

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK!

It's certainly been a great start to full reopening, and it's been heartening to see children so excited to be back! They've loved reconnecting with their friends and the Clinton staff. They have all been getting into their writing project about 'The Tunnel' and the classrooms all have a mysterious door to lead them to somewhere ...

AIMS FOR THE CHILDREN

Our aim is to really engage children with exciting learning and once hooked, to develop their skills! We're on high alert for any well-being needs children may have and have planned extensively for that. Also, quite quickly we've started to put into place some 'group' sessions for some children, so we can get focused on exactly what individuals need. We are very lucky to have teachers who can offer additional time to run these groups, with skilled TAs following up the learning. We will, of course, be prioritising those who need it most, with lots of children still managing to make great strides with their learning at home thanks to your help!

Please also keep to routines for reading at home as we want to build momentum as quickly as possible. It should be a really productive and enjoyable few weeks up until Easter!

MINIMISING TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS

The best thing that can happen for children is that their learning is not disrupted again so, even though we're all feeling that little bit freer now, we've got to do our utmost to keep the spread down. One child or adult testing positive will still knock out in-school learning for up to 2 weeks and there's no less risk of that than there was in October (when both Year 6 and Year 3 had to isolate). Clearly if a teacher becomes ill, learning could be severely disrupted for a longer period of time, but hopefully that's not going to happen!

We will all (parents, children and staff) need to be disciplined around school and out there in work-places (which I know a number of you are being asked to return to now children are back), so that the risks of infection and hence disruption remains low. As a school community we've managed to keep cases to a minimum, with no 'known' spreading within school, so that bodes well for the next few weeks!

We also have to ask for your understanding if we phone and ask you to collect your child and arrange a test. We have to do this when a child displays any signs of being unwell; we know that children who are infected commonly show symptoms which don't include the main three. This will be disruptive, we know, but the aim is to help us avoid transmission and avoid having to send whole classes home. If we have to ask you to collect your child, we'll pass on more information about testing at that point. Thank you for your understanding.

LATERAL FLOW TEST KITS FOR PARENTS

This is a further reminder that parents and adult members of your childcare/support bubble (if you have one) are strongly encouraged to carry out routine testing twice a week if you have no symptoms. Information on how to obtain kits was sent with last week's newsletter but please ask if you can't find this.

KS1 START AND FINISH TIMES

This is a reminder that we altered the KS1 timings slightly a while ago to try to make life a little easier for parents. The revised timings are:

YR 8:40-8:50 and 2:55-3:05

Y1 8:50-9:00 and 3:05-3:15

Y2 9:00-9:10 and 3:15-3:25

Please stand well back from the classroom door when dropping off or collecting your child; remember you should be at least 2m from the member of staff standing in the doorway. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY LAST WEEK

The £1 book tokens were sent home earlier this week.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons and orchestra sessions start again next week! Please make sure your child has their instrument/music as required for sessions each week as follows:

Monday – keyboard

Tuesday – Y6 orchestra pupils

Wednesday – guitar, cello, woodwind

Thursday – brass (note change of day)

Friday - Y5 orchestra pupils, violin

Guitars should be left in the Y5 canopy area and other instruments taken into classrooms. Please help us by having children bring instruments in the morning to avoid the need for you to drop them at the main entrance later; this will enable us to keep bubbles as separate as possible.

WORLD SLEEP DAY (19TH MARCH)

WORLD ORAL HEALTH DAY (20TH MARCH)

Please see the attached posters from the Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service for interesting facts and some positive suggestions and advice!

WINDOW WANDERLAND

This is a further reminder of this event – give reign to your creative side and create a wonderful window display to brighten the day of everyone who passes! More information is available at

<https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/kenilworth-central-2021/>

Yours sincerely,

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