

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

INFORMATION EVENING – TONIGHT!

You are invited to meet your child's new teacher tonight at the information evening.

You have a choice of 'talks' so that parents can see two teachers.

Talks are in classrooms, and you can enter through the main school door and make your way. The first talk is at 6.00pm. At 6.30pm I'll update you with a few things in the hall, then the second talk will be at 6.45pm. Sessions are not for children and there isn't room to accommodate them.

There is only one talk for each of Year 5 and Year 6 which will be at 6.45pm and will include the talk about Red Ridge and France.

We will email out some of the information teachers will share tomorrow.

There will be no talk for Year 3 parents, due to the staffing situation.

SCHOOL LUNCHES AND MY CHILD AT SCHOOL (MCAS) APP

Reception children will be able to have school lunches from Monday, 7th September. Menu options have already been emailed out – please take a look at these menus with your children so that they know what they might order each day.

All Reception parents and parents of new starters will receive an email asking you to sign up to MCAS. Please activate your account within 24 hours of receiving this email as the link will expire and requesting this information again does create additional work for the office staff at an exceptionally busy time of year! MCAS will be needed to enable you to pay for school trips, after school sports clubs, etc.

For all those paying for school meals (Years 3-6), please ensure that sufficient payment is made in advance to your child's MCAS account. Educaterers do not offer credit and therefore meals will not be ordered where there is insufficient credit.

Should you feel, following a change in circumstances, that your child/ren may qualify for free school meals (regardless of their year group) then please apply online: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals> (or search for 'Warwickshire free school meals') A response is given very quickly and confidentially. It is important to do this even if you prefer to send packed lunches, as school receives vital additional income for each eligible child.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons will be starting next week. The timetable for music lessons will be sent out with the newsletter. It is important that your child remembers to bring their instrument with them to school when they have lessons so the time is more valuably spent!

Parents of children starting instrumental lessons should have received communication regarding their children's lessons. If you have requested an instrumental lesson for your child and have not heard from us, please do get in touch.

Charges will be loaded termly in advance onto MCAS and they have already been loaded for the Autumn Term.

If you do not have charges loaded to your child's MCAS account and you are expecting your child to receive lessons, please do get in touch with finance2308@welearn365.com

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be here on the morning of Wednesday 30th September. Families who'd like to include pre-school children in the photograph need to be here between 8:00 and 8:30am. There will be

a bit of a wait until school starts so we ask for your patience, but based on experience in past years, if we're going to offer those with preschool siblings, it's the only way to get through them all before we need to set up for lunch. Before School Club is open for anyone who wants to use that facility for after the photo is taken. Details on our website! **Children with siblings in school will be taken as a family group. If you do not want your child to have their photograph taken, please email the school office.**

ORCHESTRA – Year 5 and 6

Year 5 children who are keen to join the orchestra will be given the chance to play a piece to Mr Deane alongside a couple of their classmates, to check their readiness, on Tuesday next week. We don't want these to feel like 'high pressure' auditions! It's just about being sure that the children won't be out of their depth. Once children are in the orchestra, this counts as their 'music class' for their upper KS2. Where children are not quite ready, there will be opportunities later in the school year or, for Year 5, when they are in Year 6.

VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOL

As you know, our parent (and grandparent!) volunteers are hugely important to our school life. If you would like to help, please contact the school office.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS (Years 1-6)

These will be starting next week and emails have already been sent out.

RED RIDGE AND FRANCE

The Year 5 trip to Red Ridge is from Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th September and the Year 6 trip to France is from Monday 21st to Thursday 24th September. Year 6 children have the option of recovering at home on Friday 25th Sep (which normally all take up due to the very late return to Kenilworth) but provision will be made for those who need to be in school.

Please ensure that all forms are completed and returned by the dates set as both the Red Ridge centre and the Chateau Accommodation need to prepare for any dietary requirements. Thank you!

SCHOOL WEBSITE – CALENDAR DATES

Our school website is updated regularly. For information and calendar dates please check there first.

TEEM NEWS

TEEM Clinton is holding its annual AGM on 22nd September and we invite parents to join the meeting if they are interested in becoming a member of the committee, or would just like to come and listen and be part of the meeting. We will be holding the AGM at 7.30pm in the Innovation lab where we will be voting in the committee for the 2026/7 academic year.

If you are interested in any of the posts please come along. The following are available for election/re-election:

Chair
Vice Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee members

Yours sincerely,
SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER