

Summer Newsletter No. 1

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

All welcome, as always! Please join us for a taste of life at Clinton and a chance to listen to our fantastic orchestra.

SUMMER TERM DATES

We're in the process of confirming these (Sports Day and so on) and will email them to you as soon as possible.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

A while ago, a group of about 12 parents attended a meeting to help us update our anti-bullying policy. Since then, governors have approved it and it is now on our website. A key component of the policy is the use of a form which teachers start to use at a point where children have experienced deliberate negative behaviour from another child (beyond typical fall-outs). Parents of that child are then involved in the process from the start and it only ends when they are happy things have been involved. The policy is on our [website](#). We would welcome any comments on it if you have any. Please email the office.

GOLDEN LEARNING

The KS2 children, as always really enjoyed their Golden Learning Time activities last term, which, in the end, consisted of a activities such as chess, coding, cake decorating, team problem solving, 'songs from the plays', knitting and crochet, cricket, football, craft and puzzling games. Again, a huge thank you to volunteers who made it possible and added much to variety!

OFSTED

It's highly likely that Ofsted will be returning this term, to see whether they think our grading as a school should change from good to outstanding. Whilst we have lots to celebrate about Clinton, such as: our amazing staff, the great atmosphere for learning, how well our children do, the music on offer, the amazing range of sports clubs and competitions, our approach to diversity and compassion for our wider contribution, our unique curriculum that builds children's learning and life skills, our success with fundraising, our exciting residential opportunities, how older children contribute (through running clubs, writing the Clinton Times, being sports' leaders, peer mediating etc), I could go on ..., it's absolutely not a foregone conclusion that we will be judged as outstanding. Before the event, and regardless of the outcome, I do want to thank the whole school community for the massive effort they put into much they add to the lives of the children who come here.

STAYING SAFE IN THE SUN

Please see the attached letter – we're sure to have some more sunny weather soon!

YEAR 6 SATs

Not long to go until our Year 6s are going to show just how much they've learnt at Clinton and smash their SATs tests. They have worked hard and been an amazing class since the very beginning (with some excellent additions along the way) and we are very proud of them. The key over the next couple of weeks is to ensure they are sleeping well and looking at their revision books little and often.

ARRIVING AT BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB

It's essential that parents accompany their child(ren) to the door of the Creative Arts Zone and sign them into before school club. If a child is dropped outside school at 7.45 but doesn't then arrive at the club, it will be over an hour before we realise we have a child missing from school. Please don't take that risk.

UNIFORM Reminders

As we move into the summer term and summer clothing for many, we just want to reiterate uniform expectations. We've noticed, in particular, a very wide array of socks! So here's a quick reminder. Thank you for your co-operation.

- Information about uniform is in the Parent Handbook on the website – extract attached for information.
- We are going to be ensuring the uniform code is followed as we're seeing a bit of variation from some children! We teach children to present themselves smartly as part of having high expectations of themselves as a whole.
- Children shouldn't be wearing leggings or jewellery. They should be wearing jumpers that are the 'Clinton royal blue'.
- Where children haven't got the right uniform, we will be finding some for them to wear for that day but it would obviously be much better if they are provided with the right clothing from home.
- We cannot allow, because of the health and safety risk, sandals that have either a heel or open toes.

MUSIC LESSONS

There's still time to let us know if your child wishes to take up a new instrument (other than Suzuki violin) in September – please send replies tomorrow. If you haven't yet returned your reply letting us know whether your child is continuing with the current instrument in September, please send that tomorrow. This term's music lessons will be on your ParentPay accounts tomorrow – by 17th May.

CLINTON COUNTING SONG

We are still working on the 9s! Keep practising!
www.mathstools.wordpress.com

TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM SIMONE

Our **Summer Fair** is only 2 weeks away now on Saturday May 18th from 12-3pm. Information will follow very soon but it is shaping up to be an outstanding event. Cake, prizes and even animals! Please do come along and invite family, friends and neighbours. **Raffle tickets** are being sent home in envelopes today – again, there's information attached. Many thanks, TEEM Clinton

Please remember that Monday next week is a bank holiday, so please don't send your children to school that day! We'll see them again on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER