

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

ROMAN VISITOR IN YEAR 4

Year 4 had a visit from a Roman on Monday! It seems they had a great day and children are now well hooked into their new topic, which is all about how visitors from foreign shores have changed Britain for the better.

'WARWICKSHIRE SINGS'

Year 5 are lucky to be able to take part in this Warwickshire music's singing programme, starting imminently (we hope Wednesday but if not, the following week). The programme involves:

- A **Specialist Vocal Animateur** to work with the children
- A **cluster singing morning** to share singing with our wider school community.
- **Free area choirs** for our children to join and take part in after school.
- The opportunity to take part in a large school **concert to celebrate** our pupil's vocal achievements in Summer 2022.

MUSIC LESSONS

A reminder that all individual and group music lessons started this week (with the exception of violin which should start on 21st January). Please ensure that your child brings their instrument into school for their lessons.

Mondays: Steel Pans and Brass

Tuesdays: Cello and Woodwind

Wednesdays: Guitar

Thursdays: Keyboard

Fridays: Violin and Year 6 Orchestra

COVID (sorry – it goes on and on!)

We have approximately 10 children with Covid at present and others awaiting test results. Case numbers are definitely rising pretty quickly here (no peaking or plateauing for us just yet!). As a parent community you have been very supportive in your approach with us when we've asked for children to be taken for tests or when we've asked for lateral flow tests to be taken. I have to reiterate that the symptoms have very rarely included coughs or loss of smell/taste. Much more common is a headache, fatigue and / or scratchy throat. We hope those who have it don't feel too ill! There has been an announcement today about 5 day isolation, though in our experience people are still testing positive until the bitter end. We haven't received guidance from Public Health yet. I understand that two days of negative lateral flows provides good evidence that someone is not so

infectious. The biggest variability with lateral flows comes with how effectively we do them, so if you're doing tests for an early release, please follow the instructions carefully. Remember: day of test / day of first symptoms is day 0. If they test early in the morning on day 6 and the same on day 7 (tests need to be 24 hours apart) then they could come to school on day 7 – so long as they don't have a temperature.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Mrs Wallace is offering the following sports clubs this half term:

Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 Yoga/Fitness Club for Y4

Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 Netball Club for Y5 and Y6

Mrs Bridges is running the Y6 Choir on Mondays from 3:15-4:15

Emails have been sent home to the relevant year groups – please sign up asap!

SWIMMING – PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

Year 5 are swimming this half term, on Tuesday mornings (11th Jan to 15th Feb inclusive). We leave Clinton at 10.30am and will be back at 12.00pm. If you are able to accompany the class on any of the dates please contact the school office.

Based on responses from the Year 3 survey, we're going to provide them with their PE in school rather than look for swimming lessons at this point. We'll revisit this ready for the start of their Year 4. The Year 4 survey is much more conclusive and the vast majority are keen for their children to have additional swimming lessons though school so we're making enquiries and will be in touch if we can find a suitable slot for them next half term.

KS2 MUDBATH

Unfortunately, due to a range of factors including our caretaker having Covid for 4 weeks whilst thousands of leaves made themselves comfortable on the KS2 playgrounds, it has been pretty grotty out there. I just wanted to let you know that we're trying to deal with it. The drainage is poor (and would be exacerbated by pressure washing it), all the rain we have had has not helped and sweeping wet, stubborn decomposed leaves has not been easy. We're set for a few dry days so it should improve soon. Sorry for the mud-on-clothes it's caused.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Pater".

SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER