

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Summer Newsletter No. 1

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Dear Parents,

### A NEW TERM!

It's been a stunning start to term, weather wise, and the children have loved being on the field for playtimes! Hopefully you've all had some kind of break and enjoyed the holidays. There's a lot to pack into what is a fairly short term and it seems that children have hit the ground running!

### DIARY DATES

There aren't as many as we'd normally have at this point, but these are the definite ones so far:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – bank holiday

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May** – class and team photos

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – half term

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – secondary school induction day

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – leavers' assembly - last day of this school year

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – children return to school

Please remember you can see next year's term dates on the school website.

### SUNCREAM AND HATS

Please remember the April sun is powerful! In fact the strength of the sun now is equivalent to it being around the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We need to keep the children safe from the long-term damage that can be caused.

Children will play outside at lunchtime (the brightest part of the day), and then could quite possibly take part in PE outside. It is really important they come with hats and wearing suncream – there are products that last all day, which is perfect, as we couldn't possibly apply suncream to a class-load of children! **Please make sure hats are named.** In these Covid times we can't provide hats for children who forget theirs.

### BE SAFE WEEK

Reception and Year 4 have been addressing road safety, Year 1 are thinking about 'sun and sea' safety, Year 2 are talking about 'medicine safety', Year 3 are working on 'staying safe in the sun', Year 5 are furthering their knowledge about internet safety, whilst Year 6 are doing a unit on drugs education. We typically have a Be Safe Week and it would be good to ask your children what the key messages have been.

### SPORTS ACTIVITIES

It's great that we've been able to arrange some of our regular sports activities again. Year 5 will be having cricket sessions on Tuesday afternoons, and Years 3 and 4 will be having tennis sessions on Monday afternoons. We will, for now at least, have children getting changed for PE again (where they haven't) so they will need PE kits in school every day.

### Y5/Y6 – ATHLETICS AND NETBALL CLUBS

Please look out for emails soon if you have a child in these year groups.

### INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS FROM SEPTEMBER

We'll soon be sending information to parents of children in Years 2-5 to ask whether children want to start or continue music lessons. There will also be information for children in YR and Y1 about Suzuki violin lessons; children have the opportunity to learn other instruments from Y3 onwards.

### COVID SAFETY

With the government predicting a third wave of cases later in the summer we all need to continue to do our bit to follow guidelines and stop the spread. Cases in Kenilworth are low, but it doesn't take much for there to be an outbreak. Hopefully vaccines will take a lot of the stress away from the situation, but we need to be prepared to continue to make the little sacrifices for the good of each other so that we retain the freedoms we're enjoying getting back.

We're in a position now, because it's been 2 months since we've had cases at school, where we will not be asking parents to get children tested for symptoms other than the top three of temperature over 37.8 degrees, new or continuous cough or loss of taste/smell. However, we will still suggest testing because zero risk is better than a small risk. We will still ask that children with colds / other infectious illnesses stay home until they are likely not to be infectious because otherwise we could be in a situation where lots of children have mild illnesses and potentially not testing, and where an outbreak starts under the radar – particularly since most of the children in our experience didn't particularly exhibit the top three symptoms.

Parent testing is a great asset in showing up asymptomatic cases and you can still collect tests from Leyes Lane Pharmacy – they have a plentiful supply!

### HOMEWORK

Homework will happen as it normally would very soon. It's a great tool to keep you in touch with what children are learning but also to add an additional layer of practice so that new learning at school sticks. Some of the activities will be online, though our mathematics subscription has ended.

### TEEM CLINTON NEWS

TEEM Clinton are so busy and have so much news to share that they have their own page! Please scroll down.....

Yours sincerely,

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