

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

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

Please come along and join us any Friday if you're free.

### **A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR YEARS 2 AND 3!**

We were able to offer a great experience for these year groups yesterday, when they attended an event as part of BBC Music Day. This was a 'Singing Playgrounds' workshop run by Ex Cathedra, a professional ensemble who create their own wonderful music but also work with schools. We're very grateful to Mrs Sarah Jones, Mrs Wallace, Mrs Carter and those parents who went along to help.

### **YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN WORKSHOP**

It really is proving an exciting week for Year 3! They're in role as archaeologists today, working with a time-travelling visitor and learning about the ancient Egyptians.

### **CLINTON CAMP, RED RIDGE AND FRANCE**

Thanks to the dedication of Clinton staff, we have, once again been able to put on 3 great residential experiences for Years 4, 5 and 6. We are extremely grateful that we have a team that is prepared to take on such a lot of responsibility in order to give children the chance to learn beyond the classroom. The children seem to have got a great deal out of their respective experiences! Massive thanks to all the staff who put themselves out such a lot for the children of this school. We'll be able to share some photos with you next week!

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

Please look out for a letter coming home today and please return the slips on Monday if at all possible. We'd be glad of your help getting children there and back safely. Please note that this year we will be reserving seats for those parents who are volunteering.

### **'BAG 2 SCHOOL'**

Many of you will remember this initiative from last year. This company collects good quality second hand clothing and makes a donation to school based on the overall weight collected. Children will bring home a bag today, to be returned to school on Tuesday morning – please see the attached letter for more details.

### **VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL**

Thank you to those parents who've volunteered to help with reading and the other activities mentioned on the recent letter. If you haven't had a response from us by Wednesday next week, please let the office know.

### **PARENTS' EVENINGS AND TRAINING DAY**

As already notified, parent-teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and children will not be in school on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October as it's a training day. Letters about parents' evening appointments will be sent home next week.

### **NATIONAL FITNESS DAY – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Thank you for your support on Wednesday. The children looked as though they really enjoyed their work-outs in the hall! Your donations are much appreciated, as is Mrs Wallace's organisation of the day's events!

### **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 'Italian American Diner' theme. As you can see from the attachment, the scheduled red and green choices will be replaced by 'Momma's Homemade Lasagne' with garlic bread and salad 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.**

### **RECEPTION CLASS DATA SHEETS**

Reception parents should have received an envelope on Friday containing a print of your child's personal information (and an email to advise you). Other classes will receive theirs later in the term.

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## **PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS – NEW PUPILS**

We still have quite a number of accounts which either haven't been activated or haven't been linked to the accounts of older siblings. It would be very helpful if you could refer to the letter sent home just after the start of term giving your user name and password and do what's needed. If you're a new Reception parent who is not using our before or after school club, you might feel you have no use for ParentPay. You will do at some point (for a school trip or activity, for example), so please activate your account in readiness. Thank you.

## **TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM FIONA DOVE**

This is a reminder of the **Autumn Disco on Thursday 17th October**. Please look out for more information soon.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Amy Stickels has kindly arranged to collect plastic cups and plates to generate TEEM Clinton's eco party pack. The pack will be available to hire in return for a fixed donation of £3 to TEEM Clinton. If anyone is having a clear out of plastic reusable plates, cups etc that are in good condition and they are willing to donate there's a box outside the school office for these.

As you'll also have read in the previous newsletter, there are a number of ways to generate money for TEEM Clinton whilst doing day to day activities. When you shop with Amazon you can register Clinton School PTA (TEEM CLINTON) as your preferred charity through Amazon Smile and we will receive a percentage of your total spend at no cost to you, you can purchase name labels through Stickins and shopping with easyfundraising. You can also generate money by collecting crisp packets (but not popcorn). Currently I am collecting them with a more robust plan coming soon! Thank you for all your support for TEEM Clinton.

Yours sincerely,



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