

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### THURSDAY ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK

We're not here on Friday next week, so we're going to postpone our Record of Achievement assembly until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. All welcome at tomorrow's assembly; please note there's no orchestra, but Suzuki violins will feature!

### TRAINING DAY: FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

This is a further reminder that children will not be in school on this day. The teaching staff will be working hard on how to develop our approach to teaching children to communicate excellently in their talk, as well as in their writing. We'll also be thinking more about how to get children problem solving and reasoning across the curriculum.

### PARENTS' EVENINGS – 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

As you already know, next week, we're holding parents' evenings. It's useful if KS2 children can come too – in order for them to be part of their own 'learning journey' and receive some positive feedback from teachers as well as a few hints about how to do even better! A reminder to Year 4 parents that we'll be rescheduling.

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS

Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of some hints on how to help children develop the kinds of skills that help them be excellent learners and excellent people in general! We developed our teaching of these skills last year, and we're continuing to develop them in children. I thought it would be useful to send out the information again!

### THE LURGY

We have had an unprecedented number of staff absences over the last couple of weeks, with 8 of our pretty small team off with illness on Monday alone! Whilst we have excellent staff who are being prepared to cover where the holes are, there has been some inevitable disruption. Please bear with us!

### DATA SHEETS AND CONSENT FORMS

This is a request for you to send in any remaining forms – thank you to everyone who has responded promptly. We really need this information this week. Thank you.

### CLUBS NOT RUNNING NEXT WEEK

Because of Parents' Evenings, there will be no Playground Games or Imagineering on Tuesday,

### CLUBS RUNNING AFTER HALF TERM

Letters are being sent home today as follows:

Mondays – Drama club for Y3 – Y6

Tuesdays – Dodgeball for Y3 – Y6

Wednesdays – Cross country for Y3 – Y6 (lunchtimes)

Wednesdays – Gymnastics for YR – Y2

Thursdays – Netball for Y5/Y6

Please note there will be also letters tomorrow about a Tag Rugby club starting on Wednesdays for Y5/Y6.

### PAYMENTS FOR THIS TERM'S MUSIC TUITION

This term's payments will be on ParentPay before half term.

### CLINTON COUNTING SONG

For a number of years, we've taught children to sing the 'Clinton Counting Song' to help them calculate multiplications and divisions as they progress through school. The songs were written with science in mind! The idea was to vary melodies so they don't repeat – to make them more memorable. They also get the numbers rattled out really quickly (because that makes the phrases shorter and, again, easier to remember). The song doesn't replace learning tables off by heart in KS2 but it DOES provide access to some trickier maths in KS1. We recorded the song and sold it on Amazon (reaching Amazon's top children's music single for one day). We sold the song for charity and were invited onto the tele for Children in Need that year. We're practising the 7s at the moment, and the children love it! Whether they are in year 3 or year R, it would be well worth practising it with them – as with your help they'll get it really quickly. Whilst to start with children in Year R won't know what the sequences of numbers mean, they will have them on tap when they need them. Go to [www.mathstools.wordpress.com](http://www.mathstools.wordpress.com) and have a go. I'd stick to the 7s to start with and we'll be moving onto the 8s after half term! I think it would be good to do a 'remake' of the CD this year, so we definitely need to practise! They all have actions, so ask what they are and join in!

### TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM MAND AND SIMONE

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#### Dates for your diary!

Have you got those all important dates noted in your diaries? Don't worry if you haven't as we're attaching them again this week. Just as important as help for the events is you attending, otherwise we wouldn't raise anything at all! We're looking forward to seeing you all.

**Variety Night - Rehearsal Sunday 3 March - 1.30-4.30pm - in the hall**

**Variety Night - Showtime Friday 22 March - 6.00-9.00pm**  
Details of how to enter are attached and due to GDPR we have a few changes, so no more slips to fill in; we need you to email us instead. We do need your consent to use your data so please make sure you follow the instructions on the letter about what you need to copy and paste to give us that consent.

Any queries please contact [amandawright1974@gmail.com](mailto:amandawright1974@gmail.com)

#### News from Simone

Thanks to everyone who has returned their Contact sheets for TEEM Clinton. From now on we'll be contacting you through a new email address: [TEEMClinton@outlook.com](mailto:TEEMClinton@outlook.com). All our emails will be sent through mail chimp so you'll have an option to unsubscribe from our mailing list at any time.

Yours sincerely,

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