

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Newsletter No. 1 6th September 2018

admin2308@welearn365.com www.clintonprimary.co.uk



Dear Parents,

BRILLIANT START!

We're delighted with how happy and settled the children are. There are lots of children saying that being in their new year-group is the best thing ever! There certainly is a buzz about the place again.

INFORMATION SESSIONS THIS EVENING

Please come along to these. As outlined in Tuesday's letter, each teacher will run a session from 7.00 to 7.30, with a repeat from 7.45 to 8.15. From 7.30 to 7.45 everyone will meet in the hall. There'll be lots of information which will help you to support your child. We can provide handouts but you'll get **much** more from attending if you can. Reception parents – please come along; this isn't a repeat of the evening in May. Red Ridge/France sessions follow at 8.15pm. Please remember that only Y5 and Y6 children are invited to attend – we're just not able to accommodate younger ones.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM – ALL WELCOME!

This is a reminder that we hold a community assembly at 9.00 am every Friday – do join us if you can. Reception class children don't normally attend the first few assemblies, but join in a little later in the term. Our orchestra will make its first appearance on Friday 14th!

DIARY DATES

Some dates for this school year are attached, plus term dates. Other dates will be notified as they are arranged.

TRAINING DAY – MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

You will have read in the letter emailed home on Tuesday that we have a training day planned for this date, so children will not be in school that day.

ATTENDANCE

As you know, good attendance at school is extremely important in ensuring that children make the best possible progress. There's some guidance from the Local Authority attached for your information.

MUSIC LESSONS / ORCHESTRA SESSIONS

Starting next week, these will take place as follows:

Monday – keyboard, steel pans, violin (traditional)/viola

Tuesday – orchestra practice

Wednesday – guitar, woodwind, brass

Friday – Suzuki violin

We will let you know when we need you to pay for this term's lessons on ParentPay (October).

Also please remember that Miss Butler will listen to any Y5/Y6 prospective orchestra members from 9.00 on Monday morning next week – she spoke to them on Wednesday so they should know all about this!

THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Parents sometimes like to catch up and chat at home-time and we like to enable this to happen for a short while after school. If you choose to do so, though, then it is important that your children are closely supervised so that they don't have an accident and so that they don't treat the school as a giant playground where they can do as they wish! This sends out a mixed message when

they have been discussing the importance of following school rules during the day. Children are not allowed on the KS2 playground after school, or on the field if they haven't been allowed during the day. They are not allowed to use school playground toys and shouldn't bring their own. Please keep your children within your sight. We've had some near misses too, where children collecting scooters or bikes run straight across the car park so please make sure you watch them closely.

ROAD SAFETY – PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

We have no crossing patrol to help our children cross the road safely. Please:

- Don't park on or opposite the zig-zags – children need to see clearly to cross safely.
- Don't park on or close to corners – children can't see clearly and other motorists are forced onto the wrong side of the road, making it harder for children to assess the situation.

We also want to keep good relations with our neighbours so please don't park in a way that prevents them driving on or off their property – even if it is only for a short time. Please also pass this parking message on to carers, grandparents and anyone else who brings your child to school or collects them afterwards. Thank you.

BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB

Please remember this is open every day from 7.45 on a drop-in basis – no need to book ahead. Please make sure you have sufficient credit in your ParentPay account before your child attends. Charges per child per session and details as they appear on ParentPay are: £3.80 if arriving from 8.00 – (Before School Club) £4.80 if arriving before 8.00 (BSC early start).

If paying with childcare vouchers please make sure it is clear where you want the various funds allocated to (ie Before School Club or BSC Early Start).

CLUBS THIS TERM FOR YEARS 2-6

Children will be given letters tomorrow about the various clubs starting next week and we'll email copies tomorrow afternoon as well. Y6 Imagineering starts later in the term.

DADS' FOOTBALL

For several years we have booked a session on Wednesdays between 6 and 7 at Meadow Sports Centre (at Kenilworth School) and a group of friendly, very very mildly competitive dads play football. Please come and play if you'd like – just bring £5 any Wednesday! We're starting next week and new faces would be very welcome!

VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

As you know, our parent (and grandparent!) volunteers are hugely important to our school life. Letter to follow – we'd love to have your help!

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**