

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Please come along and join us if you can for our Celebration assembly tomorrow.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

From our point of view these were very productive two way conversations which will have a positive impact on children's learning. The survey we carried out during the evening showed that 65% of parents were happy with changing the report format, with 60% of those happy for us to spend more time improving teaching and learning whilst 40% of those would like more opportunities to talk with their teachers. A compromise involving a change to the format, with the most popular elements kept and the offer of another chance, for those who want it, to talk over targets at another point in the year could be the result. There will be further discussion about this so if you wish to share your views, please e-mail.

LINKING UP WITH LONGFORD PARK

Last week children in Year 5 spent the afternoon here with their new friends from Longford Park Primary School. We have been keen for our children to learn more about people from multicultural Britain and Mrs Moseley set up this exciting project. In the summer term our children joined up with theirs at Ryton for den building and orienteering – working together and getting to know each other. At Clinton last Thursday, the children did some activities based on the themes of talk, similarities and differences. They had such a positive time that Longford Park have invited us back next term.

ROLLS ROYCE

Children from Year 5 have today been working with a team of eight staff from Rolls Royce to learn about an aspect of the science curriculum 'Phases of the moon'. The team met with me on Monday and then prepared an exciting session for the children. It was great fun but also brilliant for them to see members of the community contributing to their education.

PARENTS' FORUM

There has been a good response from parents keen to take part in these meetings. The first will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th December. We will discuss how, as a school, we can have a positive impact on the community in order that there are more positive outcomes for our children now and in the future.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

Proofs are being sent home with children today. Orders returned by 9.00 am on Monday 30th 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.

MEETING ON PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

Just a reminder that this takes place at 7.00pm today. Come if you can - even if you haven't sent in a reply slip.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Details of these two vacancies were sent home last week. Please remember that nominations must be received by Monday 30th November.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER

As mentioned last week, Emily in Y5 has produced a children's quiz sheet, available for 50p from Emily in the playground or from the office. Other children have also come up with some fundraising ideas, so please feel free to send your child to school with up to £1 tomorrow (in change if at all possible, to make life easier for the children running these activities). There are posters around school giving details of the other activities, and I will also mention them in assembly tomorrow.

MILLIE'S MISSING JUMPER

As mentioned in last week's letter, Millie (Y6) has lost a brand-new blue zip-up top marked with the initials MJRP. Please could you check that it is not lurking in the bottom of your child's bag?

CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

A Christingle service will be held at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 13th December at 4.00 pm. Children will be bringing home "candle" collecting boxes this week, to raise funds for the Children's Society. If you would like to contribute, please bring into school before 11th 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 25th November.

CHIME AGM

This takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th January.

RECYCLING PRINTER CARTRIDGES AND PHONES

We are still recycling printer cartridges and now also mobile phones, to raise money for school. We can provide you with envelopes or you are welcome to bring items in to the office.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Please remember that girls need to wear one-piece costumes and that if boys wear shorts, they must not come below the knee. Long hair should be tied back.

PTA NEWS

Please see the separate PTA newsletter being sent home today, and please remember that tomorrow is wear what you like day – and please remember to bring your jam jar!

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER