

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We've suddenly come to the end of another term (this one aptly named 'The Spring Term'). The children have made great strides in all sorts of ways and it's time for a well-earned rest! I hope you enjoy some time with your children over the break and we'll see you for an exciting Summer term, hopefully with the potential for lots of outdoor learning in the sunshine!

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

Friday 27th April will be our **Year 3 class assembly**. Get the date in your diaries!

SPRING FEVER

Over the last three years we have run a very worthwhile programme called Spring Fever. It is a 'relationships and sex education programme' which also challenges stereotyping and empowers children to share any concerns they have, demystifying the subject. There is a Parents' Information Book for each year group so that you will know the content and terminology that children will be learning. It is very worthwhile reading the booklet because you will want to reinforce the understanding as it's taught (maybe even preparing the ground if you feel you want to). We've received really positive feedback from parents in the past. The booklets were sent home yesterday with all children. We'll be carrying out this work with the children starting during the first week back after Easter. If you have any questions, please arrange to speak to your child's teacher.

PARENTVIEW – FINAL PLUG

If you haven't yet completed the Parentview survey online, this is a final plug to do-so. So far 62 have, out of approximately 150 families, so it would be great to raise that amount to above 100 at least. Please click here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

THE CLINTON TIMES

Your children should have brought home the latest edition of our very own newspaper, edited by our Y5 children. Please take the time to read it with your children and chat about the content. It's great for helping children of all age groups to engage with their school community and feel a part of it. It enables them to read a few different genres and imagine how they might write about similar topics.

GUITAR ASSEMBLY

We've been having a musical time recently and some of our many guitarists performed yesterday, along with the resident drummer. By all accounts it was a great show, with some polished performances and children in the audience finding it hard not to be moved by the music! We're grateful to our guitar teacher, Chris Butler, for making it happen!

YEAR 3 SWIMMING LESSONS AFTER EASTER

Y3 will start swimming lessons again on the morning of Tuesday 17th April. Could you volunteer even for just one or two weeks to walk there and back with the children?

PAYMENTS FOR FRANCE AND RED RIDGE

We'd be grateful if you'd log onto ParentPay by 31st March to make the latest payment, if you haven't already done so.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS – CHOICES NEXT YEAR

We're sending home the following items today:

- Letters (lilac paper) asking if your child wishes to **continue with their current instrument** in the Autumn term (children in Y1-5) – please reply by **19th April**;
- Letters (pale blue paper) asking if your child would like to **take up a new instrument** in September (all children in Years 2-5) – please reply by **26th April**.

Letters were sent earlier in the week to parents of YR and Y1 children giving information about **Suzuki** violin lessons - please reply by **18th April**.

Please ask your child if they don't hand these to you. We really do need your replies promptly so that we can book the time we need with Warwickshire Music. Thank you.

WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES BRITANNICA

We've been asked to draw your attention to Warwickshire Libraries' free access to the online Britannica Library. Pupils can access this using their Warwickshire Libraries card (available from Kenilworth Library if they don't already have one) and can choose an age-appropriate level of access for conducting research, completing homework assignments, and working on special projects in the library or at home.

Warwickshire Libraries subscribe so that Britannica and its amazing resources are completely free for library members. It's a useful and reliable source of information! See www.warwickshire.gov.uk/referenceandlearning.

PTA NEWS FROM MAND, DEB AND STUART

Thank you for all the support you've shown us this term, we really appreciate all your efforts to help us make the events a success, and what a success they've been:

Mother's Day Secret Room - raised a fantastic **£312**

Bunny Hop Disco - raised an amazing **£733**

We'll be back next term with:

Variety Night

Father's Day Secret Room

Summer Fair

so watch this space for details.

Please remember that you can visit our PTA website - clintonschoolpta.co.uk for more information about us, the upcoming events and how to get involved.

If you have any queries please contact:

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We'll look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 16th April.

Yours sincerely,

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