

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### COMIC RELIEF FUNDRAISING

Thanks for your support for our 'wear something wacky' event last Friday, and for your donations for Comic Relief. You've raised the grand total of £196.90. The children looked great – with several heroes, princesses and home-made comedy outfits living up school. It was amazing to see how quickly Mr Viner could grow curly blue locks for the occasion! Scalps like ours are like a blank canvass!

### BENEFITS-BASED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware that during the pandemic, many of our families' employment circumstances could have changed and with that in mind your children may now be eligible for free school meals.

Please can we strongly urge any of our families who believe they could now be eligible, whether it be a change in current circumstances or not, to apply for free school meals.

**This also applies to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are receiving 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' or children who in normal circumstances would choose to bring their own packed lunch to school.**

As a school, Clinton is also able to access vital additional funding for every eligible child to enable us to provide extra support for them in school. This additional support includes free access to non-residential school trips, after-school activities (sports clubs and so on) and musical instrument tuition.

The application form and information about eligibility can be found at [Warwickshire Free School Meals](#).

### Y5 RED RIDGE TRIP NEXT TERM

We're really pleased to see how many parents would like their child to go on this trip if we can make it happen. An email will be sent to Y5 parents tomorrow asking for deposit payments. There are still some hurdles to be overcome, so when speaking to your children about the plans, please make it clear that we can't be certain at this stage that it will go ahead (though we really hope it will!).

### PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL TRIP FOR Y6

Mr Viner has been busy investigating possibilities for this group, who missed out on their visit to France in September. Y6 parents have been emailed today with information and a request for you to give your views via an online form. Replies by Monday morning would be much appreciated – we need to move fast! Thank you.

### SCHOOL CLEANER – TEMPORARY VACANCY

We are likely to be looking in the very near future for someone to help with after-school cleaning, as part of our cover plans for a long-term absence. We will be looking for someone who can work one or two hours between 3.30 and 6.00pm, on one or more days each week. This could suit a sixth-form student or anyone who can be available at these times. The rate of pay is £9.25 an hour. Please ask the office for more information if you or someone you know is interested.

### CHILDREN WAITING WITH PARENTS AFTER SCHOOL

Children have been reminded to stay with parents after school so that they are not mixing bubbles or using apparatus. I appreciate that some are bursting to let off steam at the end of the day, but, partly because of continuing to keep bubbles separate in order to do what we can to follow social distancing rules, and partly because we want children to continue to follow the rules they've been following throughout the day so that there are no blurred boundaries, we'd appreciate your help in keeping them near you.

### TEEM CLINTON NEWS

We are so grateful to everyone who has continued to support us over the 'year of lockdowns' and the committee has been amazing. Despite restrictions we will still, together, have raised within £1000 of our typical totals during the year. What an achievement! We'll provide specifics in due course.

We're starting to work our way through the uniform orders; we've got plenty of items to supply to you! Please bear with us as we get used to operating this new system.

**Easter Quiz** – this is on Friday evening this week! Don't miss out on the fun! There's more information attached and you can book at [www.teemclinton.org.uk](http://www.teemclinton.org.uk)

Finally, this is a reminder that the last day of term is Thursday next week and that children return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. You can find term dates on our website for this year and for next school year.

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER**  
HEADTEACHER