

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

Please join us if you can for our Record of Achievement assembly on Friday 16th February – and of course you're welcome any Friday morning.

SEVERN TRENT

Year 5's Big Question for this term centres around 'our relationship with water' and, following on from their Unicef input last week about countries where water cleanliness is a huge issue, they have been learning about how to be 'water conscious' at school today, ensuring we don't waste water (which leads to pollution via the creation of electricity required to treat water). Severn Trent were invited in and delivered an assembly to the whole school, with Year 5 getting further input from the speaker back in class.

ROMAN SOLDIER VISIT

Year 4 had a fantastic time with a Roman soldier yesterday, learning a great array of things, dressing up, practising battle formations, playing Roman games and generally having fun learning about that period of history. They will use that knowledge and enthusiasm to help them consider their Big Question 'How have visitors from foreign shores changed Britain for the better?'

TRADITIONAL TOYS AND GAMES IN YEAR 1

We have yet another visitor in school this week! This morning Year 1 have had a visitor from St John's Museum, who's brought in a selection of Victorian toys and games from the museum for the children to investigate and play with, learning about the differences between children's lives then and now.

YEAR 5 NETBALL TOURNAMENT YESTERDAY

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the netball tournament yesterday, and, with netball having become really popular, we were able to put two teams out there! Both teams tried their best and represented the school excellently! One of our teams was placed third which is a great achievement given that we're one of the smaller schools. Next week it is Year 6's turn. Thank you

GOVERNOR UPDATE FROM GAIL SAXON

This week three Governors attended a workshop 'Working with Parents in the Community' and it quickly became apparent that Clinton is very good at this. The types of activities Clinton carries out to engage parents are below:

- Assemblies: parents are welcome to attend Friday assemblies. There are also class assemblies and other events we are invited to;
- The weekly school newsletter keeps everyone up to date with what children are doing;
- School volunteers e.g. PTA, CHIME, Governors and school volunteers (we are fortunate to have a significant proportion of parents involved in school activities on a voluntary basis);
- Clinton Website;
- Parent workshops e.g. eSafety;
- Parent questionnaires and surveys at parents' evenings;
- Homework and Reception class Learning Journals;
- Class teachers regularly meet with parents about what can boost children's progress and what can ensure they are happy and confident;
- Mr Pater is always approachable and available;

It is proven that schools who work in partnership with parents achieve positive benefits for pupils.

SICKNESS

We have quite a number of children off school. Please ensure children stay home for at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea, to reduce the risk of passing this on.

PARENTS' EVENINGS – 13TH AND 15TH FEBRUARY

Next week is your chance to find out how your children are progressing and how to help them at home. There is also a time set aside within the ten minutes so that you can discuss anything that might make school even better for your child / children. We will try to keep appointments to time so that no one is kept waiting – and so that teachers finish in good time for a decent night's sleep! Please help us with that. Children's books will be out so you will be able to see how well they are progressing – you're invited to arrive a little before your appointment time to give you the chance to look at them.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS – TUITION FEES

Payments for this term's tuition were due last week. Please log onto ParentPay and settle any outstanding account.

CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

Drama will continue to run on Fridays (though you will need to sign up again). Letters about this and other clubs will be sent early next week when arrangements are finalised.

ANOTHER SINGING OPPORTUNITY!

I've been asked to include the following item by Mary Houlgate, a former parent and member of staff here:

Does your child love to sing? We are restarting our children's choir at St Nicholas Church after half term. Each Tuesday afternoon, from 4.30 - 5.30, we'll spend an hour playing games, learning about rhythm, melody and harmony, and having fun singing together. We'll sing for parents and friends from time to time, too. Sessions will be led by a qualified primary school teacher. The choir is open to any child aged 6 - 11. Our first 'taster' session is on Tuesday, February 27, in the Vestry of St Nicholas Church. Please register your interest - or ask any questions - by emailing Mary Houlgate, maryhoulgate303@gmail.com

CHIME AGM – AND VISITING MUSICIANS

The AGM will take place on Monday next week (12th February) at 7.30 pm here in school. Thanks partly to support from CHIME, we will have a whole-school performance by Joglearesa, an exciting group of musicians – you can find out more at <http://www.joglearesa.com/>.

PTA NEWS

PTA meeting: Thursday 15th February - 8pm All welcome!

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. Letters will be sent out after half-term.

Details will follow soon about our 'wear what you like' day, Bunny Hop Disco and Easter Colouring Competition

As always we need your help so please let us know if you'd like to get involved. **Sam** - sch2k5@gmail.com

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Yours sincerely,

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