

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

As always, we love to have parents join us for these assemblies. You're very welcome any Friday morning!

DIVERSITY – 'NO OUTSIDERS' PROGRAMME

As you'll know from the letter sent home last Friday, you're invited to attend a meeting about this whole-school programme which we're using to teach the children about diversity. The meeting will take place on Thursday 31st January at 7.30 pm and will be finished by 8.30 pm. To help with our planning, please let us know if you're able to attend. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

You must be congratulated for your children's attendance! The National Average for attendance is 96% and we are currently up at 97.9%, which is amazing. It means children missing, on average, 4 days per year. It would be great to keep this up or even reach the 98% mark. In order to do that, we'll need you to avoid taking children out of school for holidays. Not only does it hamper our efforts to reach that mark, but more importantly, it costs children valuable learning time, which it is almost impossible to replace in the future. I think children here are quite hardy when it comes to little sniffles and that's a good attitude to learn. Let's keep it up!

LEAGUE TABLES RELEASED

Last year's Year 6 scored amazingly well in their SATs tests, and, in reading, out of 240 schools, only 13 schools scored better. This would put us in the top 5 in Warwickshire averaged over 2 years! Much of this is down to your efforts reading regularly at home. A lot of educators will tell you that reading is the gateway to the whole curriculum, so it is vital that they do well – and that you are getting them reading 4 times a week at the very least! Thank you also to all the volunteers who are listening to children read – it makes a huge difference.

The children scored very well in writing too – and we had the 10th highest proportion of children writing at 'greater depth' in Warwickshire (over 2 years, that would be 5th highest). In spelling and grammar, which was an Ofsted Target in May, we were joint 10th this year. In maths we were joint 24th.

For numbers achieving the 'combined national standard' – ie those reaching the expected standard in reading, writing AND maths, we had the 10th highest proportion.

The staff deserve a lot of credit for these results. Cohorts are different, and in other years lower attainment scores might actually represent even more successful progress made, but we're really pleased with how well our children are doing.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

You should all have received this term's update for each of your children, so please ask if you haven't.

SEVERN TRENT ASSEMBLY THIS MORNING

You can find out more about this overleaf. Afterwards, Year 5 had a workshop led by the Severn Trent staff.

SPECIAL VISITOR IN YEAR 2 TODAY!

I'm sure parents of Y2 children will already know why we've chosen today's picture (see above). If your children haven't already told you about their exciting visitor, please ask them!

FRANCE, RED RIDGE AND CLINTON CAMP

As mentioned last week, we'll be holding information sessions for parents on Wednesday 30th January, from 7.00 – 7.30 pm, before you need to make a financial commitment. The France and Red Ridge letters are being emailed to Y5 and Y4 parents today, with the printed copies ready for the children to bring home tomorrow. The Clinton Camp letters will be with Y3 parents soon.

TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM SIMONE ROYLE

Thanks to everyone who turned up to our meeting on Monday. TEEM Clinton are delighted to welcome our new treasurer, Gregory Pointon and vice treasurers Liz Perry and Gulsen Pennison to the team. Thanks again to Shilpa for all she has done over the past year.

Amanda Wright has asked me to pass on the following message:

Variety Night - Friday 22nd March - 6.00 - 9.00pm

We're back for 2019 and we can't wait to see you all again this year. This event is open to everyone and there's plenty of time to practise so please do encourage your children to get involved. Letters will be coming home soon and we'll also confirm the rehearsal date too. If you're ahead of the game and already planning your act, please be aware that we'll be limiting acts to a maximum of two per child this year. This is due to the popularity of the event last year and to allow us to finish on time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Pater". The signature is written in a cursive style.

SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER