

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Newsletter No. 6

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Dear Parents,

### ASSEMBLY STICKERS!

We've been talking a lot about empathy this week in assembly times. Please find attached some information about how we develop this vital skill and what you might be able to do at home to help them.

### Y6 VISIT TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Year 6 had a visit last Friday! The children were given a guided tour of the cathedral, learning about the bombing that happened in 1940 and how this led to the construction of the new cathedral. This included visiting the Blitz museum (1940s classroom, 1940s house and an Anderson Shelter) to support their learning about the Second World War. Also, they learnt about the cathedral as being an international centre of peace and reconciliation. In the afternoon, they took part in workshops where they created origami doves and wrote recipes for peace and reconciliation.

### COVID LATEST

I'm sure everyone is aware of the latest 3 tier system, and at the moment Warwickshire is in tier 1. Public Health England are asking schools to emphasise the importance of being cautious in our interactions, explaining that most likely way the virus spreads is being in and out of others' houses. Keeping 2m apart is also really valuable – although a bit 'socially unnatural', and we sometimes have to be brave about taking a step or two back from someone if they're misjudging distances. We're still doing comparatively well in Kenilworth, which is important with our elderly population. It brings it home when we know there are the same numbers in hospital today as there were when we locked down in March.

### FLUTE LESSONS

There are some spaces for flute lessons, for children in Years 3-6. Please email us if you would like further information (please note that children's hands have to reach a certain size in order to be able to manage the flute – the teacher will do a check, but please be aware that sometimes children need to wait a little while before they can start lessons!).

### APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

This is a reminder for Y6 parents that the deadline for applying is 31<sup>st</sup> October and it's essential you submit your application on time. We recommend you apply by 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Kenilworth School was hugely oversubscribed this year so if you miss the deadline, it's almost certain your child will not be offered a place there.

### HALF TERM

This is a reminder that the half term holiday is from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. You can find details of term dates for the whole year on the school website.

### PARENTS' EVENING PHONE CALLS

As anyone who is 'zooming' for work or to connect with friends and relatives knows, when it works it's great but when it doesn't, there's a lot of faffing needed to connect. For that reason, it's not a great medium for parents' evenings as timekeeping would be a nightmare! However, we are going to arrange 'phone-call' based sessions when teachers will call parents. These will take place during the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please look out for an email giving information about times and how to request your preferred timeslots.

### TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM FIONA DOVE

Welcome to the end of another week! We are fast approaching our half term holiday and TEEM Clinton would like to provide an event to celebrate a successful first eight weeks back in school!

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October we would like to encourage your children to be part of our 'autumn wear what you like day'. In return for a £2 donation the children get to wear what they like, with an autumn theme in mind. In addition to this the children have an opportunity to enter our autumn colouring competition - please see documents attached. Please note there are separate colouring sheets for KS1 and KS2 children.

To minimise the risk of handling paperwork we are encouraging parents to print off the templates for the children to colour in and return on the Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. These items will then be stored over half term and the winner will be announced on the Friday that we return to school.

We hope you enjoy the first of many events we have planned, as you can appreciate life is a little different but we are doing our best to embrace the change! Best wishes for a great week from TEEM Clinton.

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER**  
**HEADTEACHER**