

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

A first Newsletter of the new term! It's been a great week! For those new to Clinton, you'll receive a copy of this weekly letter by email, and it will also be on the school website.

INFORMATION EVENING; CLASS TEACHERS

Class teachers will be holding zoom meetings next Thursday (16th Sep) to explain what your children have in store for them. We'd really recommend you attend if at all possible. There will be a session from 7-7.30pm and one from 7.30pm-8pm, so that parents with more than one child can hear what's what. Zoom links will be provided nearer the time. For parents of Year 5 children, we would recommend joining in the second slot, at 7.30pm after which there will be a final Red Ridge debrief (8pm – 8.30pm).

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We're pleased to welcome a new Teaching Assistant; Mrs Jennifer Matthews, who is working in the Year 2 class each morning and then across the school in the afternoons. Mrs Lindsay Cooper, who started just before the summer term, will be working largely in Year 1. In addition, Nicki Johnson is working in the office so will likely be dealing with queries you may have!

We're glad to have them as part of our staff team.

KEY COVID SAFETY MEASURES

Regular LFD testing remains the best way to keep cases low, so that we don't have an outbreak at school. This, and ensuring all adults and older teens take up their vaccines are the best defences. I'm sure it's not the children's favourite thing to do, to take the tests, but they soon get used to it, and we're grateful for your perseverance!

SCHOOL LUNCHES AND PARENT PAY

It has been great to have a few year-groups in the hall for school dinners, and it has improved the range of options for meals – where even in the older year-groups, we've been able to serve the usual hot lunches on trays, avoiding the need for quite such 'tidy' food! There are a few things attached from Educaterers to tell you about their ingredients and how food is being sourced!

Reception children will be able to have school lunches from 20th September, so we'll email about menu choices and how the system works. All Reception parents should receive a letter this week with their username and password information for PARENT PAY. Please sign up for the scheme, which is also used for school trip payments etc.

For all those paying for school meals, please ensure that sufficient payment is made in advance to your child's ParentPay account. Educaterers do not offer credit and therefore meals will not be ordered where there is insufficient credit.

Should you feel, following a change in circumstances, that your child/ren may qualify for free school meals (regardless of their year group) then please apply online: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals> (or search for 'Warwickshire free school meals') A response is given very quickly and confidentially. It is important to do this even if you prefer to send packed lunches, as school receives vital additional income for each eligible child.

Please also see the attached sheet from Educaterers.

ART for WELLBEING WARWICKSHIRE

Please find attached information for FREE online and in-person courses and workshops supporting the mental wellbeing of adults in Warwickshire. Go to <https://arty-folks.org.uk/whats-on/calendar/> for more info and to book your place.

BEFORE SCHOOL and CLINTON KIDS' CLUB

These clubs appear to be working well and are proving to be quite busy. It's lovely to see and hear the chatter coming from the hall.

Current costs are £3.80 for arrival from 8.00am. There is no need to book for BSC; just turn up at the main school door and one of the Leaders will meet you.

If you need to book on to Clinton Kids' Club or need to make any changes then please use ckc2308@welearn365.com to contact us.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons will be starting week beginning Monday 13th Sep. It is important that your child remembers to bring their instrument with them to school when they have lessons so the time is more valuably spent!

There is still opportunity for children in Years 3 to 6 to receive Cello or Brass lessons so if your child is interested please contact the school office. We'd definitely benefit from those instruments being part of the orchestra in the near future!

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER