

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES AND OTHER DATES

Tomorrow we have our KS2 Celebration assembly and also our celebration of International Day (see below). You are warmly invited to join us if you can. Other dates for the rest of this term (as shown on the diary dates sheet given out at the whole-school information evening in September) are:

Thursday 11th at 1.45 pm & Friday 12th at 9.30 am – FS/KS1 Christmas productions

Tuesday 16th at 1.45 and 7.00 pm – Y3/Y4 Christmas productions

Thursday 18th at 1.45 pm – school carol service at St John's Church – all parents and friends will be very welcome. Nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers to walk with the children to church.

Friday 19th at 9.00 am – Head's Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour awards.

Friday 19th at 1.30 pm – the children will be treated to a production (at school) of "The Legend of the Golden Dragon" by the West Midland Children's Theatre. Term ends.

Wednesday 7th January – children return to school.

Please note that the full list of diary dates can be viewed on the school website, as can previous newsletters.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

Tomorrow is our 'International Day' and children throughout the school will be learning about Christmas around the world. Loads of activities will be taking place including: German biscuit making; creating mini poinsettias (Mexican tradition); making and decorating the gables of Amsterdam with Sinterklaas on his white horse and Zwarte Piet dancing over the roof tops; making of Danish hearts (guided by Heidi Ames) and more. The children can't wait to get started. The day will start with the teachers who went to China sharing their experiences with the children.

EVENING MEETING – CHINA

Children were given letters yesterday about an informal evening for parents on Monday 8th December, when the staff who visited China recently would love to share their experiences with you. We hope that many of you will be able to join us, and would be grateful to have your reply slips back as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHINA COMPETITION

We have entered a 'China competition' where children from year 6 will put together a powerpoint presentation using photos, videos and other work from collaboration with our link school in Shenzhen. First prize is £5000 for the school and we don't believe other schools in England stand a chance!

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

Each family in YR to Y4 was sent a ticket request form last week. Thank you to everyone who returned the forms by yesterday's deadline. **Please send in any remaining forms tomorrow morning**, as we need to work on ticket allocations urgently!

Letters will be sent home next week about swimming lessons next term and ordering school meals for the first half of the term.

Y3 SCIENCE LESSONS

We have had some very positive feedback about the photographs included on the back of the last two newsletters, so we thought you might like to see Y3 enjoying a recent science lesson... see overleaf.

VIOLIN LESSONS

Please note that violin lessons next week will be for Suzuki pupils only. There will be no lessons for other violin pupils or for viola.

CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

Thank you for everyone who has already donated to the Children's Society – there's still time!

MEASLES

You may be aware from news reports that a number of children in South Warwickshire have been diagnosed with measles, which is classed as a highly infectious disease. Further information from www.hpa.org.uk.

SWITCHING ON OF LIGHTS IN THE HIGH STREET

This takes place tomorrow evening at around 6 pm – activities begin at 5.30 and will include music, children's activities, a working blacksmith, ferret racing, and birds of prey.

PTA NEWS

Thank you for all your jam jar contributions last Friday – you helped the PTA raise just over £250 at the tombola at the switching-on of the Christmas lights.

Colouring competition Please remember that children's entries need to be in by Thursday next week. There will be a winner from each class, and these will be announced at assembly on the morning of the Christmas Bazaar itself – Friday 5th December.

The Christmas Bazaar takes place on Friday next week! Please bring in your donations of good quality, nearly-new toys, books, games, unwanted gifts and, of course, bottles for our fantastic "pull-a-bottle" stall. Every child who brings in a bottle will be entered in a draw, which will also take place at assembly on the day of the fair – there is a fantastic prize on offer! We also still need more helpers, so please see Sue Cox, Sarah Devine or Michela Way if you could help for just 30 minutes (or more, if you wish!). This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and it makes a major contribution to what we can do for the school, so please support it!

Second-hand uniform Thank you for all your contributions recently. We aren't able to accept any more at the moment, but we will be asking you again around Easter.

Yours sincerely

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