

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

SNOW

Snow 0 Clinton 6. Thanks again to flexible staff and the hard work of Mr Hayward braving the elements to clear pathways first thing in the morning, we've managed to stay open and have surely seen the snow off (all 6 days of it!)

It has been a tough job to make it to school for many parents but The 'Intrepid Explorer's Award' must go to Mrs Betz, who has managed to get her 3 children to school, trudging for an hour each way – a total of 4 hours of walking each day.

ASSEMBLIES

Tomorrow we have our first Celebration assembly of the new year – please come along and join us if you can.

DATA SHEETS

Thank you to everyone who has checked and returned data sheets – we've had almost all returned in under a week! Please send yours back in if you haven't already.

SWIMMING LESSONS / FREE SWIMMING

We hope that swimming lessons will be able to go ahead as planned next week. We have not been charged for this week's missed lessons so your next swimming bill will be reduced accordingly. We have also been informed that Warwick District Council are offering free swimming to all under 16 year olds: details from www.warwick.gov.uk or from the swimming pools. You need to take the completed form, £2 for the card, proof of age (birth certificate or passport) and the children (to be photographed) to one of the pools at these times:

- Thursday 14th Jan - 4pm – 6pm
- Saturday 16th Jan - 9am – 4pm
- Sunday 17th Jan - 9am – 4pm

SCHOOL MEALS REFUNDS

There are still some refunds available for collection from the office (any amounts not collected by the end of January will be donated to School Fund)

IMAGINEERING

Imagineering starts again next Tuesday.

MAD SCIENCE

The final session takes place next Wednesday. The organisers have agreed to run 3 further courses and we should have more information soon. We also hope to be able to offer some places to children who didn't apply for a place because their original dates offered weren't convenient for them. Mad Science have been given details of all the children who did express an interest.

PARENTS' FORUM

The rescheduled time for the first Parents' Forum, which many were unable to attend last time, is Thursday 4th February at 7pm.

CHIME QUIZ

Tomorrow is the closing date – we haven't had many entries, so please send yours in even if you couldn't answer every question! Thanks for supporting CHIME.

CHIME AGM

This will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 28th January.

BOSNIA DAY

Bosnia day was a great success thanks to Mrs Moseley's hard work and fine tuned organisation. We were joined by Senadin and Hazim who helped add the 'real life' factor to the day, teaching the children some Bosnian and talking with them about their experiences of life in Bosnia. Maggie, a school links expert with strong ties to the Bosnian school, enabled the children to learn more about our new link school. Activities designed to immerse children in Bosnian culture included wood painting, Bosnian dancing, cooking of their National dish and much more. Please ask your children about the day and you will find they are very enthusiastic about what they have learnt. Cultural aspects of learning such as these have become part of the culture at Clinton and we will be keeping our links with Bosnia and China alive to enable children to learn from others all around the world. (See photos overleaf)

SATS TESTS

Year 6 will take their mock SATs tests from Monday 1st to Friday 5th February. The actual tests take place during the week beginning 10th May. Please note also that Y2 will undertake their SATs assessments during the first half of the summer term.

ROAD SAFETY AND PARKING

Please remember that there should be no parking or even stopping briefly on the yellow zig-zag markings outside school. You are also asked not to park on or close to the corners. Mrs Crawley, who operates our crossing patrol, is waiting for some more traffic cones to be delivered, but in the meantime, please continue to use your judgment and avoid parking in a way that reduces visibility. Thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families claiming certain benefits, including income support or income-based job seekers' allowance, are entitled to receive free school meals for their children. If you think you may be entitled, I strongly encourage you to apply. If you are eligible, you do not have to order meals for your child if you prefer them to have a packed lunch, but eligibility for free meals also entitles you to apply for a grant for a free laptop and free broadband at home (children in Y3 and above). Other new benefits include, very soon, significant funding for clubs children may wish to attend (of their choice) at school or elsewhere (for example tennis clubs, martial arts, dance clubs, theatre groups etc). The school also benefits as we receive some additional income based on the number of children eligible for free meals. Further information is available from www.warwickshire.gov.uk, or please ask the office for details.

PTA NEWS

The next PTA meeting is **Thursday January 21st in the School Hall**. This is primarily to discuss new event ideas for 2010 – please come along!

Yours sincerely

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HEADTEACHER