

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It's been a busy and productive half term. Your children have been so engaged and have worked very hard. All the staff have put in a great effort to make learning interesting and that has clearly paid off, with the atmosphere in school very positive and children showing real determination and application. Next term, our new books will arrive, so that will be exciting. New toilets for the infant classrooms are being put in and the hall floor is getting some attention too! Over Easter new carpets are coming for years R to 3 and year 6 are going to get new chairs. We've also got some outdoor classroom equipment coming for years 1 and 2.

INSET DAY REMINDER

Quick reminder to say that children are not back at school until Tuesday 1st March.

COVID update

A member of staff in Year R is the one Covid case we have had this week. Hopefully none of the children have caught it! The ONS survey is saying that 1 in 20 adults has Covid at the moment, which is still a lot. However, based on the fact we're not hearing about much Covid in the parent community, we're quite happy for parents to make their own decision about wearing masks on the playground. We just need to be cautious that there will be some people picking up who are more vulnerable than others to an infection and we'll want to be considerate in that regard. Staff will continue to wear masks so we're as safe as possible from disrupting learning.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

It looks like everyone is pretty well set up with their timeslots. Many of these are on the children's first day back. We'll send out instructions again at that point – particularly regarding the 'looking at the books' pre-meeting!

Y5 Trip to Red Ridge 2022

Preparations are well underway for Year 5's trip to Red Ridge in September 2022. Information will be coming to parents tomorrow and we'll be asking for deposits soon after half term.

WORLD BOOK DAY: REMINDER

On Thursday 3rd March, we will be celebrating world book day 2022! Events include:

- A book hat parade!
- A book swap!
- A book titles competition.
- Non-uniform for a £1 donation to Book Aid.

See last week's newsletter (which is also on the website) for all the details!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Years 4 and 6 will be swimming after half term. Year 6 will swim on Tuesday mornings and Year 4 will swim on Thursday mornings. Whilst we have had parents volunteer to help with the Year 4 group we still urgently need volunteers to accompany the Year 6 class. Please let the office know asap if you could help on any of the dates after half term.

YEAR 6 SATS MEETING FOR PARENTS

This was originally planned for the 3rd March, but because of setting parents' evenings a little later than we had anticipated we're going to run this on Wednesday 9th March at 7pm. It will be via zoom and we'll send a link nearer the time. There are books we've bought the children to help them prepare (which they can use with their homework) and Mr Viner will hand these over during parents' evening. They don't need to be 'revising' over half term, though it will help them if they are reading plenty and consolidating the spelling words they've been learning. Children can't meet the writing standard if their spelling is not at the Year 6 level, so this is a good area to help them get up to speed. The reading test requires children to read at a good pace – and it's hard to get up to that pace if they aren't regular readers, so half term reading is a must!

ParentPay

Please bring your ParentPay accounts up to date and make any outstanding payments.

TEEM CLINTON NEWS

In our first meeting of the year, TEEM Clinton discussed how we are progressing towards our fundraising target and how the money raised will be spent. A summary has been included with this newsletter. A huge thanks to the Clinton Community and the TEEM Clinton volunteers for supporting the events and making it all possible.

We also discussed the coming events for the next half term, and beyond. Our Mothers' Day event will be taking place next half term. Tickets will be £2 and available from the TEEM Clinton website from 14th March. We are really focusing on making sure all gifts this year are locally sourced, eco-friendly, and sustainable. Huge thanks to Louise Vaughn for her support with this! More details will be included in the next newsletter, and will be available on the TEEM Clinton website in due course.

Wishing everybody a well-deserved half term.
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Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER