

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We're well and truly into the flow of things now and it's been a great first week so far. There's a lot coming up, so be ready for some serious information flow!

### INFORMATION SESSIONS THIS EVENING

**Please** come along to these. As outlined in Tuesday's letter, each teacher will run a session from 7.00 to 7.30, with a repeat from 7.45 to 8.15 (both Y4 sessions will include Clinton Camp information). From 7.30 to 7.45 everyone will meet in the hall. There'll be lots of information which will help you to support your child. We can provide handouts but you'll get **much** more from attending if you can. Reception parents – please come along: this isn't a repeat of the evening in May. Red Ridge/France sessions follow at 8.15pm. Please remember that only Y5 and Y6 children are invited to attend – we're not able to accommodate younger ones.

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM – ALL WELCOME!

This is a reminder that we hold a community assembly at 9.00 am every Friday – do join us if you can. Reception class children don't normally attend the first few assemblies, but join in a little later in the term. Our orchestra will make its first appearance on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>!

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We're very pleased to welcome some new members of staff. Terry Flowers will be working as our caretaker this term and we're very glad to have him here (sadly, as you might be aware, our long-serving caretaker Roy Hayward has been ill for some time). We also welcome Laura Gratrix who will be working four days a week as our finance administrator, and welcome back Jo Roberts who will continue to provide general admin support this term.

### DIARY DATES

Some dates for this school year are attached, plus term dates. Other dates will be notified as they are arranged.

### TRAINING DAY – FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

You will have read in the letter emailed home on Tuesday that we have a training day planned for this date, so children will not be in school that day.

### MUSIC LESSONS / ORCHESTRA SESSIONS

Starting next week, these will take place as follows:

**Monday** – keyboard, steel pans, violin (traditional)/viola

**Tuesday** – orchestra practice

**Wednesday** – guitar

**Thursday** - woodwind, brass

**Friday** – Suzuki violin

We will let you know when we need you to pay for this term's lessons on ParentPay (it will be in October).

### THE PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL

Parents sometimes like to catch up and chat at home-time and we like to enable this to happen for a short while after school. If you choose to do so, though, then it is important that your children are closely supervised so that they don't have an accident and so that they don't treat the school as a giant playground where they can do as they wish! This sends out a mixed message when they have been discussing the importance of following school rules during the day. Children are not allowed on the KS2 playground after school, or on the field if they haven't been allowed during the day. They are not

allowed to use school playground toys and shouldn't bring their own. Please keep your children within your sight. We've had some anxious moments too, where children collecting scooters or bikes have been seen running straight across the car park so please make sure you watch them closely.

### ROAD SAFETY – PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Please be really thoughtful when parking. Since recent cuts, we have no crossing patrol to help our children cross the road safely.

We also want to keep good relations with our neighbours so please don't park in a way that prevents them driving on or off their property – even if it is only for a short time. Please also pass this parking message on to carers, grandparents and anyone else who brings your child to school or collects them afterwards. Thank you.

### BEFORE-SCHOOL CLUB

Please remember this is open every day from 7.45 on a drop-in basis – no need to book ahead. Please make sure you have sufficient credit in your ParentPay account before your child attends. Charges per child per session and details as they appear on ParentPay are:

£3.80 if arriving from 8.00 – (Before School Club)

£4.80 if arriving before 8.00 (BSC Early Start). If paying with childcare vouchers please make sure it is clear where you want the various funds allocated to (ie Before School Club or BSC Early Start) – we aren't able to do this for you.

### CLUBS THIS TERM FOR YEARS 1-6

Please look out for letters tomorrow about the following:

**Tuesdays** – Gymnastics for Y1 – Y3

**Wednesdays** – Netball for Y4 – Y6

**Thursdays** – Dodgeball for Y3 – Y6

We'll email details today and give printed letters to children tomorrow.

We'll also be arranging Imagineering Club for Y6, on Tuesdays after school. Information will follow later this month.

### TEEM CLINTON NEWS

Welcome back from all of us in TEEM Clinton - we hope you have had a wonderful summer. There has been a lot going on in the background while we have been away and I am looking forward to the year ahead.

TEEM's first meeting following our break will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in school; please come and join us if you can. I will be at the information meeting tonight so if anyone has any questions or would like to know more about our plans please feel free to ask. See you this evening!

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER**  
HEADTEACHER