

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

All welcome, as always! Our next 'special' will be the Record of Achievement Award assembly on Friday 16th February.

COUNTING SONGS

Very soon I'm going to start teaching the Clinton Counting Songs in KS1 assemblies as they have really helped children in Years R, 1 and 2 with maths. For newer parents, there are songs for each table, which are carefully written so that the phrases are short and non-repetitive, enabling children to remember quite quickly all the numbers in each table. Whilst they do not give children instant recall for tables facts they do provide children with a route to be able to multiply, divide and problem solve. Please ask them which ones they are practising and have a go on the website www.mathstools.wordpress.com Like the Clinton Counting Song, this is a homemade venture, so don't expect amazing quality. However, the songs really do work. Reception classes in the past have been known to be able to count in 2s, 3s etc. up to 9s and 10s. Make it fun as you teach them and they'll get them surprisingly quickly!

PARENTS' EVENINGS – 13TH AND 15TH FEBRUARY

Letters were sent home last week. If you haven't returned your slip yet, please send it in.

DATA SHEETS - PERSONAL INFORMATION

Thank you to the many parents who've checked and returned their children's data sheets. Your speediness is much appreciated! If you haven't received yours, please ask your child(ren). The forms were sent home in brown envelopes addressed to parents.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS – TUITION FEES

Payments for this term's tuition were due by yesterday. If you haven't paid, please log on to ParentPay and settle your account. Thank you.

STOPPING MUSIC LESSONS – NOTICE PERIOD

If your child no longer wishes to have instrumental lessons after Easter, you must inform us by letter or email no later than the end of Thursday 15th February. There's no flexibility on this as the following day is our deadline for booking teaching time for the Summer term.

FRANCE AND RED RIDGE TRIPS

If you've paid your deposits for these trips, we'll be writing to confirm receipt and to outline the payment schedule for the remaining balance.

Y4/Y5 – WARWICK UNICEF ON CAMPUS

These two classes have had a visit this morning from six Warwick University students who are part of the 'UNICEF on Campus' organisation. They support UNICEF by fundraising and campaigning, and they also aim to educate children in the local community through their Schools Project. They've run workshops today with Y4 on immigration and the refugee crisis and with Y5 on water and sanitation in less economically developed countries. This has provided great input to the children's Contexts for Learning and given them (and the staff) a lot to think about.

WARWICKSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHORUS

This is an exciting new venture being set up by Warwickshire Music. It's for children aged 7 – 11 and will be great fun; I'm sure the Y5 children who've taken part in the 'Singing Playgrounds' song leaders' workshops will remember how much they enjoyed their day in Leamington just over a year ago. The Chorus will meet once every half term and the inaugural workshop is on Saturday 24th March from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm in Warwick – there's further information attached.

CHIME AGM

This will take place on Monday 12th February at 7.30 pm here in school.

PTA NEWS

PTA meeting - Thursday 15th February - 8.00pm
While the new charity is being formed it's business as usual so please pop along to see how you can get involved.

Mother's Day Secret Room - Friday 9th March - for a small fee of £2.00 per gift the children have the opportunity to select a gift for their Mum or someone who's equally special to them. Letters will be sent out after half-term.

Details will follow next week on:

Wear what you like day

Bunny Hop Disco

Easter Colouring Competition

As always we need your help so please let us know if you'd like to get involved.

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Yours sincerely,

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