

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As we are approaching half term, it's great to reflect on what a successful time it's been. Our new Reception class are thriving as are all the children, who have really worked well since they've returned.

CORONAVIRUS

I'm sure you will know about rising cases everywhere in the country and that Warwickshire has particularly high numbers. One year-group at Kenilworth School is closed, with the school having over 100 cases at present. We have 5 cases in Year 6 at the moment, with most of these being passed on by siblings from secondary – or other family members. Again, symptoms have more commonly been sore throats, tiredness and headaches. Lateral flow testing has worked well to stop the spread of cases and we are relying on parents to continue to use these on a routine basis with children, as Warwickshire LA are advocating. I'm sure we all agree that we don't want to be closing classes. Thank you for continuing mask wearing on the playground to protect others and for letting us know when siblings are positive. As I have said before, we can provide work for children where they have siblings with Covid if you are being cautious with them.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Hopefully these have been useful. Thank you for attending and taking an interest in your children's development so that we can be a partnership for their good. If you do have an appointment this evening, please do attend, because otherwise it is dead time for teachers while they wait, and often additional appointments need to be made afterwards which adds to their workload, which is already overwhelming. And please bear with us if appointments are delayed, and try and stick the 10 minutes, so that teachers don't get criticism for running behind. There are always understandable reasons for appointment times getting later, with technical issues etc.

Y6 VISIT TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

Year 6 had a visit on Monday! The children were given a guided tour of the cathedral, learning about the bombing that happened in 1940 and how this led to the construction of the new cathedral. This included visiting the Blitz museum (1940s classroom, 1940s house and an Anderson Shelter) to support their learning about the Second World War. Also, they learnt about the cathedral as being an international centre of peace and reconciliation, making doves and thinking about the message of peace.

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

This is a reminder for Y6 parents that the deadline for applying is 31st October and it's essential you submit your application on time. We recommend you apply by 23rd October. Kenilworth School was hugely oversubscribed this year so if you miss the deadline, it's almost certain your child will not be offered a place there.

PARENTPAY

Please bring your ParentPay accounts up to date ready for the new half term.

HALF TERM

This is a reminder that the half term holiday is from Monday 25th – Friday 29th October. You can find details of term dates for the whole year on the school website.

TEEM CLINTON NEWS

A huge thanks to everyone who supported our events this half term, it has been a great start to the school year! We have raised over **£1000** so far this half term from the 'Meet the TEEM event', the 'Outdoor Autumn Bubble Disco', second hand uniform sales, and from the 'wear what you like' days. This valuable fundraising will ensure that Teem Clinton can continue to support existing initiatives including school trips and excursions, the accelerated reader programme, the school orchestra tuition and performance schedule, the Year 3 'Upbeat' initiative, the Scrapstore Playpod, updating the school theatre equipment, developing the Year R outdoor playground, and updating the computer suite. The main aim for 2021/22 is also to raise money for new classroom instruments and music equipment.

TEEM Clinton relies upon the dedicated team of volunteers and the generosity of the Clinton community in supporting the school fundraising. A huge thanks to everyone for all their support. The value of TEEM Clinton is not only measured in the fundraising targets but through the holistic support of the school via promoting engagement within the Clinton community, the provision of a diverse programme of activities, offering students valuable experiences outside of the curriculum, celebrating a range of cultural traditions, supporting recycling, sustainability, and eco-friendly initiatives.

The next Teem Clinton meeting will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm**. The link will be sent out at the start of the week. We are always looking for volunteers to offer their ideas, input, and support in anyway so please do join the meeting if you want to get involved in any aspect of the planning and/or running of the Teem events for next term. The festive season is nearly upon us, and more details of school events will follow after our meeting. Get involved and watch this space!

If you have any questions, or if you would like to get in touch then please contact us via teemclinton@outlook.com or 07858 908 514

Yours sincerely,

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