on Tuesday morning. We were invited to send one of our classes along to experience a 'Life in a Castle' discovery visit, free of charge, in return for English Heritage being able to film the visit for use in their publicity material. Happily the sun was shining and we had some willing parent volunteers to accompany the visit - we're very grateful to them.

SPARE £1 BOOK TOKENS

We still have some spare World Book Day £1 book tokens - would anyone like some more?

WORLD BOOK DAY DONATIONS

Thank you for your donations. We're able to send £119 to Book Aid International.

ENSEMBLE 360

We're really looking forward to another live music performance on Monday afternoon - I hope your children will tell you about it when they get home from school! There's some information attached about saxophones, following the visit last week; you might have seen this already but please have a look if not.

URGENT -

MUSIC LESSON AND SCHOOL MEALS PAYMENTS

We'd be very grateful if you could ensure that all payments are up to date and that, for school meals, there is always enough credit in your account to cover the cost of meals for the week ahead. This is particularly important at the moment as it's the end of the school financial year. The Warwickshire schools finance system we use is not designed to cope with a situation where meals have been taken but not yet paid for, so if you can make sure your meals account in ParentPay is sufficiently in credit to pay for the week's meals, you will save us a lot of time and we'll be very grateful. Thank you.

Y6 AND Y2 SATS

Year 6 will be doing most of their tests in the week beginning Monday 8th May, with some tests in the following week. Writing assessment is managed in school and we will submit levels to the DfE at the end of June. Therefore it's important that children don't think the hard work is over after SATS week - and even more important that you don't take them out of school for a holiday.

Year 2 children will hardly notice they are doing anything particularly different. We certainly won't be putting any pressure on them. They will be doing some 'quizzes' and will be trying some practice ones soon.

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council members have asked me to pass on this message:

'School Council have come to the conclusion that we will be having a **'WACKY HAIR' day on Friday 17th March**. Everybody can come in non-uniform and with their hair as wacky as possible. This will be in return for a £1 donation which will all be going to something that will benefit the whole school!'

Y6 TRIP TO FRANCE IN SEPTEMBER

Thank you to Y5 parents for your deposit payments. We'll write to you soon with more information and details of paying the balance of the trip on ParentPay.

Y5 TRIP TO RED RIDGE IN SEPTEMBER

There will be information coming home with Y4 children soon about arrangements for our annual trip to the Red Ridge Centre in Wales.

CHIME

Please look out for a special CHIME newsletter coming home tomorrow. Dates to note are the **AGM on Tuesday 28th March** at 7.15pm and the **KS2 cake sale after school on Monday 20th March**. Your support for CHIME really matters - it's one of the ways you can really make a difference to the experience all children have in school.

PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Please remember that we need your Mother's Day request slips and payments **tomorrow**, if your child(ren) are to choose a gift at the Secret Room on 24th March. 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,

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HEADTEACHER