

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### ASSEMBLY STICKERS!

There have been many recipients of gold stickers for children showing they are persevering, focusing, empathising, collaborating and trying. Well done to them! We've talked most about persevering this week, with it being a key aspect of developing resilience. Also attached with the newsletter email is some information on how to develop this vital trait in children. If they become good at persevering, they can achieve great things! If they don't it can really hold them back in a multitude of ways.

### STRINGS, WOODWIND AND BRASS LESSONS

Warwickshire County Council have given the go ahead for Warwickshire Music lessons to resume during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October, run in a way that is compatible with Covid safety requirements. Please look out for further information from us within the next few days. We're risk assessing each session thoroughly.

### STEEL PANS LESSONS

These lessons will also resume, starting on 12<sup>th</sup> October. If, back in early summer, you requested that your child would like to start these, you should have received an email from school yesterday – please let us know if you haven't. Pupils who had lessons last year should be hearing direct from the Steel Pan Academy.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our outdoor photo session was able to go ahead thanks to the dry weather! Each child has been given a card to bring home, which enables you to register with the photographer so that you'll be able to view your child(ren)'s photos online once they're ready.

### READING ROUTINES ESTABLISHED; TIME TO NAIL SPELLING

Hopefully with reading routines firmly established at home, we can move onto building in phonics / spelling practice on a really regular basis. Cramming spellings on one night DOES NOT, for many children, lead to them remembering and then using them in their writing. It enables them to do well in a test, but that's not the point! We would suggest practising spellings 4 times a week to make sure they make their way into children's long-term memories. Where learning of spelling is already happening, build this into children's 'home' timetable to happen several times. Where it's new in the next week or so, establish that routine for dazzling results!

### WARWICKSHIRE LIBRARIES CLICK AND COLLECT SERVICE

In case you're not aware of this, it's possible to order library books online and collect them from Kenilworth Library. You can find more information about this at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/kenilworthlibrary> including the precautions being taken to keep this service Covid-safe.

### POSTCARD COMPETITION

We've had information about a competition being run by Warwick District Council's Green Spaces Team. It's a fun activity the children could do at home, with the winning entries being made into professionally-printed cards. The deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October. [www.warwickdc.gov.uk/PRGPostcards](http://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/PRGPostcards) gives the details. It's not just open to children – adults can enter a separate category!

### DESIGN A MURAL FOR KENILWORTH STATION!

Here's another fun activity for your children! There's a poster attached giving details – the closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> November, so this too could be a half-term holiday activity.

### FOR Y5 AND Y6 – KENILWORTH SCHOOL

This and the next item are repeats from last week, but given their importance, it's worth repeating them. Normally at this time of year, Kenilworth School would be holding their Open Evenings for parents and children. As an alternative this year, they will be posting material and videos online. Please keep an eye on their website [www.ksn.org.uk](http://www.ksn.org.uk) over the next week or so to view this information.

### APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL – DEADLINE VERY SOON

In case you missed this last week – it really is important. Please note that the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please see <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place/apply-secondary-school-place/1> for further information and to apply online.

**It is essential that you do not miss this deadline** – Kenilworth School was greatly oversubscribed this year and if you miss the deadline, it's extremely unlikely your child will be offered a place. **We strongly recommend that you apply by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – this should help you avoid any last-minute hitches or IT problems.

Yours sincerely,

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