

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM – ALL WELCOME!

Do join us for assembly tomorrow! It will be the orchestra's first appearance of the new school year (although just the old hands this week – no new starters yet). Reception children will start joining the Friday assemblies a little later in the term – we'll let you know!

INFORMATION SESSIONS LAST WEEK

Information sessions were really well attended last week. Thank you for coming. Education works a lot better when there is such a strong partnership. If you were unable to attend, it is worth collecting the paperwork from your child's class teacher, if you haven't already.

TRAINING DAY – MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

This is a further mention in case you've missed it.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

You'll probably have spotted on the diary dates sent out last week that we have Parents' Evening meetings on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th October. We'll send out letters nearer the time.

Y3 SWIMMING

If it's more convenient for you to drop your child at the pool in time for their Tuesday morning swimming lesson, that is fine, so long as it is arranged with us in advance. Please remember, though, that it's too late to order lunch when they get back and to let us know in advance (ideally by 9.30, or the day before) which menu option they'd like, or whether they're having packed lunch. Thank you!

PROF MCGINTY

Our annual visit from The Professor was extremely well received by children in Years 3, 5 and 6. With the amazing artefacts and resources he has, combined with an inimitable humorous style of delivery, it's a great way to hook the children into key themes of their topic work.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS – STILL SPACES

There are still a few spaces in the following clubs:

Mondays – Dance Y3 – Y6
Tuesdays – Gymnastics Y2 – Y4
Wednesdays – Dodgeball Y3 – Y6
Thursdays – Netball Y5 – Y6

If your child wants to join, please sign up by Monday.

NEW CLUB – DRAMA AND PHYSICAL THEATRE

This is an exciting new club for Years 3 – 6 which will run on Fridays, starting tomorrow. There's still time to join; we'll email the letter to KS2 parents.

CLUB ATTENDANCE - SAFEGUARDING

Please remember that if your child won't be attending an after-school activity, you are asked to let the office know. We will phone you if a child doesn't attend – we need to be certain that they are safe and that you know where they are. If we can't reach parents straight away, it's a very worrying situation to have a child unaccounted for so please help us by keeping us informed. Thank you.

VOUCHER PAYMENTS FOR BSC

It is now possible to pay for Before School Club using childcare vouchers. When you are transferring payment to school, please use the 'comments' or 'notes' section (there will be one somewhere) to make it clear whether the funds are for Before School Club (ie if your child will be starting after 8.00 am) or BSC Early Start (if they'll arrive between 7.45 and 8.00).

DADS' FOOTBALL

It was great to see some new faces yesterday. You may have noticed from my swollen, black eye that I have had a meeting with the elbow of one of the 'mildly competitive' dads I talked about in last week's newsletter. Purely an accident, I'm told! Don't let that put you off coming – any Wednesday from 6 until 7 at Meadow Sports Centre.

WHEN YOU ARE NOT PICKING YOUR CHILDREN UP

In situations where parents have needed to arrange for someone to pick up the children **other than the regular family members who the children would expect and the teachers have come to recognise**, please write a brief note to the class teacher to say who it is – (and obviously let the children know who is picking them up so they are not surprised!). This can be put in the class register meaning that afternoon staff (if the class teacher doesn't teach that afternoon) will ensure that children are always going home with the right people. We want children to be wary of going home with any adult who says their parents have told them to go home with them so it's good to have them in the loop. In years 4 to 6 (unless parents have expressed a particular concern about their child), children are expected to find their regular adult and to return back to class or to the office if they cannot. It would be useful, if there is a regular arrangement with an adult who is not a family member, if you could introduce that person to the teacher and discuss the arrangement.

STRANGER AWARENESS

From time to time we are made aware of incidents in Warwickshire where strangers have approached children on their way out of school and sometimes even tried to persuade them into their car. Something like that happened fairly locally recently so children will be being reminded about what to do generically, without referring to that specific incident so as not to worry them. It is not good advice to tell children never to talk to strangers because in certain circumstances it would absolutely be the right thing for them to do. The better advice to give them would be not to go with any adult (other than family members who usually pick them up) unless they have been told beforehand.

VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

Please look out for a letter tomorrow!

Yours sincerely

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