

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RED RIDGE KAYAKING LAKE

Dear Parents,

Nice to be back after a great few days with Year 5 at Red Ridge. They were so excited by all the activities, and it was a pleasure to take them. A big thank you must go to Mrs Bridges, Mrs Doherty and Mrs Hancock for making it possible, and to the office staff for their excellent organisation.

### ParentPay

New Reception Parents and Parents of new starters in other year groups should have received a log in for ParentPay. Please ensure that this is activated. ParentPay is used to pay for school trips, music lessons and school lunches as well as Clinton Kids' Club and Before School Club.

### FOR Y6 – KENILWORTH SCHOOL

A reminder that Kenilworth School is hosting an Open Evening tonight 30<sup>th</sup> September. An email has been sent to all Year 6 Parents.

### APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL – DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. For information and to apply online, please see <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place/apply-secondary-school-place/1>

**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. We've had children have to go to schools in other towns previously, where parents missed the deadline.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are really fortunate to be able to offer after school clubs to different year groups and there is a lot of variety on offer. Mrs Wallace is running a tennis club for Year 3 on Thursdays, athletics club for Year 4 on Tuesdays and netball club for Years 5 & 6 on Wednesdays. Mrs Bridges has started a Year 6 choir on Mondays. Mrs Brown is running a chess club for Y3/4 on a Monday and for Y5/6 on a Thursday.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEEK

We arranged for photos to be taken on Thursday next week (7<sup>th</sup> October). We're hoping to go ahead with photos which will be taken outside, weather permitting. Classes will go out one at a time, so all the photos will be of individual children; we won't be able to offer sibling photos this time.

### LUNCH MENU CHANGE

Educaterers are offering a special 'Census Day' menu on Thursday next week on a 'Taste the World' theme. This is the day when we have to provide the government with various figures and statistics, including the number of children in YR, Y1 and Y2 who are having a school lunch on that day as part of the UIFSM scheme (Universal Infant Free School Meals). **The more KS1 children who have a school meal that day, the more funding we as a school**

**will receive next year. Put simply, ordering a meal for your KS1 child on Thursday next week will help increase our school budget.**

### 'GAMING'

We know that the majority of children love to play computer games and we certainly see the importance of down-time and even, with certain games, an educational value to them. However, there are several issues that arise commonly at school. One is that some children are playing games which are not recommended for their age-groups, and we are currently getting children expressing aggressive thoughts and ideas, and associated language, in their play and there is also some confusion over what is real or indeed acceptable. We're certainly seeing those issues as low down as in Year 2, for example. We strongly feel that it is detrimental to children's normal development, as well as their openness to rule-breaking, to be allowed to play games which are designed for older children / adults.

Another issue that we notice is children being tired and sometimes demotivated. The light from phones, ipads and computer games tricks them into being alert longer at night and then they don't get enough sleep. Finally (for now!), the time spent playing on a computer takes time away from face to face social contact and physical activity, which often can't compete with the excitement of a vivid screen and the level of absorption computers offer.

So, please monitor and moderate what they are doing. It might not make you popular at times, but we all know that's part of raising a child!

### TEEM NEWS

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** - Meet the TEEM Clinton for a uniform sale, green TEEM initiatives, cake sale, refreshments, live music, scavenger hunt, games and more! Donations of cakes very much appreciated. Please drop them off at the school reception on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. See the attached poster or Facebook group for more details.

**Outdoor Autumn Bubble Disco!** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October for YR – 5.30-6.15pm and Y3+Y4 -6.30 – 7.30pm. Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October for Y1 +2 – 5.30-6.30pm and Y5+Y6 – 6.45 – 7.45pm. **Please note the slightly amended times.** Please see the attached poster or the Facebook group for more details.

If you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to support with these events then please contact us on [teemclinton@outlook.com](mailto:teemclinton@outlook.com) or 07858 908 514

Yours sincerely,

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