

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Summer Newsletter No. 1

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Dear Parents,

### A NEW TERM!

We're straight back at it and the children have settled superbly well after the Easter break. The happy Clinton atmosphere has resumed exactly where it left off – as always – and it's been great to see Year 2 thoroughly enjoying their visit to the Think Tank, some country dancing beginning, the gardening club making the garden look amazing and children generally full of enthusiasm.

### SOME KEY DIARY DATES – MORE TO COME

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – bank holiday

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – class and team photos

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – half term

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – secondary school induction day

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 summer play – which we're hoping will be at the castle again!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – leavers' assembly - last day of this school year

### SUNCREAM AND HATS

Please remember the April sun is powerful! In fact the UV levels of the sun now are equivalent to what they are in mid August, even though it's not as hot. We need to keep the children safe from the long-term damage that can be caused.

Children will play outside at lunchtime (the brightest part of the day), and then could quite possibly take part in PE outside. It is really important they come with hats and wearing suncream – there are products that last all day, which is perfect, as we couldn't possibly apply sun-cream to a class-load of children! **Please make sure hats are named.**

### INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS FROM SEPTEMBER

Emails have been sent home to those parents whose children already receive music tuition. Soon we will send information for children in YR and Y1 about Suzuki violin lessons; children have the opportunity to learn other instruments from Y3 upwards and an email will also be sent out about this.

### SCHOOL MILK

Due to the bank holiday children will not receive milk in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Milk deliveries will resume from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May for those who order it.

### READING AND SPELLING

It's clear the children have been making great progress with reading, and we're delighted to say that our data is back to pre-pandemic levels. That's as a result of children's hard work at school where many have put in extra effort with 'teacher tutors' and Teaching Assistants. We're lucky to have an excellent team doing

that work. Parents have also put in lots of time listening to children at home, which is vital. We always aim for at least 4 home reading sessions a week.

Next up, we're really hoping that we can lift children's spelling levels and ask for your diligence at home with those. Little and often is definitely the best way and that requires setting up routines and sticking with them. The way writing is assessed at the end of each Key Stage means that if children are not at the age group level for spelling, they are not at the level for writing altogether. We have children who are amazing with the content of their writing but their spelling will stop them getting the level they deserve. Cramming before a spelling test does not help their memory, so 4 times a week spent working on the words given by teachers would make a big difference here, too.

### NEXT PAYMENT FOR THE FRANCE TRIP DUE

The second instalment of £85 is due by 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure prompt payment via ParentPay. Thank you!

### YEAR 5 SPONSORED WALK FOR WATER-AID

Year 5 have raised close to a staggering £600 by completing their sponsored walk. That will make a big difference! Thank you parents for helping them to get sponsorship money and for supporting them in their mission.

### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) are reviewing the way parents and carers apply for a school place for their children. As part of this review, they want to understand what matters most to those involved and are asking for your feedback on using the service and Parent Portal. The information provided will help design, manage and improve the way in which this system operates.

If we could please encourage you to complete the questionnaire and help them understand what is important to you when deciding on a suitable place for your child to learn. The questionnaire will take around 5 minutes to complete and is anonymous, it asks you about your experiences and what matters to you along with some general information about your family.

Link to Questionnaire

- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BqqwiCdZu0uok4nMJxOsgsm0tJiEphEr4czIH-IOkPUNIAzVik0M0pQT1pCSFNfUE4xWUtaUldURy4u>

The questionnaire will close on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Yours sincerely,

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