

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Spring Newsletter No. 1

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic break over Christmas. The children seem back to full energy and are raring to go with a packed schedule for the Spring term. Class newsletters will fill you in on the details this week!

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

As always, we'll be very pleased to see you at assembly tomorrow or any other Friday morning. We're beginning the term thinking about 'courtesy' and will be promoting good manners and being considerate in the early days of 2018. Children at Clinton are good at this but we can all improve a little!

### NEW: TRAINING DAY MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Please note that there will be a staff training day on the first Monday after half term, so children will not be in school that day. This is the final training day for this school year.

### TERM DATES FOR THIS YEAR AND NEXT

These are printed overleaf for your information.

### PARENTS' EVENING AND OTHER DATES

We'll provide a list of Spring and Summer term dates very soon. In the meantime, this is a reminder that Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Details will follow soon.

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCIENCE HUB

We have raised approximately £700 through generous donations from local business, as well as some kind offers from parents to support the scheme. I have written several grant bids over the holidays and we hope to be able to generate a great income to create something inspiring in place of the old community room. The bids will go off in a week or so, so if there are any final offers / pledges, please let me know. The bigger the figure, the more committed we will appear to charities.

### GOVERNOR NEWS

Each year, the Chair of Governors reports on the progress we've made at Clinton. The report for 2016-17 is available at: <https://www.clintonprimary.co.uk/governors/> (and you can find this and other Governor information under the 'about us' heading on the home page). Please do have a look.

### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS - PHOTOS

Thank you to those parents who've sent in photos of the productions which we might be able to use when we replace all the pictures in the entrance hall. Look out for our new display coming soon!

### SPRING TERM MUSIC TUITION FEES

If your child has instrumental lessons in school, this term's tuition fees will now be on your ParentPay account. Please pay by 31<sup>st</sup> January. Thank you.

### FRANCE AND RED RIDGE TRIPS

Children in Years 5 and 4 are being given letters to bring home today and we'll email them as well. Please note that we've arranged a parents' information session for each trip, at 7.00 pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Full details are in the letters.

### MENU CHANGE ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY!

You'll see from the attached notice that there will be a change of menu on Thursday next week, to mark 'census day'. Children can choose between pork sausage and cheese and tomato pizza, followed by either American style pancake with fruit topping, or by ice cream. This is the day when we have to provide the government with various figures and statistics, including the number of children in YR, Y1 and Y2 who are having a school lunch that day as part of the UIFSM scheme (Universal Infant Free School Meals). **The more KS1 children who have a school meal that day, the more funding we as a school will receive next year. Put simply, ordering a meal for your KS1 child on Thursday next week will help increase our school budget.**

### DONATION TO CANCER RESEARCH UK

If you ordered individual or family photos recently, you've helped raise £48.50 for Cancer Research UK. Braiswick Photographic supported this charity throughout 2017, in celebration of their own 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a company.

### RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2018

The closing date for applying for Reception places in September is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. It's essential that applications are made by this date. For further details, please see <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryschool>.

### LEGO MASTERS COMPETITION

There's some information attached about a second series of 'Lego Masters' on Channel 4. Children aged 9 and above are able to apply.

### PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

It's the 'back to school' disco tomorrow, from 5.30pm-7pm. We'll be selling pizza and refreshments so parents are welcome to stay for the evening as well (please make sure a parent stays with all KS1 children). Volunteers to help on the night would be very welcome so please get in touch if you can. Admission is 50p. Please feel free to contact me about any PTA matters at [sch2k5@gmail.com](mailto:sch2k5@gmail.com). Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER