

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we have our Red Ridge assembly and on Friday 13th November we have a "Mad Science" assembly. Come and join us if you can!

PARENTS' EVENINGS

These will take place on Tuesday and Thursday next week. If you haven't yet sent back your slip requesting an appointment, please send it in tomorrow. Most appointments have now been allocated and class teachers will be sending details home. It is advantageous for children in KS2 to attend their meeting as we are very keen for them to be fully aware of the progress they are making and for them to share their views on what would help them to learn better.

GOLDEN LEARNING

See overleaf for photos of our recent Friday afternoon activities. We are incredibly grateful to those who volunteered their time to give children such fantastic and 'different' experiences. We will look at running golden learning time again in the Spring term. I had an interesting conversation with Y5 who said things like:

"It brightens up your Friday afternoon!"

"You learn just as much as in literacy and numeracy and it is always new and fun!"

"They are skills you might use later in life!"

All the children, without exception, want us to run it again and several said they wanted to take up a new hobby because of it.

CHESS CLUB - LOCATION CHANGE TOMORROW

As the PTA will be setting up for the disco tomorrow, KS1 chess club will be in the music room and KS2 will be in Y5. Both groups will move to the Y1 classroom at the end of their session, so please collect them from there. Thank you.

PHOTOGRAPHS ON MONDAY MORNING

Individual and family photographs will be taken on Monday 9th November. Families wishing to include pre-school children in the photograph should come to school between 8.30 and 9.00. **Children with siblings in school will be taken as a family group. If individual photos are also required, or if you do not wish your child to be photographed at all, please let the office know in writing by 9.00 am tomorrow. Thank you.**

MEETING ON PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 19th November at 7.00pm - letters are being sent home.

SAVING OUR SCHOOL FIELD

Please note that the school field is now out of bounds as the recent rain has made it very muddy. As children are not allowed on the field during the school day, we would appreciate your co-operation in making sure that your children do not go on the grass either before or after school. Thank you.

CELEBRATING STRENGTHS

Next week children will be considering what their strengths are. Last year we spent a week focussing on people's strengths and established two areas of ability for every child. Some of these were linked with academic subjects whilst others were perhaps personal attributes

such as an ability to empathise or a confidence to speak in front of others. Parents will have a chance to share their views in parents' evenings next week and it would be good to talk about it with children at home too. We all need to be aware that positive labelling isn't good for self esteem in the long run as children can feel crushed if they can't always live up to these labels. This might affect the language we use in discussing these strengths with children.

IMAGINEERING

Please remember that, as already notified, there will be no Imagineering Club on Tuesday 10th November because of Parents' Evening. There will now be a meeting of the club on 1st December.

SALE AFTER SCHOOL TODAY

As notified earlier in the week, there will be a sale of Tearfund items in the hall after school today. These are handcrafted goods, manufactured in various parts of the world, which are sold at a fair price. Please support the sale if you can. Thank you.

CANOPY 2

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for agreeing to give £11500 towards a canopy you will have noticed appearing outside Year 2. The children will now be taking part in a debate over how we use this space to maximise learning. We aim for it to be used a great deal by all classes in the school and so need to consider how to make it as versatile as possible.

PTA NEWS

Tomorrow is disco night!

6.00 - 7.00 pm is the KS1 disco

7.15 - 8.30 pm is the KS2 disco

Entrance fee is just £1 plus a bar/box of chocolate - these will be used for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair. The entrance fee includes free squash; other refreshments will be available for children to buy, and there will also be lucky dips / wheel of fortune / nails and tattoos! Please note that ALL children must be met afterwards and taken home by a parent or carer.

Friday 20th November is Wear What you Like day - wear your favourite clothes in return for donating a jam jar filled with goodies, for our "jam jar tombola" at the switching on of the Kenilworth Christmas lights later that day. Suggestions include anything a child might like to win - sweets, small toys, crayons, for example (please note that any edible items must be wrapped, for hygiene reasons).

Monday 23rd November - PTA meeting at 7.30 pm

4th December - Christmas fair from 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Yellow Moon - orders are available for collection today.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER**