

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

We keep this weekly reminder in so that you don't forget you are welcome to join us any Friday morning!

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

I hope you have this in your diaries already! We're looking forward to this very special evening, when orchestra members, steel panners, recorder players and all Y3 children will have the chance to perform and show us how hard they've been working. Letters will be sent home early next week – we'll email you to let you know when they've been given out.

### LONDON HAYDN QUARTET

By the time you read this the whole school will have been treated to a performance by this internationally-renowned string quartet. Thank you CHIME and Leamington Music for enabling our children to have the experience of listening to professional musicians performing to them and talking to them about the instruments and the music they're playing.

### Y6 AND Y2 SATS

Year 6 will be doing most of their tests in the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, with some tests in the following week. Writing assessment is managed in school and we will submit levels to the DfE at the end of June. Therefore it's important that children still have a hard-working attitude after SATS week – and even more important that they don't miss any school via an unauthorised holiday.

Year 2 children will hardly notice they are doing anything particularly different. We certainly won't be putting any pressure on them. They will be doing some 'quizzes' and will be trying some practice ones soon.

### WARWICKSHIRE EDUCATION STRATEGY 2018-2023

I've been asked to draw this important matter to your attention. Parents, staff and children are encouraged to be involved. Further information about the consultation, how to take part and the full draft strategy can be found here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/communities-group/education-strategy/>

They also want to hear from children and young people, and welcome drawings which could be used to illustrate the final version. Please email copies of drawings to [educationstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:educationstrategy@warwickshire.gov.uk).

There's a leaflet attached – please have a look.

### YEAR 2 VISIT TO THE THINK TANK

Year 2 had a great time at the Think Tank museum where they were able to do some very hands on learning to consolidate their understanding of what they've been learning in their science lessons so far this year. They were given a very informative session where they were categorising 'real' animals by looking at them closely. The children were very engaged throughout and asked lots of meaningful questions. Thank you to the volunteers who supported the trip! Look out for photos next week!

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

The Attendance Compliance Enforcement Service requests that we remind parents of the regulations on children's absence. I'm attaching their information. Please remember, when planning holidays, that term dates are on our website.

### FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT - COMPETITIONS

We've been asked to pass on the following message: 'Kenilworth has been recognised as a Fairtrade Town by the Fairtrade Foundation due to the number of shops, cafés, restaurants and other businesses which supply or use Fairtrade products. The Town Mayor, Cllr Kate Dickson, is an active supporter of Fairtrade, and is supporting a competition in schools during this year's fortnight.

There are two competitions: a simple quiz for year 3-6 children or colouring competition for years R-2. A Fairtrade prize will be awarded in each school that takes part. The prize will be presented by the Mayor herself, who will invite the winners to tea with her following the event.'

Copies of these are attached to this letter for information; printed copies are available from the office. The closing date is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### PTA NEWS

**Mother's Day Secret Room – tomorrow!** Thank you for sending in your requests promptly, we appreciate your support. The children will be collected from their respective classrooms during the afternoon to select a gift (or gifts) as indicated on the reply slip. We hope you all have a lovely Mother's Day!

**Wear what you like day - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** Choose what you wear to school in exchange for an Easter Egg that will be used on the Easter Egg Tombola that night at the Bunny Hop Disco.

**Bunny Hop Disco - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - 6.00-7.00pm for KS1 and 7.15-8.15pm for KS2 - Admission £1.00**

This is our last disco of the year so please do come along and join in the fun.

**Easter Colouring Competition** - These were issued last week and are due back in by **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** so that we can arrange for our judges to select the winners. Prizes will be awarded in assembly on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**.

Please also find attached a newsletter containing some more information about the events we will be running up to the end of the year.

If you have any queries please contact:

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