

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

CHRISTMAS FAIR (My bit about it!)

This was a fantastic event and was really well supported. The German market aspect was an excellent new addition and the atmosphere as a whole was really special. Thank you Kelly, the rest of the PTA and those who gave even a short amount of time. Considering how hard it is to find people with the capacity in their lives to help set up, run stalls and clear away, it really was a tremendous effort which was well worth it for the children and many parents, who commented on how much they enjoyed it. Hopefully we will be able to continue to run events like this in the future, as I know some schools have struggled to get the help needed and haven't had Christmas fairs in the same way.

ASSEMBLIES

Please remember there's no assembly tomorrow, as we have the first of our KS1 productions, but you're welcome to join us for our final assembly of the term on 16th December, when I'll be giving out Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour awards.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

The KS1 Christmas play has gone very well so far. On Wednesday they performed to KS2 and women from the 'Ladies' Circle' and, despite that being a dress rehearsal, they performed really excellently – with plenty of energy and enthusiasm. The staff have put a great deal of effort into it and the costumes, props, scenery are superb. If you're coming to see it tomorrow, you're in for a treat!

The PTA will be selling refreshments, and we'll be making a collection in support of "Send my Sister to School", the School Council's chosen charity, so please come prepared if you possibly can! Please return any unwanted tickets to the office. Thank you.

CAROL SERVICE

This takes place at 1.45pm on Thursday 15th December, at St John's Church. All parents and friends will be very welcome. So far we've had just three volunteers to walk with the children, and one to drive Reception class children. Please could you help us out? It's really good to be able to hold this service in St John's Church, which is always beautifully decorated for Christmas, but we can only get there because you come too! Please let the office staff know if you can accompany the children. Thank you.

CLINTON CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Our special post box is next to the Christmas tree by the office, so children are welcome to post cards to anyone within school (please write names and classes clearly, so we can make sure everyone gets the cards they should!).

CHIME QUIZ AND THE BAZAAR

We'd like to give a big thank you to Y6 who raised £112 for CHIME at the Christmas Bazaar. The CHIME Christmas Quiz for adults (£1) and a new quiz for children (50p) will be on sale at the Christmas productions over the next week. There are prizes for the top three returned quizzes for both. Christmas wouldn't be the same without the CHIME quiz, so don't miss out!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Don't forget this special event on Wednesday!

MUSIC BILLS FOR THIS TERM

These were sent home last week. Thank you to everyone who has paid, and please do so soon if you haven't!

MINCE PIES FOR OUR VOLUNTEER HELPERS

Don't forget that our volunteer helpers are invited to join us in the Community Room for coffee and mince pies on Thursday 15th December between 11.00 and 12.00. Wendy Mitchell's mince pies are something to be tried and we really want to be able to say thank you in this small way. If you can't come we'll toast you all the same!

SCHOOL MEALS NEXT TERM

Letters will be coming home this week so you can book meals from January to half term. We're sending them with children who currently have meals, but if anyone else would like a letter, you can obtain one from the office or from the school website.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SHIELDS

If your child won one of these last July, please could you return it to school urgently, so we can give it to the next recipient? We've only had one back so far! Thank you.

MISSING GLASSES

One of our Y6 children has lost her glasses, which were in a case. She (and her parents) would be delighted if anyone could track them down.

TWO CASTLES RUN

Mr Viner and I, as well as many other members of staff (hopefully someone from each year-group) are planning to run the Two Castles Run next year and we have to sign up early in January. We won't sign up as a team but as individuals who will start the run together. This makes it easier and coming first, as a team, in this instance isn't the priority – for some of us just finishing without too much pain is the target! Anyone who would like to 'raise their game for 2012' and wants to join us would be very welcome. The more people to take it in turns to carry me the better! It would be great to get a good Clinton crowd!

CAROLS AT KENILWORTH CASTLE - SATURDAY 17TH

Kenilworth Lions are running their annual Carols at the Castle on 17th December – gates open at 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start. Entrance £5 for adults, children free. Some of our children will be playing the steel pans.

PTA NEWS

The Christmas Fair (PTA's bit!) Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Fair such a success. It was a great occasion and, although we won't be able to confirm the total raised until some time next week, it looks as though it will have been a great financial success as well as being a really memorable event for the children (and adults!).

Tomorrow is the KS2 cake sale in the hall after school. Please bring your cakes into school tomorrow morning – bought or home-made will be equally acceptable!

Yours sincerely

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