

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

THANK YOU

I am the luckiest Headteacher in the world. The staff, as you are well aware, are dedicated and positive and a pleasure to work with. Parents and relatives are so supportive and appreciative. It's no wonder that children come into school so enthusiastic and enjoy their learning. The Christmas service at church today was entitled 'Who makes Christmas special' and this is my final chance in 2009 to say **thanks to all of you who make Clinton special.**

ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow 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 has to be one of the best ways to get into the Christmas spirit. Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to walk down to the church – we couldn't do it without you.

PARENT GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS

Richard Ward, Chair of Governors, has asked me to let you know that following the recent ballot, Orla Whelan-Davis and Melanie Griffiths have been elected as Parent Governors. Many thanks to all candidates for offering their expertise to the Governing body and to parents for their votes.

As Headteacher, I am keen to **enable** members of the community who wish to make a contribution to do so and there will be more opportunities in the new year.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

The two productions went superbly well this year and the children did fantastically well. We are proud of them (and staff!) for all the work they put into them. The quality of the performances was, of course, matched by the quality of the audiences which did their bit to set the right atmosphere in which the children could do their best. Generous donations following each amounted to roughly £300 which will go to Children in Need, the children's chosen charity for the year.

SWIMMING FOR Y4 & Y6 AND SCHOOL MEALS

Letters were sent home last week – please send replies in tomorrow if you haven't done so already. Y6 will need to bring old pyjamas for personal survival lessons after Christmas.

SCHOOL MEALS REFUNDS

Refunds are now available for children who have missed meals because of absence this term. Amounts of less than £5 will be sent home with children; please collect larger amounts from the office (any amounts not collected by the end of January will be donated to School Fund)

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Please park safely and considerately around the school. We want to keep our children safe and we don't want to cause a nuisance to our neighbours. Safety is particularly important given the current wet weather and the low light levels at both ends of the school day. Recent traffic has led to anxiety amongst parents. Please note that there will be **no crossing patrol** tomorrow.

BIKES ON THE PLAYGROUND

Parents have reported seeing children on bikes or scooters in the playground and are concerned about children's safety. We don't allow children to ride bikes or scooters on the playground for this reason.

CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISING

Ella, from year 5, is running a tombola event in school tomorrow to raise money for the Wish Foundation which is a very worthy cause. The star prize is a pair of tickets to see Coventry City play Barnsley and it will cost 50p for 4 goes, 25p for one. Well done Ella for doing your bit! Children are invited to bring in no more than £1.

IMAGINEERING

Please note that the first session of Imagineering will be on Tuesday 19th January. We will let you know the other dates after Christmas.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise £95.97 by using the candle collecting boxes, and thank you to Mrs Jan Cherry for organising this collection once again.

COVENTRY CITY FOOTBALL COURSES

Sky Blues in the Community are running courses locally on 21st – 23rd December. Leaflets available outside the office, or phone Shaun Pierce on 07766 365675.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM CHIME

CHIME would like to thank everyone who has been involved in our events this term, particularly the Y6 children who ran stalls at the Christmas fair, which raised £95 and were great fun: A special thanks to the Page family who ran the very successful and dynamic Mega Toys stall. Our two film shows were very popular, raising £208 in total. So thank you, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and musical New Year.

CHIME QUIZ

Tomorrow is the last chance to buy your quiz sheet for just £1 – available from the office. Bottles of wine are on offer to the winners. The closing date is Friday 15th January.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA in any way during this past year. We've had lots of fun and raised a lot of money which helps enhance the children's experience of school in all sorts of ways. Please see the separate newsletter being sent home today.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Finally, we all at Clinton wish you a happy Christmas and very much look forward to seeing you in the new year (Tuesday 5th January).

Yours sincerely

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**