

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

At tomorrow's assembly we will be presenting certificates and prizes to children who have been taking part in Chess Rocks this term. Parents and friends are very welcome to join us tomorrow morning or on Friday 18th at 9.00 am for the Head's Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour awards (no assembly on 11th December)

CAROL SERVICE

This takes place at 1.45pm on Thursday 17th December, at St John's Church. All parents and friends will be very welcome. Could you walk with the children to the church? Please let the office know if you are able to help.

HANDBELLS

Sadly, Mrs Duffy has not been well this week and so there will be no handbells or choir at the Christmas Fair tomorrow. She hopes to be back at school so we should be able to hear the handbells at the Carol Service and also at assembly on Friday 18th.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We have received a number of nominations: ballot papers will be sent out to all parents and carers.

CHIME "CHRISTMAS SHOPPING" FILM SHOW

There will be a CHIME Film Show (£1.20 per child) next Thursday (10 December) starting at 3.30pm (children will be supervised from the end of school – no need for you to be here until around 4.50pm, which should give you some time to do some Christmas shopping). The film will be Garfield and a drink and some popcorn will be supplied for £1.20. Please complete the reply slip on the flyer you will receive tomorrow and **return to the office with your payment by 3.30pm on Wednesday.**

CHILDREN BEING COMMUNITY MINDED!

We try to give children opportunities to make a contribution to their community at school. Children feel very valued and rewarded when given the chance to make a difference and it is a feeling we hope they take with them beyond primary school. The way year 6 children, in particular, contribute is immense! They set up assembly; help on the infant playground; run a Mah Jong club; organise school and class council meetings (supporting the younger age groups); help younger children with reading; set up stalls to raise money for Children in Need and also CHIME; contribute to the interschool council and are peer mediators at lunchtimes. These are just some of the ways they support our community and we are very grateful to them.

THANKS TO THE GARDENING CLUB

Every morning, as I walk up to the entrance of the school, I feel grateful to the gardening club for what they do to make the front of the school so attractive. So here's a huge thank you to those who run the club and to the children who do such a valuable job – whatever the weather!

CROSSING PATROL

It is likely that there will be no crossing patrol tomorrow morning.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

We are able to allocate all the tickets requested, including any additional ones. These will be sent home within the next few days. There are a few spare tickets (from the office) for the KS1 Thursday performance and for the Y3/Y4 Tuesday afternoon. Please let the office know if any specific seating arrangements are required for disabled visitors. Also, please be aware that, for the Friday morning performance, we will not be able to accommodate large numbers of pushchairs in the hall – we must keep access to the emergency exits clear.

SWIMMING FOR Y4 & Y6 AND SCHOOL MEALS

Letters will be sent home next week.

ECO COUNCIL UPDATE

The members of the Eco Council have asked me to pass on the following report: "Last week you read about the work eco-reps are doing. Following our survey of how eco-friendly Clinton already is, we have some ideas of things we might like to change and improve. We would like to compost KS1 fruit and vegetable waste, organise a cycle to school week, have walking buses, put more items outside to attract wildlife and to find out if all of our stationery can be made from recycled content. Have a look at our Action Plan on display in the hall to find out more details."

GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARDS

If your child won one of these last July, please could you return it to school next week? Thank you.

PTA NEWS

The Christmas Bazaar is tomorrow between 6pm-8pm. We still have some slots to fill on the rota so if anyone can help out please let us know. We will be setting up from 1.30pm so any help before or after the event would be fantastic - please see a member of the PTA, alternatively email Becky on andrew@parker108.freeserve.co.uk or Jemma on jemma.butler@yahoo.co.uk If you have offered to help – please check your children's bags as slips are being sent home.

If you have offered soft toys or have any other donations for the stalls – please hand into the office. Cakes and bakes for the cake stall and adult refreshments can be dropped to the office anytime on Friday, please be aware that they don't have to be homemade ~ bought ones fill those tummies just as nicely!

Remember to include your slip for the raffle when you donate a bottle for the chance for your child to win a prize in assembly tomorrow.

Colouring Competition – these were due in today! The winners will be announced in tomorrow's assembly along with the pull a bottle prize draw.

Band Night – Friday 18th December. Details in your child's bag soon!

We look forward to seeing you tomorrow night!

Yours sincerely

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**



YEAR 6 - WE LOVE SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

"Working on the CHIME stall has been good for my teamwork skills." - S

"I feel proud of myself if I have helped younger children to sort out their problems." - M (peer mediator)

"We learn how hard the office staff work when we do phone duty." - M (phone duty)

"I enjoy helping others to learn new games and helping them to have fun." - S (Mah Jong club)

"I enjoy helping out because others will remember what I have done for them - it makes me feel proud." - A

"I like to see the smile on infants' faces when they see us on the playground. It's nice to make them happy." - M (infant duty)

"I like giving others the chance to give their views in class council." - B (class council chair)

"I like the real experience of being on phone duty." - L

"I enjoy hearing everyone sing when I have set up the OHP." - J (OHP technician)

"I like having my ideas taken to improve the school and I am happy that I can help younger children to share their ideas too." - J (School council year 3 rep)



There are so many ways in which children benefit from being able to make a positive contribution at Clinton!