

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

So, we've come to the end of another year – and it's been a very successful one for Clinton. Great SATs scores, phonics scores and an amazing Ofsted result in addition to the huge amount of money raised for our innovation lab, which will now certainly happen (barring any catastrophe with planning permission!). As well as that, children's confidence has shone through in a whole range of ways. The whole Clinton team (including our army of volunteers) have played a massive part in that and the children have benefited hugely. I commonly say that we thrive on positivity and go the extra mile as a result, and there has been plenty of positivity from parents over the year. Have a great 6 weeks and we'll see (most of) you on Tuesday 4th September!

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

We'll be saying goodbye to Year 6 and wishing them well!

OTHER 'GOODBYES'

We'll also be saying goodbye to Mr Nathan Jones, who has successfully completed his Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship. We hope he'll be very happy in his new post at St John's School – we'll miss him!

Mrs Sally Jones, who's worked in the Reception class over the last year and more, will also be moving on.

Mrs Sue Oswin, who has been a Midday Supervisor here for many years, will also be leaving us and we wish her well too.

We're also saying 'au revoir' to Mrs Sarah Jones as she will be on maternity leave from September.

We're grateful to them all for their hard work and dedication to the children here.

SPORTS DAY

The children all agreed that they loved Sports Day! I asked them before they found out who won because the result is 'important to strive for' but victory is only 'an added bonus' to a fun day where the children really supported each other to do well. If only the result were important, 150 children would have gone home unhappy – and what school would run sports day if that were the outcome? Mrs Wallace and Mr Viner in particular put a great deal of effort into making the day a great success!

DRINKS FOR HELPERS

If you're one of our volunteers, please join us for a 'thank you' drink (non-alcoholic!) tomorrow at 2.30pm.

Y6 – PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

Please would all Y6 parents ensure that their ParentPay accounts are cleared by the end of school tomorrow so that we can complete year-end processes as your child leaves.

IMPORTANT – THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

This is a further reminder of the evening information sessions during the first week back.

READING OVER THE HOLIDAY

Please keep children reading over the holidays and encourage them to take part in the reading challenge Mrs McLester spoke to them about – there's a further copy of the information attached. As I have said in previous letters, those who read plenty during the holidays are at a big

advantage compared to those who don't and this is a good way to get them into it. It was interesting to note that the top 8 scores in the reading SATs this year were all scored by 'millionaire readers' – those who have read over 1 million words this year according to Accelerated Reader. If your child was one (in Years 4 to 6) they will have a certificate! It's straightforward. The more they read, the better they do – it's about application NOT a 'natural academic ability'. That's where parents come in!

CLINTON NEWSPAPER

Our Year 5 Article writers have worked really hard, as has Mrs Williams, to get another issue out to your children today! The newspaper is well worth a read – especially as it is full of different genres – AND helps the child (and parent) community to appreciate what's been going on!

KIT LIST FOR RED RIDGE

Please look out for an email with this and other important information (for Y4 parents).

FRANCE TRIP – EUROS AND EHIC

If your child is going on the trip to France, we'll send some information home on the first or second day back, and hope you'll be able to attend the information session on the evening of Thursday 6th September. We recommend that you provide your child with spending money (35 Euros maximum) and ask you to obtain a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). You can do this using the link below – or just Google 'NHS EHIC'. These cards are free from the NHS – please beware of organisations which offer to obtain them for a fee.

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>

CHIME SUMMER'S EVENING – FROM SIMONE ROYLE

I'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the Summer's Evening. The steel pans were enchanting and the weather fine. The Summer's Evening, and sports day refreshment sales, raised a total of £1074. This will go into the TEEM Clinton pot for next year to support school enrichment. From all of the TEEM Clinton officers, have a great summer! Please also see the attached letter about exciting future plans.

PTA NEWS FROM SAM, DEB, MAND & STUART

Once again we've come to the end of the school year! We'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting our fundraising activities over the year. Whether you've attended and spent your money or helped to run the events we're incredibly grateful. We hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in September and raising funds alongside our CHIME colleagues as we move forward as TEEM Clinton.

Yours sincerely,

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