

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Newsletter No. 2

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Dear Parents,

### 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 tomorrow!

### INFORMATION SESSIONS LAST WEEK

There was a great turn-out for these last week, and I hope you found them useful. I'd like to thank the staff for their preparation time and for giving up their evening to help parents help their children get off to the best possible good start. Shortly we'll be following up on my commitment to engage children in how we solve big issues in the world, in particular thinking about the environment, but as time goes on, other challenges too!

### GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

Hopefully you received the letter yesterday, asking whether anyone is interested in taking a role as a Clinton governor.

### MUSIC LESSONS AND HIRING INSTRUMENTS

Please note that brass lessons are taking place on Tuesday afternoons, not Thursday afternoons as in last week's letter.

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

If your child is having violin, brass or flute lessons and doesn't have an instrument, please use the link below: <https://www.warwickshiremusicclub.org/instrument-loan-and-hire> to organise instrument hire (free for the first year).

### TOUR OF BRITAIN

Every other year, we have taken Years 4, 5 and 6 down to see the cycle races that pass through Kenilworth. The children commonly create the best atmosphere of anywhere on the route, we'll be doing the same, hopefully inspiring children into physical activity!

### PARENTS' EVENING DATES

You'll probably have spotted on the diary dates sent out last week that we have Parents' Evening meetings on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. We'll send out letters nearer the time.

### GREAT NEWS FOR RECEPTION

Kenilworth Round Table have donated £1500 to Clinton in order that the Reception class staff can create an even more exciting outside area. The aim is to provide more opportunities for varied learning, including various tools (forest school style!), as well as making the area more accessible. TEEM Clinton are also supporting the project, with £250 and we hope to raise up to £3000 altogether. In the meantime though, they can get started with the refurb!

### CLINTON KIDS' CLUB:

#### ONE-OFF OR EXTRA SESSIONS

In case you're not aware already, it's possible to request a one-off session at our after-school care provision, or an additional session for children who are booked in regularly. We need to make sure that we have enough staff on duty for the number of children we have each day, so **if you wish to book your child(ren) in for a 'casual' session, it's essential we have your request by 10.00 that morning** to allow us to arrange extra staff if necessary. It

is normally possible to meet all requests, but we will always respond to confirm whether this is the case or not. Please could we ask you to email your request (or confirm promptly by email if you've spoken to the office staff). If you put '**URGENT - CKC casual session request**' in the title line, that would help. Our admin inbox fills up very fast in the mornings and this heading will help ensure we spot your request easily. Thank you.

### ABSENCE FROM AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

We hope your children will enjoy these clubs! If your child is going to miss a session for any reason (eg party, dental appointment, going to a friend's house), please ensure you let the office know. If you don't, we have to treat your child as 'missing' and drop everything until we know they're safe – worrying for us and potentially very time-consuming.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL – MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

As usual, we plan to take the children to the United Reformed Church for our annual harvest celebration. Please look out for a letter coming home soon.

### FREE FAMILY FUN DAY – UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September you are invited to join the University of Warwick for an extra-special Family Day jam-packed with discovery, exploration and experiments.

Dozens of stalls, workshops, talks and performances will take over the campus, exploring space, dinosaurs, cities of the future, our planet, ancient worlds and more.

Find out more at [www.warwick.ac.uk/familydays](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/familydays)

### VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

As many of you will be aware, the help we receive from parents and other volunteers in school makes a real difference to the experience we are able to offer the children here. There are various ways you can support the school as a volunteer – please see the separate letter attached and being sent home tomorrow.

### TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM FIONA DOVE

#### (Together Enriching Music and Education)

TEEM Clinton headquarters have been busy this week with our first meeting for this academic year. In 2018/19 together through TEEM Clinton we have contributed £5000 towards the innovation hub, £800 for the scrap play pod, £1400 to subsidise school trips, £3000 towards music and £1500 for the accelerated reading scheme. Thank you so much for your support in doing this over this last year.

Looking forwards we are hoping to pledge £7,500 to provide the much needed computers for the ITC suite. I have had so many people looking to help support TEEM Clinton with this it's fantastic. I promise while not everything is possible right now we are working hard to implement your ideas. Our first TEEM Clinton newsletter is due soon and as always if you have any ideas please contact the team at [teemclinton@outlook.com](mailto:teemclinton@outlook.com)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Pater".

**SAM PATER**  
HEADTEACHER