

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**TEEM CLINTON COMPUTER**

**TOTALISER:**

**TARGET: £7000 for 14  
Computers**

**TOTAL SO FAR: £6471; 7 installed!**



Dear Parents,

## FRIDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES

Remember you're always welcome to join us at 9.00!

## READING AT HOME

Reading 4 times a week with your child (particularly up until Year 4, when they might read to themselves more) makes a huge difference. We know that those who read more, do better. Perhaps with the grotty weather we're having, it's time to re-establish that pattern – particularly if it slipped over Christmas. Children who don't read as often at primary school will not get as good GCSEs and the gap between them and others will widen. It's true to say that language skills in the early years even affects maths progress more than anything else and reading can support them with acquiring good language. Please speak to your child's teacher if you're struggling to get this quantity of reading in or if you're finding it hard to motivate your child! It can't be a question of accepting that children don't have reading as a hobby, it's essential.

## CLINTON KIDS' CLUB

You should have received a copy of the attached letter today, explaining that the popularity of the club means we're struggling to accommodate the increasing number of requests for sessions to be swapped on an ad-hoc basis. We're really glad the club is proving so useful for parents and that children enjoy coming!

Please remember to use our new address for any Kids' Club matters: [ckc2308@welearn365.com](mailto:ckc2308@welearn365.com).

## Y6 SATS INFORMATION EVENING REMINDER

Just a reminder that there is a brief information session about Year 6 SATs coming up, at 7.30 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Even if one of your children has done SATs fairly recently, it's worth coming because there are updates.

## WARWICKSHIRE BOYS' CHOIR / CHORISTERS

It's great that a few children took up this opportunity following workshops led by Ben Hamilton, the leader of the choirs, before Christmas. Lots of children took letters home, so hopefully there are several who will soon be benefitting!

## VISION SCREENING FOR RECEPTION CLASS

Year R parents will be aware that this is taking place next week. Please remember that you'll need to opt out if you don't want your child to be tested (for

example if they are receiving hospital care for vision problems). To opt out, please return the slip from the letter sent home last week. Thank you.

## GREEN NEWS!

We're getting some great photos of plastic free lunches coming in! Keep them coming and your children can be 'school celebrities' with their photos shown in Friday assemblies! Following our switch from milk cartons to larger bottles, we're keen to make further steps towards being greener in school. We're exploring the idea of LED lighting further, and are considering being a recycling point for things like ink-cartridges and batteries amongst other things. More to come on that soon.

## NEW COMPUTERS

The total above, along with some reserves in the TEEM Clinton account means that we can now purchase all the computers we need to be up to date! The new ones are much better, and children and teachers are groaning far less about computer 'issues'. Thanks for your support with this fundraising.

## WASTE LESS WATER - SEVERN TRENT

The children were treated to an assembly all about water from Severn Trent yesterday. They know how important it is that we don't waste water and have lots of ideas about how to be more careful. Please ask them about it and set an excellent example for how we can make positive changes for the good of the planet and its people. Many of them have seen the effects of climate change on the news from Australia and want to help. They now know that by wasting less water, the amount of fossil fuels burnt (and therefore emissions created) is reduced because it takes a lot of energy to treat water and move it around the country.

## POP CHORUS HERE ON THURSDAY EVENINGS

You might have heard 'Pop chorus' singing at our Christmas Fair. They're now meeting here on Thursday evenings from 8.00 – 9.30 pm in the Innovation Lab. There's more information attached – feel free to text Sarah on 07971 010105 or just turn up on the night for a free trial.

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER  
HEADTEACHER**