

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

There will be no assembly tomorrow because of the KS1 production, but on Friday 18th at 9.00 am we have our Head's Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour awards, plus music from our orchestra and handbells players. Join us if you can!

CAROL SERVICE

This will be at 1.45pm next Thursday 17th December, at St John's Church. All parents and friends will be very welcome. We have only one volunteer to walk with the children! Please let the office know if you could help – if we don't have enough adults to walk with the children, we will have to hold the service at school. (YR children will travel by minibus, but their parents are very welcome to walk with another year group.) Our school choir will be singing (letter to follow for those children).

PARENTS' FORUM

This takes place this evening at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome – even if you haven't returned a reply. The more the merrier.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Ballot papers were sent to all parents last Friday. Please use your vote to help select the governors who will represent you, by 3.30 pm tomorrow. The ballot will take place at 8.45 am on Monday 14th December.

CHIME "CHRISTMAS SHOPPING" FILM SHOW

Thank you to everyone who has given permission for their children to attend the film show after school today. I am sure they will enjoy the entertainment as well as raising funds for CHIME. Certainly a great chance to do some Christmas shopping whilst your children watch!

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Children and staff have been working really hard and I'm sure that both productions will be really worth seeing. There are only a couple of tickets left for tomorrow morning, and none for Tuesday evening, which means the hall will be packed for both these performances. It would be really appreciated if rows could be filled up so that later arrivals can find seats towards the end of the rows rather than in the middle! The PTA have kindly offered to serve refreshments at the performances, and there will be a retiring collection for Children in Need (the school council's chosen charity).

SWIMMING FOR Y4 & Y6 AND SCHOOL MEALS

Letters are being sent home this week – please reply by Wednesday next week. Y6 will need to bring old pyjamas for personal survival lessons after Christmas.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARDS

Thank you to the two parents who have returned the shields won by their children last July – we need to award them again next week, so please return the rest!

POPPY APPEAL and CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you very much for helping us to raise £57.35 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal last month. The children who wanted to raise money on Children in Need day raised £100 which is fantastic. Thanks to those parents who supported their children with this.

E-SAFETY

The school staff have recently updated our e-safety policy which is about children staying safe whilst using communications technology (including mobile phones) and the internet in particular. Children need a certain level of maturity before using these technologies – especially if they're doing so alone but we are aware that we need to teach children even more about responsible and safe practices. It is a serious issue of safeguarding children. The website thinkuknow.co.uk is very useful for parents to know more about the issues.

CHIME NEWS 1

The children who ran their own stalls for CHIME raised approximately £100. The stalls were their own idea and they ran them very responsibly. CHIME are extremely grateful and we at school are proud of the children for wanting to contribute in this way. Again, thanks go to the parents for supporting their children with their great ideas.

CHIME NEWS 2

Richard Ward (Callum & Iona's Dad) is planning to participate in the "Chilly MTB Duathlon" on February 6th as a post Christmas antidote and also to raise some money for Chime. Kevin Purdy is also planning to take part if he can get some tyres...! If anybody else would like to join in the fun and raise some money for Clinton's music charity then contact Richard for details. It's a short 2 mile run / 10 mile cycle / 2 mile run – all off road at Moreton Morrell in rural Warwickshire.

CHIME NEWS 3 – QUIZ

It's time to rack your brains again! Copies of this year's quiz sheet are just £1 and will be on sale at the Christmas productions or from the office. I'm told there might be some easier questions this year! Please buy one for yourselves and maybe another one or two for friends and relatives in need of a challenge. Bottles of wine are on offer to the winners. The closing date is Friday 15th January.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Bazaar – it was a great event. The atmosphere was fantastic and I'm sure everyone really enjoyed themselves. The final figure is still being worked out, but it looks likely to be over £1000.

There's still a chance to visit Santa's Secret Present Club! There will be one more opportunity for children to buy gifts from the PTA present club (new items at tiny prizes) and have them gift wrapped for friends and family. The club will be open for business in the hall tomorrow (Friday) after school, so come along for some last-minute shopping!

The Last Minute! – band night is on Friday 18th December. Tickets £5, available from the PTA, band members, or by emailing info@thelastminuteband.co.uk. All profits from the bar will go towards the PTA.

Yours sincerely

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