

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Dear Parents

Welcome back, and happy new year! It's great to see the children have returned to school full of beans and ready to work hard to learn new things.

### SNOW

Snow is getting a pretty bad rep this year but we had a great day yesterday building magnificent dancing snowmen together. About 20 parents were also able to join the fun and, after a real team effort, at least 60 snow men and ladies appeared on the field. You can see the results overleaf. Because of the flexibility of our TAs, filling in the gaps left by teachers stranded at home, we were able to open and, with the help of parent volunteers, even supply hot chocolate to the frozen masses returning from their building in the snow.

### ASSEMBLIES

Friday assembly dates arranged so far include  
15<sup>th</sup> January – Celebration assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> February – Celebration  
12<sup>th</sup> February – Head's Record of Achievement awards  
We will let you know other dates as they are arranged. Please come and join us any Friday morning at 9.00.

### DIARY DATES AND PARENTS' EVENING

A list of diary dates is being sent home on a separate sheet. Most of these have already been notified earlier in the year, but there are some new ones, which are clearly marked. **Please note in particular the dates for parents' evenings on 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February.**

### TERM DATES AND TRAINING DAY

Term dates for 2010 – 2011 are now available on the school website. Please remember that our final training day for this academic year is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### DATA SHEETS AND PRIVACY NOTICE

Each child will be bringing a data sheet home today. I would be grateful if you could check the information, make any necessary changes and return the sheet to school as soon as possible – if you could check this evening and send it back tomorrow, that would be ideal! If all the information is still correct, please just sign and return the form. We rely on this information if we need to contact you in an emergency, so please return it promptly. Thank you. You can also read a privacy notice on the school website which explains how we use personal data. This will apply for the remainder of your child's time at school unless any changes are made. Please ask the office if you need a printed copy.

### SWIMMING FOR Y4 & Y6

Swimming lessons begin next week (Tuesday for Y4 and Wednesday for Y6). Please remember that Y6 children will need a long-sleeved top and trousers to each lesson (pyjamas are ideal) for personal survival training.

### SCHOOL MEALS REFUNDS

Please remember that if you are due a refund of more than £5 for meals missed last term, this is available from the office if you have not already collected it (any amounts not collected by the end of January will be donated to School Fund)

### IMAGINEERING

The next session will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### CHIME QUIZ

Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz before Christmas. The closing date is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January – copies available from the office.

### BOSNIA DAY

Mrs Moseley, last term, visited Bosnia as part of a volunteer group and visited a Primary School there called 'Brcanska Malta' which is in Tuzla. The school has about 650 students and has quite a lot of experience of linking with other countries. We have now established a link with them so that we can begin to explore a new culture together. Mrs Moseley is in regular contact with people from Bosnian communities living in England who are very excited about helping us bring the link to life. Four of those people are going to help us to run a 'Bosnia Day' on Tuesday next week. This will be a day where children are involved in traditional arts and crafts as well as in activities which focus on the environment in Bosnia.

### CHIME AGM

This will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January.

### THANK YOU

Mrs Crawley, who operates our crossing patrol, would like to say thank you very much for all your cards, gifts and good wishes - she is very grateful!

### AUTISM – PARENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Informal drop-in sessions are being held at Orchard House on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> February and 11<sup>th</sup> March, from 1 – 3 pm. Details from 881640 or 0121 450 7574.

### LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box has overflowed! We have recycled over 20 un-named sweatshirts and cardigans, some to the PTA second hand uniform supply. We still have an assortment of hats, gloves, lunchboxes and other items. These will be on display in the hall at the end of school tomorrow, so please come and have a look to see if any are yours. We will then dispose of unclaimed items next week. PLEASE make sure that your child's clothes (particularly sweatshirts and cardigans) are named.

### PTA NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and have enjoyed the recent snow too! Just a reminder that the next PTA meeting is on **Thursday January 21st in the School Hall**. This is primarily to discuss new event ideas for 2010 - so please please get your thinking caps on and come along and share them with us. We look forward to welcoming new faces too, so don't feel shy about coming to your first meeting.

Yours sincerely

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**HEADTEACHER**