

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL!

Well done to all those children who trekked through the snow to be here today – and to their parents who trekked with them! The children have had a fantastic time this morning building snowmen; the school field now has a whole new population! You can see some of our creations overleaf. We've been delighted to welcome BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio and also BBC Midlands Today, who have been really keen to feature the few schools which have been open today. I promised the glum looking children who had hoped for a day off school in the snow that we would have a fun day and might even get on the telly if we could build enough snowmen to impress. Look out for Clinton on Midlands today at 6.30pm! It has been great to see children's (and teachers') team work and sharing of these fantastic snow projects and, as with our trip to Coventry this week enhances the feeling of togetherness at Clinton.

ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we have a KS2 Celebration assembly and on Friday 13th we have a Y3 assembly, following which I will be giving out Headteacher's Record of Achievement awards. Do join us if you can.

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to all the parents who kindly volunteered to help with the trip, we were able to take the whole school into Coventry on Tuesday for the event organised by the University (those parents should all have received a separate "thank you" note – if not, please ask your child where it is!). The sun shone, and the children (and adults!) had a great time watching the lion dance and creating various pieces of Chinese artwork to take home. Their behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to the school and to their parents.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

These take place on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February. Letters were sent home earlier this week. As these dates are during the first week back after half term, please make sure we have your replies by **Monday 9th February** so that we can get your appointment slips to you before half term.

SWIMMING FOR Y3 & Y5 AND SCHOOL MEALS

Letters are being sent home this week about swimming lessons after half term and ordering school meals for the second half of this term. Please let us have your replies as soon as possible, and no later than Thursday 12th February. We will not be able to order meals for children who do not bring in their replies by this date.

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.

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

HANDBELLS

Handbells will be on as normal after school tomorrow.

CHIME ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that this will be at 7pm on Wednesday, 11th February in the staff-room. After being our Treasurer for many years Mel Elkington has decided to step down. She has performed magnificently in this role and we are truly grateful for her support! Along with appointing a new Treasurer the Committee would benefit from some other new members and we urge any parents willing to commit just a small amount of their time to come along and join us to continue the work we do promoting music and music education at Clinton.

TALK HOMEWORK

I'm sure you will already know that reading has a positive impact on children's writing but it is also true of 'quality' talk. Confident and articulate talkers become good writers. For this reason your child will be coming home with 'talk' homework from time to time. The topic of talk will be related to the writing task at the end of the week and the teacher may also have given some guidelines on how to improve 'talk'. This homework will have a big impact on our target of improving children's writing across the school.

RECEPTION CLASS HOMEWORK

Please note also that, as from tomorrow, YR children will be given maths homework on a Friday, to be handed in the following Friday. This will take the form of games and fun activities, so we hope parents and children all enjoy it!

WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY

This takes place on Monday 9th February – please wear something red and bring a 50p donation for the Red Cross China earthquake appeal. Thank you.

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 13th February. Please put the date in your diaries and get ready to bake (or buy!) those fantastic cakes for us to sell!

Yours sincerely

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