

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a great holiday with your children, and that 2019 goes well for you all!

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

As always, you're very welcome to join us any Friday morning – start your day with a musical introduction from the orchestra then get a glimpse of school life!

TRAINING DAY – REMINDER

As notified last term, our final training day of this school year will be on **Friday 15th February**, so children will not attend school that day.

NEW DATE - SPRING CONCERT – 9TH APRIL

Our orchestra, plus all Y3 children and some other instrumental players will be presenting a fantastic evening's entertainment on Tuesday 9th April! Please put the date in your diaries now – further information will follow later.

TERM DATES AND PARENTS' EVENINGS

You'll find term dates overleaf for this school year and for 2019-20. This is also a reminder that Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th February.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION DVDs

There's just time to order a copy if you haven't already – please let us know and send in your £5 (cheques payable to Clinton School Fund).

PLEASE CHECK UNIFORM – NAMED ITEMS MISSING

Please could we ask you to check that your child hasn't brought home another child's sweatshirt by mistake? We seem to have some children whose named clothing is missing; it's possible parents might have washed and dried another child's clothing without noticing! Please could you check name labels and return items to school if appropriate? Thank you!

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEAL MENU NEXT THURSDAY

Educaterers are offering a special 'Census Day' menu on Thursday next week (replacing the usual red and green choices) on an 'America Diner' theme. As you can see from the attachment, the scheduled red and green choices will be replaced by Chicago deep pan pizza and New York hot dog, served with potato wedges, fresh salad and corn on the cob. This is the day when we have to provide the government with various figures and statistics, including the number of children in YR, Y1 and Y2 who are having a school lunch that day as part of the UIFSM scheme (Universal Infant Free School Meals). **The more KS1 children who have a school meal that day, the more funding we as a school will receive next year. Put simply, ordering a meal for your KS1 child on Thursday next week will help increase our school budget.**

YOUR DONATIONS TO OUR NEW ANNUAL SCHEME

Totalling £3370.00, your donations last term have enabled us to buy new dictionaries, fill in gaps in our reading scheme, replace some aging classroom computers and to sustain colour printing for classroom resources. These are all areas we would have not been able to tackle without your help. Thank you!

Y6 AND Y2 SATS DATES

Year 6 will be doing most of their tests in the week beginning Monday 13th May, with some tests in the following week. Writing assessment is managed in school and we will submit levels to the DfE at the end of June. Therefore it's important that children don't think the hard work is over after SATS week – and even more important that you don't take them out of school for a holiday.

Year 2 SATs will take place throughout May and the children will hardly notice they are doing anything particularly different – they will simply be doing some 'quizzes', and will try some practice ones nearer the time. We certainly won't be putting any pressure on them.

DONATION TO CANCER RESEARCH UK

As part of their 50th anniversary, Braiswick Photographic Company have donated £37.50 to Cancer Research UK, based on the number of orders they received following their visit here in November. Thank you if you helped to raise this amount by ordering photographs.

FINAL REMINDER - RECEPTION CLASS 2019

This is a reminder that Tuesday 15th January 2019 is the deadline for applying for school places in September. Please don't miss the deadline! You can find full details at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/primaryschool>.

FRANCE, RED RIDGE AND CLINTON CAMP

We'll be sending home letters very soon about these trips, for parents of Y3, Y4 and Y5 children. The dates are as follows:

Red Ridge – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th September

Clinton Camp – Thursday 19th – Friday 20th September

France – Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th September

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. Further details will be in the letters.

DADS' FOOTBALL

Are you keen to shift those extra Christmas pounds? Dads' football returns next Wednesday, 6-7 at Meadow Sports Centre (Kenilworth School). We play a mildly competitive game in the sports hall, with more enthusiasm than quality on display (if we're honest!) Please join us. The more that come the less we have to run! That's the strap line!

TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM SIMONE ROYLE

Please come along if you can to our next TEEM Clinton meeting this coming Monday at 7:30pm in the school office (agenda attached). Shilpa will be presenting her final financial report as treasurer before she steps down from the role. After this we'll be voting in new treasurers. We need one main treasurer and 2 vice treasurers – this number of treasurers is absolutely necessary due to the number of events we run throughout the year. Help! We need these positions filled before our next children's disco planned for Thursday February 7th.

Yours sincerely,

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