

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

BACK IN BUSINESS

I want to say a big thank you to parents and children for all the 'get well soon' messages and gifts, which were certainly extremely morale boosting as I was recovering from my operation. It's been nice to be greeted so enthusiastically by the children – like some long lost Headteacher. I feel a lot better and raring to go again now. The staff have filled in fantastically and the whole experience reminds me of how lucky we are to have such a brilliant school community.

ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00

We're really looking forward to hearing Y6 telling us about their learning so far this year, with those who went to France informing us about what they found out, complemented by presentations of those who stayed back to do their own research. We'll be able to see the great effort that went into their projects too!

On **Thursday 25th October** we have the Y5 Red Ridge assembly and on **Friday 26th October** there'll be lots of Record of Achievement certificates handed out.

TRAINING DAY ON MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

I know we've flagged this up several times but want to be sure no-one has missed the fact that children will not be in school on the first Monday after half term.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL

This is a further reminder that it is now not possible to access school via the gate at the side of the hut. All entry to classrooms, including the before-school club in the ICT suite and Clinton Kids' Club in the Creative Arts Zone, will need to be via the Key Stage 1 playground.

CLINTON SCHOOL DONATIONS SCHEME

This is the final reminder for our new donation scheme, designed to help us sustain the education provision we've been able to offer in recent years so that children who are here now get just as good a deal despite the schools funding crisis.

Please do contribute what you can via your youngest child's ParentPay account, or speak to Kathryn Carey if you feel you'd like to contribute a larger amount, as some parents have very kindly done already.

CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

Letters were sent home yesterday about the following clubs:

Monday Dance for Y1 – Y3

Tuesday Multisports for Y1 – Y3

Wednesday Gymnastics for Y3 – Y6

Thursday Netball for Y5 – Y6

Friday Drama and Physical Theatre for Y3 – Y6

Please return slips and pay the charges on ParentPay by Thursday next week. Charges will be removed from ParentPay after half term for those not requesting places at these clubs.

FIRE SERVICE VISIT FOR Y5 YESTERDAY

Year 5 really enjoyed this! Y1 should have had a visit too but the Fire Service weren't able to send four people so they plan to visit Y1 next week.

Y2 VISIT TO BAGINTON AIR MUSEUM

By all reports, Year 2 had a really excellent time visiting Baginton Air Museum and found a lot out about flight, which has given them plenty of enthusiasm for their topic work. The trip was well organised by Miss Parker and we're also thankful to parents who gave up their time to support Year 2 (and I'm pleased they enjoyed it so much too!)

PARENTS' EVENINGS

As usual, these have been extremely well attended. It's so important for children's motivation to know how much you value the education they are getting.

Y5/Y6 DRAMA PRODUCTION

Look out for a letter coming home very soon – first meeting Tuesday 23rd October at 8.00 am.

BLACK HISTORY WEEK NEXT WEEK – INCLUDING DRUMS AND WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE!

Next week will be a really interesting week in school, with African Drumming Workshops on Monday launching learning about a whole range of issues related to our thrust to value diversity. Children usually really engage well in learning about the injustice of racism and prejudice and about how brave people were to stand up to it. Please do ask them about it.

We'd like to invite children to **come in their own choice of clothes on Monday**, so we'll have a really colourful spectacle when the African drummers are here! We'd be very grateful if you'd be willing to send in £1 per child as a contribution towards the cost of what will be a great experience for the children.

TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM SIMONE ROYLE

Hi all, thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help run the disco next week. There will be a soft toy tombola at the disco and we'll be collecting donations for this on Monday and Tuesday next week – if you have any soft toys in need of a new home please bring them in.

Entry to the disco is £1 per child and a chocolate item which we will use at our chocolate tombola at the Christmas fair on December 7th. Details of the disco are attached at the end of the newsletter along with a list of jobs at the disco we still need volunteers for – if you can help with any of these please either contact the school, facebook Natalie King, or email me at simone_yvette@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Kind regards, Simone Royle

SEND SUPPORT GROUP

Families who were part of the school last year will probably remember a letter about a proposal made by one of our parents to set up a support group for parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities. If you'd be interested in being part of a group, please email the office to let us know. We'll pass your name on to Mrs Jackson who is helping, initially, to establish the group.

Yours sincerely,

SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER