

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the effort you must have put in supporting your children to make magnificent hats, representing favourite books, today. They looked absolutely amazing and loved seeing each other parade them around the playground. It was a great idea from Mrs McLester and I'm sure you'll enjoy the photos below, guessing the books from the hats. In addition, children took part in quizzes AND got to see the [new](#) books which have arrived, following our appeal earlier in the year. Each class has a wonderful array of new books – with diverse characters, and by excellent established and up and coming children's authors. It's been a great day to celebrate reading, and also to raise money for children who otherwise wouldn't get the pleasure of reading and all the benefits reading brings.

WORLD BOOK DAY TOKENS!

We still have plenty of £1 book tokens left, so please ask if you'd like more.

£1000 PRIZE FOR MUSIC EQUIPMENT WON!

Year 5 had the amazing news that their song about water for Severn Trent's 'Top of the Drops' competition has won one of the top prizes. It's an amazing achievement and a significant amount of money which we can put with TEEM's recent donation of the same amount, towards buying some great new music equipment! They've also had a special letter from Water Aid congratulating them on their song. Well done Year 5!

NUT FREE SCHOOL

As with most primary schools, we ask that children don't bring nuts or have foods containing nuts in school for snack or for their lunch. We have several children and adults who have severe nut allergies and it would be dangerous for them to come into contact by accident.

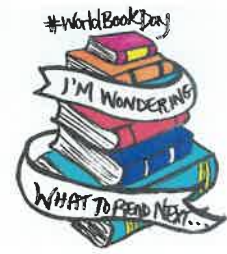
PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Thank you for parking away from the extended 'zig zags' (and away from the area opposite these markings), helping to keep the area immediately around the school clear of cars. This makes this area safer for pedestrians and drivers. Please also remember that the Highway Code states that cars should not park opposite a junction or within 10 metres of one.

Wherever you are parking, please be very aware of pedestrians, cyclists and other road users around you as you park and drive away.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are looking for a keen and energetic person to join our team and to start as soon as possible. The job advert is attached. Please share this vacancy with friends or family who may be interested in a part time, term time role at our school. They should contact the office for a job description and an application form. The application deadline is Tuesday 15th March at 12noon.



CLINTON KIDS' CLUB

Please remember to give us two weeks' notice if you are needing to cancel a place for Clinton Kids' Club. **This also applies to people who have booked casual places for their children.** With numbers pretty tight compared with staffing ratios we are often in a position where we are saying no to parents for places on specific occasions only to find that a place is cancelled at the last moment. We therefore need to continue to apply the charge. It would be nice to be more flexible than that, but we can't afford to be, because with around 80 different children using the club each week, it makes it unmanageable. In addition, it leaves people with fewer childcare options when we might have been able to help. Thank you for your understanding.

YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL IN 2022

Please respond to this week's email before the end of the week.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

The teachers have all said how nice it's been to be able to meet you in person this time around. Hopefully you've felt the same way. I know a lot of parents have been impressed with the progress their children have been making as well as just how productive they are in their books! Well done for KS1 and Reception parents who have managed to look at books via outdoor lighting!

COVID REMINDER

If children develop symptoms they should still get a PCR test. These will be available for about another month, we're told. The rules still apply in school, where if any staff or children test positive they should isolate until day 5 (where the day of symptoms is day 0) and then test. If they get two consecutive negative tests 24 hours apart, they're good to return. Whilst we know that it is no longer illegal to mix with Covid, just like if people catch other infectious diseases (such as chicken pox), the responsible thing to do is to stay away from others. With a member of staff at Clinton Kids' Club testing positive after being in school on Tuesday, there is a chance of an outbreak, so keep vigilant!

TEEM NEWS

The Mothers' Day secret room is approaching! Featuring locally sourced handmade gifts with recycled packaging that include soaps, bee bombs, key rings, fudge, biscuits, gems and jewellery. Tickets cost £2 (you can buy as many as you like!) and will be available from the website between 7th – 14th March.

Your child will be able to select a gift of their choice (one gift per ticket purchased) which will be brought home on Friday 25th March.

See the website for more details, and please get in touch if you have any questions. www.teemclinton.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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