

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Newsletter No. 6

12th October 2017

admin2308@welearn365.com

www.clintonprimary.co.uk



Dear Parents,

ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM – NOT ALWAYS FRIDAY!

You're very welcome to join us tomorrow morning, or on **Wednesday** next week for the France assembly presented by Y6, or on **Thursday** next week for our Record of Achievement assembly (no Friday assembly because of our training day).

RED RIDGE AND FRANCE

You can see Red Ridge photos attached. I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mr Viner, Mrs Mills, Mr Jones and Mrs Mitchell for being willing to give up their time to take the children – it's a great experience for the class. Thank you too to Mrs Brown and Mrs Meaden who were willing to leave the country with Year 6!

GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

The Governors have been working on a Staff Questionnaire following the Parent Questionnaire and are working with the school to review any actions needed.

The Governors will also meet this evening (12th October) for the quarterly Quality and Standards meeting. A couple of Governors are also attending Ofsted readiness training this week, in anticipation of an Ofsted review which could take place at any time.

PARENTS' EVENINGS: 17TH AND 19TH OCTOBER

You should by now have received a slip giving your appointment time(s). Key Stage 2 children are invited to attend the meetings. We would encourage parents not to bring younger children with them, but if that's difficult, please have them sitting outside the classroom you are meeting in, doing something quiet. The appointments are at 10-minute intervals and your children's work will be available for you to look at, so do arrive early if you can. Please help staff and your fellow parents by sticking to your time allocation, so we can keep appointments running on schedule. Thank you.

STOMACH BUGS

We've had a few children succumb to stomach upsets over the past couple of weeks. Please remember that we follow the advice of the Health Protection Agency and ask parents to keep children away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Sometimes children appear fine long before the 48 hours have elapsed, but please don't send them back sooner.

IMPORTANT PTA AND CHIME EGM

Letters were sent out yesterday inviting you to an Extraordinary General Meeting of these two charities on Wednesday 1st November at 6.30 pm. These two charities play a crucial role in school life, so please read the letter if you haven't already done so. There's a copy attached, and more information in the 'PTA News' item.

DRAMA CLUB – YEARS 4,5,6

Letters have been sent home this week for further club sessions on Fridays after half term.

PROFESSOR MCGINTY VISITS AGAIN!

Children in Years 3, 5 and 6 loved hearing from Professor McGinty yesterday! They found out a great deal about the periods of history they are studying in their respective year-groups and were thoroughly entertained throughout their sessions! Photos next week!

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

Many of you will be aware that our outgoing calls are normally routed via the fax line, to leave the phone number free for incoming calls. This means that your phone will normally show 01926 855290 as the caller number. If you try to call this number, you'll normally come through on the fax line. Please use 01926 852334 to make calls to school.

Y5/Y6 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

All parents in these year groups should have seen the letter asking if their children wish to be involved in this production, which will be presented to the whole school on the last Friday afternoon of term. If not, please ask! We'll let you know what arrangements we're able to make for parents to see this at another point during that last week.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS PHOTOGRAPHS ON MONDAY MORNING

Please come along at 8.30am if you wish to have pre-school children photographed with their siblings, and please let us know **by tomorrow morning** if you want individual as well as joint photos, or if you don't want your children photographed at all (please email or send in a note). Monday morning will be really busy and it will be more difficult to ensure that messages passed on then will get to the right person at the right time (and we do occasionally have an internet failure which means we can't pick up emails).

SWIMMING AFTER HALF TERM: Y4 AND Y5/6

Y5/6 parents have had an email and Y4 have had letters. Payments for Y4 are now on ParentPay – please pay by 7th November. We need volunteers to walk there and back – could you help, even if it's not every week?

CHIME

We have a fun event coming up! Hopefully you've received a notice of the **Family Quiz Night** being held on **Friday 17th November from 6.00 – 8.30 pm**. There's a copy attached to the email. Do sign up for what should be a really entertaining evening!

PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Please see the attached update.

Yours sincerely,

SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Newsletter No. 6 – page 2

12th October 2017

PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Treasure Hunt - this coming Sunday! It's not too late to sign up so come along and join us for this fun family event. The information is attached again in case you need a reminder.

Parents' Disco - Saturday 11th November - tickets are on sale for this enjoyable evening, so come along and let your hair down. See the attached reminder for details of how to get in touch.

Christmas Light Switch On - I know we haven't even had Bonfire Night yet, but I wanted to get information about this event out early. Normally the Warwick Road light switch on is a Friday night in late November, but it looks as though this year, it will be on the late afternoon of Sunday 3rd December. We usually operate a jam jar tombola and sell the famous Clinton Reindeer Dust, both of which go down very well. I am looking for a couple of willing volunteers to set up and run the stall on the day itself. I will organise and ticket up the jam jars in advance, so it will simply be a case of a team collecting the jam jars, taking them to the stall and manning the stall for the duration. If anyone is willing to do this, please can you get in touch so that we can arrange reserving the stall in advance.

EGM - 6.30pm 1st November. You should have received a letter about the proposal being put forward to combine forces and pool resources within the school. As everyone in the school is an automatic member of the PTA, everyone has the right to be heard on the issue and the right to cast a vote. Please be aware, that you do need to be present at the meeting to cast your vote, but comments and questions are welcome via email in advance, whether you can attend or not. Please note that no decision has been made, it is merely a proposal put forward by myself and Simone.