

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### BRILLIANT START!

The children seem to have settled in really excellently, with them all seeming very keen to be back and to make the most of moving up!

### INFORMATION SESSIONS THIS EVENING

**Please** come along to these. As outlined in Tuesday's letter, each teacher will run a session from 7.00 to 7.30, with a repeat from 7.45 to 8.15. From 7.30 to 7.45 everyone will meet in the hall. There'll be lots of information which will help you to support your child. We can provide handouts but you'll get **much** more from attending if you can. Reception parents – please come along: this isn't a repeat of the evening in May. Red Ridge/France sessions follow at 8.15pm.

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM – ALL WELCOME!

This is a reminder that we hold a community assembly at 9.00 am every Friday – do join us if you can. Reception class children don't normally attend the first few assemblies, but join in a little later in the term.

### URGENT – CHILDREN'S CENTRES

You may be aware that Warwickshire County Council are redesigning services for children and families, which will affect Children's Centres. The consultation process is still open, but the deadline for your input is 11<sup>th</sup> September – next Monday. Please have a look at <http://news.warwickshire.gov.uk/blog/2017/08/02/join-the-conversation-about-the-redesign-of-services-for-children-and-families-in-warwickshire/>

### DIARY DATES

Dates for this term and next are overleaf. Other dates will be notified as they are arranged.

### NEW DATE: TRAINING DAY - FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Please note that we have a training day planned for this date, so children will not be in school that day.

### ATTENDANCE

As you know, good attendance at school is extremely important in ensuring that children make the best possible progress. There's some updated guidance from the Local Authority attached for your information.

### NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

We're sending paper copies of this first newsletter to all parents. If we hold an email address for you, we'll email future copies.

### MUSIC LESSONS / ORCHESTRA SESSIONS

Starting next week, these will take place as follows:

**Monday** – keyboard, steel pans, violin (traditional)

**Tuesday** – orchestra practice

**Wednesday** – guitar, woodwind, brass

**Friday** – Suzuki violin

The day for cello lessons is still to be confirmed.

We will let you know when we need you to pay for this term's lessons on ParentPay (October).

**Also please remember that Miss Butler will listen to any prospective orchestra members tomorrow afternoon** – further information attached to the email version of this newsletter (or see 13<sup>th</sup> July newsletter on the website).

### THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Parents sometimes like to catch up and chat at home-time and we like to enable this to happen for a short while after school. If you choose to do so, though, then it is important that your children are closely supervised so that they don't have an accident and so that they don't treat the school as a giant playground where they can do as they wish! This sends out a mixed message when they have been discussing the importance of following school rules during the day. Children are not allowed on the KS2 playground after school, or on the field if they haven't been allowed during the day. They are not allowed to use school playground toys and shouldn't bring their own. Please keep your children within your sight. We've had some near misses too, where children collecting scooters or bikes run straight across the car park so we would urge you to watch them closely.

### ROAD SAFETY – PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

We have no crossing patrol to help our children cross the road safely. Please:

- Don't park on or opposite the zig-zags – children need to see clearly to cross safely.
- Don't park on or close to corners – children can't see clearly and other motorists are forced onto the wrong side of the road, making it harder for children to assess the situation.

We also want to keep good relations with our neighbours so please don't park in a way that prevents them driving on or off their property – even if it is only for a short time. Please also pass this parking message on to carers, grandparents and anyone else who brings your child to school or collects them afterwards. Thank you.

### BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB

Please remember this is open every day from 7.45 on a drop-in basis – no need to book ahead. Please make sure you have sufficient credit in your ParentPay account before your child attends. Charges per child per session and details as they appear on ParentPay are: £3.80 if arriving from 8.00 – (Before School Club) £4.80 if arriving before 8.00 (BSC early start)

### CLUBS THIS TERM FOR YEARS 2-6

Children will be given letters tomorrow about the various clubs starting next week and we'll email copies tomorrow afternoon as well. Drama club will be on Fridays. Y6 Imagineering starts later in the term.

### SCHOOL CLEANER URGENTLY NEEDED...

... 3.30 – 5.30 each day during school terms, plus a total of 20 hours during the holidays. Details from the office.

### VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

As you know, our parent (and grandparent!) volunteers are hugely important to our school life. Letter to follow - we'd love to have your help!

Yours sincerely,

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

**SAM PATER**  
**HEADTEACHER**