

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

IMPORTANT ECO NEXT STEPS

Plans are moving forwards for us to have both LED lighting installed at school as well as solar panels on our school roof. We're hoping that by September 2022 these will both be completed, although there are various hurdles to overcome.

Before the pandemic we were determined as a school to start a snowball effect of environmental changes to our behaviour which our whole community could get behind, and in turn influence other schools in Kenilworth, hopefully catching to other areas of Warwickshire and England.

Year 2 are spearheading our next steps with their appeal for us to ...

SWITCH IT OFF

Apparently around 24% of the electricity we use is wasted on power hungry devices on standby. Even phone chargers left plugged in and switched on without a phone attached drain small amounts of electricity. The children are worried about climate change and hoping to persuade us to switch off at the wall. If we can all get behind their initiative, hopefully we'll do our bit in this small way. More to come in the future!

COVID

Free Covid tests, whether those are Lateral Flow Tests or PCR tests, end tomorrow. Children who develop a temperature or cough should stay at home until the temperature has gone AND they feel well enough to return. We obviously want to limit spread as much as possible, so where parents are prepared to do lateral flow tests with children who are unwell, I'm sure everyone (and certainly the staff) would be really grateful. If children do test positive, they would be able to return on day 5 (where the day of first symptoms is day 0) so long as they don't have a temperature or feel unwell. If children have symptoms we will ask parents to pick them up. Many of the same 'safe practises', such as staff wearing masks in enclosed places, will still exist.

YEAR 3/4 PLAY

Despite staff absence, this should still be a good watch next week! Please make sure you've booked your seat! And a DVD and photo if you want those. I will video their dress rehearsal tomorrow! We will ensure seats are well spaced and ask that you wear facemasks. Nobody wants to catch Covid for their Easter holidays and it's a simple precaution.

Tickets here: <https://forms.office.com/r/PDpp2nzBYL>

WARWICKSHIRE SINGS

Year 5 have been singing away this afternoon, as part of their series of practises leading up to a concert later in the year. Their singing exploits continue to astound!

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Remember, if your children are in the choir and you'd like a place on the coach, dig out yesterday's email and respond by next week please!

FRANCE – 2022 – YEAR 5

The next instalment for the France trip is due by 3rd April. Please pay on ParentPay.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITY

Please look out for the email about this, too!

CHILD FRIENDLY EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR WARWICKSHIRE CHILDREN

Eligible children aged 5 to 16 can join a free activity programme in Warwickshire this Easter as part of the DfE's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. Please click on the following link for more information: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2838/child-friendly-easter-activities-for-warwickshire-children-and-young-people>

TEEM NEWS

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for the Mother's Day Secret Room. We hope the gifts brought home were enjoyed by all the Mums (and other female family members)!

Unfortunately, Terracycle are ceasing to collect crisp packets. There are over 3500 supermarket collection points for soft plastics which include crisp packets so they are closing the scheme. Thank you to everyone who has kept their empty packets and contributed them - we have saved almost 150kg of plastic going into landfill since joining the scheme in 2019 and earned over £80 for the school.

So please gather as many crisp packets as you can for the final collection (7th April) which TEEM will send off over the Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER