

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents**

## **ASSEMBLIES**

Tomorrow we have a Y1 assembly and on 6<sup>th</sup> February there will be a KS2 Celebration assembly. All parents and friends are very welcome to join us.

## **CHINA INFORMATION EVENING**

It was really interesting to listen to parents' views on education in China and their reflections on education at Clinton. We talked a lot about Chinese children's very positive attitudes and dispositions to learning and school and reflected upon how we could affect those in our own children whilst at Clinton or beyond into secondary school. We felt that the Chinese culture lends itself to children being passionate about education. I think that through school engaging with parents in this type of discussion more often we can build our own cohesive culture to develop Clinton children as 'global citizens'.

## **KUNG HEI FAT CHOY! ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL...**

The Year of the Ox has begun! You should have received a letter earlier this week outlining our plans for children in Years R, 1, 2 and 3 to engage in Chinese activities tomorrow. All our children are encouraged to take part in the lantern competition and to bring their lanterns into school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, which will also be a non-uniform day (wear red and please bring in 50p contribution to the Red Cross China earthquake appeal). Also, please look overleaf to see Reception Class children taking Chinese culture very seriously!

## **.... AND IN COVENTRY**

The whole-school trip to see the Chinese New Year celebrations is on Tuesday! Thanks to the many parents who have volunteered, we are able to go ahead with this fantastic plan! Children are bringing home letters today.

## **RED RIDGE VISIT**

Just a reminder that deposits are due by 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Thank you to everyone who has already responded. If your child does not wish to take part, please let us know.

## **CROSSING PATROL**

It is possible that there will be no crossing patrol on the morning of Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February (we are trying to arrange cover).

## **LOVELY LUNCHES**

Thanks to everyone who told us about their favourite and least favourite school dinners - the results of the survey are on our website or are available from the office. Pupils preferences together with the Lovely Lunch Group's 'vision for school meals at Clinton' will form the basis for discussion about menus for when our new kitchen is complete.

## **THE TIMES AND SUNDAY TIMES - BOOK TOKENS**

We now have a collecting box in the reception area. Please bring in your tokens!

## **HANDBELLS**

There will be no handbells after school tomorrow.

## **MISSING PE KIT**

One of our Y5 children is unable to find his PE kit. His whole PE bag, which is named, is missing. Please could you check that your child has not brought it home by mistake? Thank you.

## **HAVE YOU LOST A SCOOTER?**

A scooter has been left in our cycle shed - it's red, with pink stickers. Please reclaim if it belongs to your child!

## **ENERGY EFFICIENCY EVENING - HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR ENERGY BILLS**

This takes place this evening from 7.00 to 9.30 at the Upper School Hall at Kenilworth School. Various presentations plus refreshments courtesy of Waitrose!

## **CHIME CHRISTMAS QUIZ**

Stewart Worthington has asked me to pass on the following message: "Thank you to all of you who bought this in order to sustain funds to enhance the musical education of your children. I hope that you also thoroughly enjoyed it! It certainly seems so, given the high-scoring responses (despite the mistakes I made!). The winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> Christopher Benson

2<sup>nd</sup> John Bales

3<sup>rd</sup> Sylvia Rooke

Answers will be posted on the school noticeboard tomorrow.

## **CHIME ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Please note that this will be at 7 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February in the staffroom. CHIME will need to elect a new Treasurer at this meeting. Mel Elkington has performed this role magnificently for many years and CHIME is truly grateful for her support. CHIME also desperately needs new committee members if the charity is to continue.

## **PTA NEWS**

**INVITATION BOOKS** These are still on sale in the KS1 playground after school each day. There are masses of fantastic offers - have fun and save far more than the £19.99 cost of the book!

## **CAKE SALE AND SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE**

This will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Please put the date in your diaries and get ready to bake (or buy!) those fantastic cakes for us to sell!

Yours sincerely

**MR SAM PATER**  
**ACTING HEADTEACHER**