

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM – ALL WELCOME!

It's our Red Ridge assembly tomorrow – do come and find out what Year 5 did on their trip. On Friday 14th we have a Celebration assembly.

REMINDER: TRAINING DAY FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Another mention in case you missed this last week.

HALF-TERMLY CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Look out for these if you haven't already received them. There's plenty to get excited about this half term!

CHIME CAKE AND BOOK SALE AND PTA NEARLY-NEW UNIFORM SALE – TOMORROW!

Please remember that this event takes place in the hall after school tomorrow. We'd be really grateful for your help in these ways:

- KS2 parents – please could you provide some cake? Donations welcome any time tomorrow.
- All parents – do you have some good quality books your children no longer read? We'll take them off your hands!
- All parents again – please come along, buy some cake and some books, and browse the nearly-new uniform.

You will also the chance to **join as a CHIME member** at the event and help us raise the funds to enrich our children's lives! Our next musical treat for them will be a whole-school performance by a guitar duo later this month.

CHIME MEETING - TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

There will be a meeting at school at 7.30pm. We're delighted that some more parents have joined the committee, and we'd be very happy to have more!

KS2 PLAYGROUND

We are very conscious that the KS2 playground is a duller place to be without the apparatus and are extremely impatient to upgrade it as we have in KS1. We have resubmitted our bid for funding to put in an astro surface having received feedback from Sport England, but they don't often fund schools so it's ambitious. Because we have reserved money for that, it's hard to act on new playground equipment beforehand – particularly as the location is key too – and this will depend on the astro. We have an idea up our sleeves which we'll let you know about in due course – because again it may rely on a successful bid for funding (which again, takes time!). In the meantime, we'll be purchasing some interesting equipment for children to play with; allowing children supervised access to the Creative Arts Zone to work together to put on plays / build with Lego / practise instruments / form bands!; running clubs and continuing to enable children to run clubs for others etc. The PTA are putting all their efforts towards raising money to enhance the playground and, although it is likely to be the summer before anything really dramatic happens, it WILL be worth waiting for!

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

To join in the fun and raise money on Children in Need day, children can dress as a hero – and bring in £1.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Y6 children will be taking poppies round again tomorrow, and on Monday and Tuesday. If you'd like your child to have one, please send them in with a donation – we suggest a minimum of 20p. Thank you.

PARKING

Please park safely around the school and with consideration for our neighbours. Please don't park on the grass verges – many of our neighbours take pride in the area outside their house and put time and effort into looking after the verges as well as their gardens.

PTA NEWS

Tea Towels – information soon on how to place an order.

Puddings – will be arriving soon!

****IMPORTANT** - Christmas Cards** – details will be coming home by the end of this week and we desperately need your order forms and payment back in on **Monday 10th November** to allow us time to process the orders and send them off. We are really sorry for the tight turnaround time and appreciate all the effort from everyone involved in making this happen. You can still order direct from the company after this date although the school won't receive any money this way.

Bag2School – bags will be distributed shortly with a collection on 3rd December – details to follow shortly.

Plea – if anyone has any old (large!) plastic boxes complete with lids that they no longer require please can you let Mand know as we desperately need them to store the second hand uniform in.

Other dates for your diaries

Next PTA Meeting – Wednesday 12th November – 7.30pm in the staffroom – all welcome / details of events are displayed on the PTA Board

Wear what you like Day – Friday 28th November - in exchange for a jam jar filled with goodies (picture to follow shortly for reference purposes) for us to use on our tombola at the Kenilworth Christmas lights switch on. When children are choosing their outfits, please be aware that this is also the "Christmas Crafts Day" – glue, glitter and paint in use all day!

Christmas lights switch on – Friday 28 November - Each year we have a stall at the switch-on featuring Reindeer Dust, jam jar tombola and children's lucky dips. If you can help by giving us half an hour of your time on the stall please contact Mand. We really do need your support.

Christmas Fair – Friday 5th December – 6-8pm – details to follow. Again, we'll need help from parents so please contact Mand - just half an hour really will make all the difference! Do you have any spare **Christmas wrapping paper** you could donate?

To find out more about any of the events contact Mand on 07766 834274, wrighta5@sky.com or find on Facebook - Amanda Wright.

Yours sincerely

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