

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

So, the end of another school year during which we know that children have done incredibly well. Gaining confidence and learning so much. They all deserve their break! Thank you parents for all your support and positivity during the year – it helps create a fantastic environment for children to thrive.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

We'll be saying goodbye to Year 6 and wishing them well. They've been a fantastic bunch!

OTHER 'GOODBYES'

We'll also be saying goodbye to Mrs Freeman, leaving us after 20 years' service here as a Teaching Assistant and more recently as our after-school care Play Leader too. We will miss her dedication and creativity and hope she enjoys a more relaxed pace of life – well deserved!

Mrs Carey and Mrs Newey will both be saying farewell too – they will continue to work together but at St John's Primary School where they'll be as fantastic an office team as they have been here. We will miss them both and are grateful for their tremendously hard work and flexibility!

'CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING' PARTY LUNCH

The children have all enjoyed their day – eating well and playing games this afternoon. We've raised £563.10 which is a really good start for our fundraising to replace the computers that will be defunct in January. With gift aid, that will very nearly buy us our first 2. Thanks very much! We will get those in place early in September so they can experience the benefit!

SPORTS DAY

We were lucky with the weather and had a great day of competition and collaboration. The children all got on so well throughout the afternoon events and year 6 were fantastic in their role as leaders of their groups.

CLINTON TIMES

The latest edition is out! Year 5 children and Mrs Williams have worked really hard to produce this – please share it with your children and enjoy reading it together.

READING OVER THE HOLIDAY

Please keep children reading over the holidays. Those who read the most do best in their reading SATs. It sounds obvious but sometimes people think that being 'academic' is just genetic when in most cases it's about putting the time in! And some are reading literally 15 times as much as others. Mrs McLester has enthused them about the reading challenge run by Warwickshire Libraries. You can find information at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> Please also return any school reading books you have at home.

CLINTON COUNTING SONG

The other thing to practise on car journeys or in other spare moments over the holidays is the counting song. The higher children go up the school, the more important being able to access tables facts becomes. Singing the parts of the counting song is a fantastic way to start that journey. Even for Year R. Here's the website. (The song isn't available on amazon or itunes at present but we may reproduce it next year.)

www.mathstools.wordpress.com

IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES

Please remember that the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September and that on Thursday 5th we have our information sessions run by teachers. The plan is:

7.00pm until 7.30pm: Meet your child's class teacher in their new classroom;

7.30pm until 7.45pm: All meet in the hall to find out about new developments this year;

7.45pm until 8.15pm: REPEAT of the 'meet your child's class teacher in their new classroom' talk. (This gives parents with more than one child at Clinton the chance to catch two talks.)

8.15 Clinton Camp information session for Y4 parents (not children)

8.15 Red Ridge and France information sessions for Y5 and Y6 parents and children (Y5/6 children welcome to attend the whole evening).

2019 PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for completing these. They will be fully analysed over the holiday in order that we can reflect on our provision.

SWIMMING LETTERS

These were sent home last week with children in Years 2-5 last week. Please send your replies urgently if you haven't done so already. Thank you.

'AD STAR STRIFE' AT THE TALISMAN THEATRE

What a show they put on! Those who attended the theatre for performances of Ad Star Strife will have seen how much effort the children put into the play this year. Fantastic singing; amazing acting; slick props department; spot-on lighting technicians and super sound production team. An all-round great team effort, again, fabulously supported by the Clinton staff. Thanks to all!

Y6 – URGENT - PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

This is a further plea for all Y6 parents to ensure that their ParentPay accounts are cleared by the end of school tomorrow. Thank you.

'MOVING UP MORNING'

Children spent an hour with their new teachers in their new classroom on Tuesday this week. Y2 children will be bringing home some information about life in Y3.

'SHOE DONATION STATION'

Please support this if you can – details attached again.

TEEM CLINTON NEWS

TEEM Clinton have run some fabulous events this year and done an amazing job of bringing the community closer together. BIG thanks to everyone who's helped and particularly to Simone, Fiona and the rest of the committee! Many of you will have seen the attached TEEM newsletter (emailed yesterday), but there's a further copy attached.

Yours sincerely,

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