

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

On Friday 28th November there will be KS2 Celebration assembly and also our celebration of International Day. Please join us at 9.00 any Friday morning you are free.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you very much for your donations last week: you have raised the grand total of £137.20.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week is anti-bullying week and we have been tackling the sensitive theme of bullying and considering the effect we have on each other's feelings. Teachers have worked hard to make their literacy teaching this week reflect the theme and through role play and circle time activities children now have a greater awareness of issues surrounding bullying.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our parents' evenings were generally well received last week with 85% of parents surveyed on Thursday evening putting their consultation in the 'very informative' category. 5% of parents felt they would have liked to find out more and I would be very interested to talk to those parents to find out what more they would have liked from their parents evening so we can do even better next time round.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Next Friday we are going to have an 'International Day'. The teachers who went to China will be sharing their experiences with the children in assembly and for the rest of the day children will be taking part in art based work, finding out about Christmas around the world ready to liven up the hall for Christmas. Teachers would be very pleased to have any help from our parents from other cultures who would be prepared to share aspects of their traditional Christmas festivities.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you for the grand total of 48 boxes which you donated to be given to children in Eastern Europe and other parts of the world. They will be greatly appreciated by the children who receive them.

GIFTS AND TALENTS

Children have been involved in several activities this week that have given them 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.

Y6 SWIMMING LESSONS - SPRING TERM

Please remember that Y6 children will need to bring old pyjamas (long sleeves and trousers) for personal survival work after Christmas.

WOODWIND LESSONS

As already notified to the children concerned, these will take place on Wednesday, not Tuesday next week.

YR AND THE GUY!

I am very pleased to report that the guy made recently by Reception children (with help from Mrs Jan Cherry!) has won the school £100 in the competition organised by the Round Table - see overleaf.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Please remember that you need to send orders in to the office tomorrow if you wish to have photos delivered in time for Christmas. Please include the exact amount if paying by cash. If paying by card, please avoid delays by completing all the details, including the 3-digit security number at the bottom of the form. Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

A Christingle service will be held at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 14th December at 4.30 pm. If you would like to donate to the Children's Society, please bring into school before 12th December, or take to the service.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

Each family in YR to Y4 is being sent a ticket request form today. Please note that, because of fire regulations, we are initially allocating a maximum of TWO tickets per family for the FS/KS1 performance and THREE for the Y3/Y4 performance (younger children, including toddlers, will need their own ticket). Any spare tickets will be allocated nearer the time. Please return your forms by Wednesday 26th November.

HEADLICE

We are aware that there are some cases of headlice amongst the older children. Please check your child's hair carefully today and on a regular basis and treat if any lice or eggs are found.

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR MOBILE PHONE MAST

As you are probably aware, this planning application was rejected recently. Our local MP, Jeremy Wright, will be meeting the phone company concerned tomorrow to discuss other possible locations.

PTA NEWS

Wear What You Like Day is tomorrow - please, please remember to bring in your filled jam jar, for the tombola at tomorrow evening's switching on of the Christmas lights. We really want the tombola to be a success, and there is no time for a back-up plan if we do not have enough contributions! We are sure that you will support us as you always do.

The Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 5th December. This is always one of our biggest events and we can use all the help we can get! You should have received a letter recently - thank you to those who have offered help already. If everyone could give us just 30 minutes of their time it would make a huge difference. Thank you!

Yours sincerely

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ACTING HEADTEACHER