

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Spring Newsletter No. 2

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Dear Parents,

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

As ever, we'll be really glad to see you any Friday morning. It's a good opportunity to see a little bit of school life and to hear our fantastic orchestra! Please join us if you can.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRESS

Over the course of the last two weeks, we have been looking closely at the progress your children have been making and it's great to see how well they are doing. I meet with every member of staff and we consider the best ways to help children with their next steps in learning. Every child is discussed and strategies are decided. Learning takes place largely in classrooms, so much of the discussion is about how we can match activities to what children's very specific next steps are but we also complement this with small group or 1:1 sessions outside the classrooms. Almost all children - whether they are already attaining high levels or still to reach those levels - are likely to get specific learning opportunities like this during their time at Clinton. Our teaching assistants and teachers deliver these sessions, which are often for short blocks of time, because they are dedicated to making sure children do the best they can.

### PETER PAN

The Year 5 and 6 children who performed Peter Pan for the children on the final day of last term were amazing! There are photos on the back which show how engaged and professional they were. All the plays were excellent and have given the children a great experience and boost in confidence.

### REMINDER: TRAINING DAY ON 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Please remember 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.

### PARENTS' EVENING

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.

### SPRING CONCERT – TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

You might have this in your diaries already as it was listed in the dates sent out in September, but here's a reminder that our Spring Concert will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00 pm. All Y3 children, all steel pan players and the orchestra will be invited to take part. It's always a great evening so please make sure you save the date. Letters will be sent home nearer the time.

### GOVERNOR NEWS

Governors have reviewed the Child Protection policy, Safer Recruitment policy and the Staff and Volunteers Code of Conduct Policy. We are really vigilant about our processes because children's safety at school comes first. Our school policies are all available on the school website and you can access them using this link:

<https://www.clintonprimary.co.uk/school-policies/>

Please have a look – you might be surprised to see the range of policies and some, such as the Calculation Policy for Maths, might be particularly useful to you!

### SPRING TERM MUSIC TUITION FEES

If your child has instrumental lessons in school, please log on to your ParentPay account and pay by 31<sup>st</sup> January. Thank you.

### HELP IN RECEPTION CLASS

Is there anyone who could come in on Wednesday mornings, starting at drop-off time and staying for around 25 minutes? One of our current 'Word Wall' volunteers will be unable to help until after Easter, so we'd be really glad to have someone else coming in. Please let the office know if you could help. It's very rewarding and makes a real difference to the children – and the staff really appreciate it too!

### FRANCE AND RED RIDGE TRIPS

Please let us know by tomorrow whether you'll be attending the parents' information sessions at 7.00 pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January (current Y4 and Y5 parents). Please send the slip back even if you're not coming – that way we know that the information has reached you. It also helps our planning for the sessions. Thank you.

### SCHOOL KITCHEN STAFF – TEMPORARY VACANCY

Would you or anyone you know be interested in part-time work at Clinton? Educaterers, who provide our school meals, are looking for a third person to join the friendly team in our school kitchen on a temporary basis, to cover long-term absence. The post is for approximately 12 hours per week and further details are available from Gill on 07500 033163.

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER**  
**HEADTEACHER**