

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

As always, you're welcome to join us tomorrow morning at 9.00. Our latest theme is 'enthusiasm' and I'll be awarding gold stickers to the children whose enthusiasm has most impressed their teachers. Please check your emails in case there's a message for you!

DIARY DATES FOR DECEMBER

This is a reminder of some important happenings:

Wednesday 9th at 1.45 KS1 dress rehearsal
Thursday 10th at 1.45 KS1 production
Friday 11th at 9.30am KS1 production
Monday 14th at 1.45 Y3/Y4 dress rehearsal
Tuesday 15th 1.45 and 7.00 Y3/Y4 production
Wednesday 16th School Christmas lunch (see below).
Wednesday 16th at 2.00 Carol service at the Methodist Church on Priory Road (St John's Church, our usual venue, is unavailable because of building work). To make this busy day more manageable we've arranged to serve lunch a little earlier than usual and start the carol service a little later! Parents are very welcome to join us for the carols and we'll put out a 'please can you walk there with the children' appeal nearer the time.

PHENOMENAL LEAGUE TABLES RESULT

Whilst there are huge issues with primary schools being judged in league tables, not least because they only tell a fraction of a picture and cohorts vary so greatly, it's nice to see Clinton at number **138** out of well over 14,000 primary schools in a table of 2014's results, recently found by one of our governors. That puts us in the top 1% in the country for this particular data set. <http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/public/parentpower/> is the link if you want to take a look. It's a great pat on the back for our staff. This doesn't happen by accident!

'POSITIVE MINDSETS': THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

We sent out a letter earlier this week (by email in most cases) inviting you to a meeting on Thursday next week. It's on 'positive mindsets, resilience and personal development'. Please come, if at all possible, to hear how we and you can work together to improve children's wellbeing and increase their confidence and resilience. There's another copy of the letter attached.

HANDWRITING

Handwriting is now more important than it was in children achieving the 'National Standard' in year 6. In fact, without good handwriting, they can't achieve this standard at all. We are therefore raising its profile through our Raise Your Game events! Hopefully your children will be up for the 'handwriting' challenge of improving it this half term. Certainly, they could be working on their handwriting whilst doing their usual homework each week.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WED 16TH DEC

Letters were sent home earlier this week with **all children except** those who normally have school lunches on Wednesdays (whose Christmas meal will be ordered automatically). There's also a copy on our website. We need your replies by Tuesday next week (24th) to allow the kitchen to order food. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

Each family in YR to Y4 is being sent a ticket request form today. There's lots of information so please read it carefully and **return your requests as soon as possible and no later than Friday 27th November**.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY - YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

As you know, we're very concerned about children's safety on the roads around school at the start and end of the day, particularly now we're no longer entitled to have a crossing patrol person on duty. I have raised the matter with the local police, asking if they could increase their patrols in the area at these times. They have now added it to their 'request list' for Kenilworth but there's no guarantee that they will be able to prioritise it. This is where you can help! If you follow the link below, you'll see that by voting on this site, you can move this matter up the priority list for action - please vote by 6th December, before the next Kenilworth Forum meeting on Monday 7th December at 6.45pm, which is open to anyone who wants to attend. The link is:

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/14328/Kenilworth-Community-Forum-Policing-Priority-Vote>

PTA NEWS FROM AMANDA WRIGHT

DISCO - TONIGHT!

KS1 6.00 - 7.00 pm (Reception/Y1/Y2)

KS2 7.15 - 8.15 pm (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)

Entrance is £1.00 plus a donation of chocolates to be used on the Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Younger siblings may attend free of charge; we just need to note their name on arrival to comply with fire roll-call regulations. Please stay at the disco with your child(ren).

Wear what you like day - Friday 27th November - details attached today. Please bring your jam jars in as you arrive next Friday. Do remember, when choosing what to wear, that it's also Christmas crafts day - probably lots of paint, glue and glitter in use that day!

Christmas lights switch on - Friday 27th November Each year we have a stall selling our world famous Reindeer Dust as well as running the jam jar tombola and children's lucky dips. Please pop and see us.

Christmas Fair - Friday 4th December - 6-8pm - additional details attached today.

Christmas colouring competition - also being given out today! Please return them by Tuesday 1st December ready for judging. There'll be a prize for each year to be handed out in assembly on Friday 4th December.

HELP - As always we need your help to run the above events so please let me know if you can spare just half an hour, it really does make all the difference.

Please feel free to contact me on 07766 834274 or at amandawright1974@gmail.com for more information or to offer any help to the PTA.

Yours sincerely,

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