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'Together we nurture, love and learn whilst aspiring for excellence.'

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NEWSLETTER

Dear parents/ carers,

As I write this the sun is shining and there are no rain droplets in sight – I am hopeful that this will continue to be the case as we move more and more into spring!

The last two weeks have been very busy with classes working very hard on their learning and showing real enthusiasm towards our theme of learning – social injustice. It is wonderful popping into classrooms and talking with children about the social injustices we see in society now and in the past. We have been focussing on Fairtrade fortnight and considering ways we can support – I know that Mrs Bolton is hoping to apply to be a Fairtrade school which will be another great award to add to our growing school.

Last week I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the children dressed up for world book day. There were many great costumes and a lot of hard work had gone into many. I also enjoyed seeing children engaged in using Fairtrade ingredients to bake cakes and sell them. We raised £40 which is a great amount!

The week before we all donned our running shoes to flip pancakes along the playground in the strong wind! This was great fun and a huge thank you to Tracey and Jackie for supplying the pancakes and setting up teas and coffees. It was such a privilege to attend the Big Sing On Saturday at the Big Sheep with Mrs Partridge, Mrs Bolton and a significant group of children from both The Clinton and Dolton Schools. We were the first on in a huge arena full of people, a panel of judges and a film crew! It was all very exciting and the children showed great courage and aspiration during the whole performance. Although we did not win the school prize, one of the Bishops pulled me to one side at the end of the day to complement our two schools. She liked how we included children of all ages in our group and said that our song choices and singing had brought her to tears. It really was a brilliant experience for the children. I am exceptionally passionate about providing a range of opportunities for children to enable them to experience life in all its fullness and create memories that will stay with them for a life time. I believe this event certainly did. It was also lovely to see all children enjoying the bouncy pillows and soft play after too! Well done to all those that represented The Clinton School, it was a great turn out and a huge well done and thank you to Mrs Bolton – I am excited for next year already!

Finally, I write in the hope to gather some information from you all. Over the last few weeks my middle leaders have worked hard to produce information and put on workshops to support parents in developing a greater understanding of the primary curriculum and expectations yet unfortunately there has been minimal attendance. The beginning of our vision uses the key word 'together' and my staff and I believe that children's education and progress is at its best when we are all working together to learn. Going forward we would like to provide more times where we can come together to learn and it would be brilliant if you could feedback as to why you may not have attended the workshops this term. We are planning on booking in interactive lessons for parents to attend with their children in the summer term but any other ideas would be greatly welcomed. Was it because of the times? Did the idea of a workshop put you off? The dates have been on newsletters and texts were sent so I am hopeful that communication was not the issue however unless we are given feedback we cannot move forward. Any suggestions will be gratefully received.

Wishing you all the best for this coming week. Please remember to visit our school website for information including online safety leaflets.

www.clintonanddolton.org

Downs Syndrome Awareness Week

It is Downs Syndrome awareness week in our newsletter (16th March - 21st March) and how children will be learning about downs syndrome that week and can wear odd socks to school on Friday 20th March to raise awareness.

After School Craft - Thursday 19th March - 3.30-4.30

Children will be creating flower arrangements and handmade cards for Mother's Day.

A drink and a healthy snack will be provided. A letter will be sent home today with a permission slip if your child would like to take part. The slips need to be returned to school by Friday 13 March.

Weight and Measure

Every year Reception and Y6 take part in the NHS weighing and measuring programme. Leaflet and letter are also attached to this newsletter. We are unsure of the date they will be visiting yet but they will let know as soon as possible.

Dates for the diary

Thursday 19th March – whole school photos by Tempest photography – 9am

Friday 20th March – Down Syndrome awareness day – wear odd socks to school.

Friday 27th March – Clinton SIAMS celebration and celebration of learning event 9.30am

Friday 27th March – Wednesday 15th April Easter holidays

Friday 17th April – Clinton Easter Service 2.30pm.

Week commencing 4th May – deaf awareness week.

Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th May – year 4 residential.

Friday 8th May – bank holiday

Monday 11th May – SATS week for year 6

Friday 22nd May – Monday 1st June – May half term.

Friday 19th June – Coldstream Event at Clinton.

Monday 29th June – Inset day.

Tuesday 7th July – sports day held at Dolton.

Tuesday 14th July – provisional sports day.

SCHOOL MONEY

Below are some helpful hints when ordering school lunches online:

- Please order online 24 hours before a meal is required
- **ALL CHILDREN** - Ensure you order your child's meal, even if they are free – this enables you to select which meal your child would prefer and ensures we order enough food for the kitchen
- When choosing your meal choice, please check you are ordering the correct price meal – **pre-school is £1.50 and school children are £2.30** – adjustments will be made by the system but if you choose incorrectly it will leave you with a debit/credit on your account

Online Safety

We will now be uploading a weekly ONLINE safety sheet to our website. The sheet will give you lots of useful advice. Please take a look. The first one is attached to this email to let you see the kind of information it will give you.

Important

"If your child has been previously looked after, and in care for even one day, please let Mrs Sharpe (Designated Teacher for these children) know, so that we can ensure they are receiving the support they are entitled to".

Preschool

Our staffing has now been planned for the term to ensure we have each session covered. Please be aware we are unable to accept a change of day for your child at short notice. We would ask you to give us at least a period of 2 weeks to make any changes to the agreed days your child is booked in. This change must be agreed by the head teacher so please contact the school as soon as possible to put in your request. Obviously if there are extenuating circumstances we will always support you.

PARENTS/CARERS: Concerned re Special Educational Needs/Disability?

If you are concerned about your child's progress or well-being at school your first port of call should be your child's class teacher as the matter can often be resolved more quickly and easily this way.

PE

PE kit should be in school every day. It is possible the children may be asked to wear their PE kit on any day so please only take the kit home at the weekend. Please can all children have a spare pair of socks in case their feet get wet.

Important Notice to Parents

Please ensure you ring in to school by **9am** if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason.
If they are absent for more than one day you need to ring in every day.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

ALL children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 (Kingfisher Class) are entitled to free school meals under this Government scheme so if you have children in these year groups you will not need to pay.

Free School Meals

Please speak to the office if you think your family may be entitled to Free School Meals (which is based on your family income). Even if your child is in Kingfisher Class, this can bring additional funding into school to spend on the children.

School Attendance

The government believes that all pupils attendance at school should be 96.2% or higher. When schools are inspected by Ofsted, the school's attendance figure is taken into account as part of the judgement of personal development, behaviour and welfare. Attendance figures below 96.2% would require improvement. The main reasons for school absences are from holiday absence in term time, illness and late arrival at school.

We need parents support to help us try to sustain/ improve our current attendance figure. You can help by ensuring your child is at school at 8.50am. If your child has a medical appointment in the middle of the day, please bring them to school prior to the appointment and return them promptly after the appointment has finished. Please avoid taking your child on holiday in term time. Thank you

Happy Birthday

*Celebrating their birthday very soon is:
Kayla Johnson – 11*



TERM DATES 2019/2020

24th Feb – 27th Mar 2020

Easter Holidays – 30th Mar – 14th Apr 2020

15th Apr – 22nd May 2020

Half Term - 25th May – 29th May 2020

1st Jun – 26th Jun 2020

Non Pupil Day - 29th Jun 2020

30th Jun – 21st Jul 2020