

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00

Dates for you to note:

Tomorrow – Celebration assembly – join us if you can!

5th December - includes colouring competition awards and pull-a-bottle prize draw.

12th December – no assembly as it's the KS1 play.

19th December – ROA and Good Neighbour awards.

MRS SARAH JONES

The plan is that Mrs Jones' last day in school before she starts her maternity leave will be Friday 5th December. We hope she'll be a visitor at the KS1 productions!

CHIME

Thank you to those of you who have paid your CHIME subscription recently. Year 3 children benefitted most this week, attempting to play the cornet for the first time in their 'Upbeat' sessions with Mrs Butler!

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS – URGENT!

Each family in YR to Y4 was sent a ticket request form last week. Please read it carefully and **please make sure we have your requests tomorrow**. There's also a copy of the form on the school website.

PLAYMOBIL PEOPLE

Our little people in reception would love to have some more little Playmobil people! (or indeed any other Playmobil items). Could you donate any which your children no longer use? We'd be very grateful!

SCHOOL MEALS AFTER CHRISTMAS

Children are being given letters today so that you can order school meals for January and February. Please read carefully – County Caterers are changing their menu in week 3 of next term, so **we're giving you the chance to opt for different arrangements in weeks 1&2 and then in weeks 3-6**. This flexibility obviously makes life more complicated for the office, so please help us by looking at the information carefully and getting your replies in by the deadline of Thursday 11th December. Letters will also be on the website – be careful - very different versions for KS1 and KS2!

CAROL SERVICE

This takes place at 1.45pm on Thursday 18th December, at St John's Church. All parents and friends will be very welcome. Could you walk with the children to the church? Most of the YR children will travel by minibus but we will also need two or three volunteers to take some children by car. Please let the office know.

SINGLE EQUALITIES POLICY

It's time for us to review this policy and we'd be grateful for your input – copy attached of the letter already sent.

MINCE PIES FOR OUR VOLUNTEER HELPERS

As usual, we're inviting everyone who's helped us out during the year to join us for tea/coffee and mince pies. This time we are trying **Friday 19th December from 2.30pm** as we're hoping more of our volunteers will be able to come just before 'pick-up'. If you're one of our helpers and haven't received your invitation card by the 19th, please let us know, or just come along.

RECEPTION CLASS OPEN AFTERNOON

If you have a child in YR, they should have given you an invitation to this event on Tuesday next week (2nd December), starting at 2.30. If you can't get here, you're welcome to send a grandparent or other family member so they can spend a little time with your child in class.

CHRISTINGLE CANDLES

A Christingle service will be held at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 7th December at 3.00 pm. Younger children will be bringing home "candle" collecting boxes this week, to raise funds for the Children's Society (we haven't got enough for everyone, though of course anyone is welcome to make a donation.) You can find out more at www.christingle.org.

PTA NEWS

Christmas cards and tea towels will be here soon!

Puddings are here! Triple Chocolate, Zingy Lemon, Sticky Toffee, Christmas Pudding (all standard size) and Brandy Butter all on offer on a strictly first come first served basis. 60 puddings available at £5.50 each and Brandy Butter £2.00 – orders to Mand, please!

Bag2School – bags will be collected from us on Wednesday 3rd December – please fill and bring them in from Monday 1st. Thank you.

Wear what you like Day is tomorrow! - we look forward to seeing your jam jar creations and hopefully lots of Clinton faces at night at the **Kenilworth Lights Switch On!** (We've been informed by WDC that our spot will be allocated on arrival – we'll let all helpers know asap.)

Christmas Fair - Friday 5th December 6-8pm - Admissions 50p Adults / children free - details attached again today - we really do need your help!

Please bring in donations from Monday - soft toys, books, toys, games and unwanted gifts to use on our tombola stalls. Please also donate a bottle if you can remembering to send in the "prize draw" slip too! Cakes and minces pies on Friday morning please.

Please come along if you can and join us for a really enjoyable evening. We have lots for everyone to enjoy - visiting Santa or the Fairy Snow Queen, trying your luck at one of our stalls, the grand raffle or simply indulging in the wonderful German Market, hot dog stall or relaxing with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie! We will also have some external stall holders selling goods and don't forget the Kids' Craft Stall to buy your Christmas Craft.

Christmas Colouring Competition Please make sure these are returned to school by Tuesday 2nd December ready for judging with a prize for each year to be handed out in Assembly on Friday 5th December.

To find out more about any of the events contact Mand on 07766 834274, wrighta5@sky.com or find me on Facebook - Amanda Wright. **Details also displayed on the PTA Board by the gate into the KS1 playground.**

Yours sincerely

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**

Clubs that children have attended just this term!

There was a great buzz around school on Tuesday after school with children enjoying all sorts of varied activities in clubs. It led me to consider all the clubs that are being put on for children, often by staff who are paid no extra. It's a great example of the 'extra' that our staff give to ensure our children have a great time at school. There will be clubs for younger children as their stamina levels increase throughout the year!

Just this term (sometimes specific to certain yeargroups), running out of curriculum time there has been:

Multiskills club

Change for Life club

Tennis club

Football club

Imagineering club

Craft club

Clubs years 5 and 6 have run for younger children during lunchtimes

Christmas drama club

After school drama club

Streetdance club

Year 4 Christmas drama club

Mandarin club

Recorder clubs

During the last year, added to this list would be ...

Fencing club

Badminton club

Archery club

Year 6 summer play drama club

Dodgeball club

Netball club (which will be starting again after Christmas)

Rounders club

Athletics club

Munch Bunch healthy eating club

Gardening club

The ones I can't recall!

Add to this the exciting curriculum planned and residentials and school trips children are offered and there are a broad range of activities they are enjoying! Quite remarkable for a relatively small school! Masses of organisation and time commitment I am really grateful to our staff for.