

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Newsletter No. 10

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### Dear Parents

#### ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we have a KS1 Celebration assembly (it's also Children in Need Day – see below). On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November there will be KS2 Celebration assembly and also our celebration of International Day. Please join us at 9.00 any Friday morning if you are free.

#### THANK YOU

Mrs Bates has asked me to pass on her heartfelt thanks to parents for the cards, gifts and good wishes sent to her as she takes up her secondment. She says that she will miss being in school tremendously. We are all sure that she will rise to the challenges of her new role!

#### CHILDREN IN NEED

In order to support this event, children are invited to bring in a small teddy or other soft toy tomorrow, and we will gladly pass on any cash donations.

#### CROSSING PATROL

There will be no crossing patrol on the morning or afternoon of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November or the morning of Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

#### PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Nominations were due in by Monday of this week but sadly we have no expressions of interest in the post. Being a governor is a big commitment but is very rewarding indeed. Please consider whether you could support the school in this way, and talk to me or to any governor for further information. Thank you.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Just a reminder that the boxes are being collected early on Monday morning. Please bring your gifts in by the end of Friday afternoon. There is a possibility that any arriving on Monday will miss the collection. Please see [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) if you need details.

#### FRANCE

Please remember that deposits for the trip next September are due in tomorrow.

#### SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL CAR PARK

We have had several near-accidents this week. Please remind Y5 and Y6 children, who enter and leave school via the KS2 playground, that they need to use the pathway which runs alongside the car park. They must not walk down the driveway or on the grass. Also, children who arrive on scooters or bikes should not be crossing the driveway without being supervised. A KS1 child was almost knocked down this morning when rushing out from the bike shed and across the drive without looking. PLEASE take this seriously – we would hate to have a child involved in an accident. Thank you.

#### GIFTS AND TALENTS

Children have been involved in several activities this week that have given them the opportunities to share the things they are good at. They have enjoyed finding out about each other and have learnt about how important it is to value their talents and those of others. Very soon, work the children have done based on this theme will appear in the school hall so talents can be shared with the whole school.

#### SWIMMING LESSONS

If your child has long hair, please make sure that they have it tied back for swimming. Thank you.

#### WW2 CHILDREN – Y6

As part of their Design Technology work, Y6 children have come to school today dressed as children from World War 2. Thank you to them and their parents/carers for making such a fantastic effort! (see overleaf for more details).

#### INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Proofs are being sent home with children today. Orders returned by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November will be available in time for Christmas. Your sealed envelopes will be handed to Braiswick, so any cash payments need to contain the exact amount. If paying by card, please avoid any delays by ensuring that you complete all the details, including the 3-digit security number at the bottom of the form. Thank you.

#### CHIME

The recent Ceilidh was a roaring success and as a part of the Big National Ceilidh, fundraising for WaterAid, a charity that uses practical solutions to provide safe water, effective sanitation and hygiene education to the world's poorest people. A great time was had by all and 22 couples (of all ages and sizes!) danced the National Mass Dance at 10pm, along with thousands of others around the country and abroad. We raised **£374**, half of which will go to WaterAid, enough to build two wells in Nigeria, and half to CHIME. Thank you to everyone involved, and special thanks to "Reel to Reel", who were fantastic and to Rob from Cana Imports - a local wine company - who ran the adults bar and donated all the profits to us ([www.canaimport.co.uk](http://www.canaimport.co.uk)).

#### CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

A Christingle service will be held at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30 pm. Children will be bringing home "candle" collecting boxes this week (one per family). If you would like to donate to the Children's Society, please bring into school, or to the service.

#### PTA NEWS

**Thank you to everyone who supported Disco Night!** – parents, children and staff. A great time was had by all.

**Wear What You Like Day** is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – details were sent home earlier this week.

**Loch Fyne Silent Auction** Congratulations to our winners, Sarah and Kevin Purdy. Thanks to all who submitted bids and, of course, to Loch Fyne.

**Phoenix Cards** Michela Way is holding a card party at 5 Archer Road on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 8 pm onwards. 10% of all sales will be donated to the PTA. Drop in for drinks – and feel free to bring a friend!

**Yellow Moon** orders can be collected from the office.

Yours sincerely

**MR SAM PATER**  
**ACTING HEADTEACHER**