

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

You're welcome to join us tomorrow and on 16th December when I'll be giving out Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour awards. There will be no assembly on Friday next week as there's a KS1 production that morning.

MINCE PIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

We will be sending out invitations soon; if you don't receive one and you know that you're one of our valued helpers, please bring yourself along on Friday 16th December at 2.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

Tickets were sent home on Tuesday. There are no more seats for the KS1 Friday morning production – the hall will be extremely full. If for any reason you can't use your tickets, please return them to the office. As the hall will be so packed, we're sorry we won't be able to accommodate pushchairs in there. There are spare tickets for the KS1 Thursday afternoon production and for both Y3/Y4 performances, so please ask if you could use more. There will be collections at the end of each production for a charity which the School Council will announce soon.

Arriving The afternoon performances start at 1.45. We have to clear and sweep the hall after lunch, then put all the chairs in place. We won't be ready until 1.20 at the earliest and we're really sorry that we can't accommodate a queue inside if you arrive earlier – we have lots of children coming to the office at the start of the afternoon session, for various reasons, and we need to ensure the reception area is kept as clear as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Photography Parents are allowed to take photographs for their own personal use. Please do not put them on Facebook or other websites if they have other people's children on and you haven't gained permission from those parents. This would prohibit us from being able to allow photography in the future.

DVDs We would like to make a DVD of each production, which we would make available to parents for £5 per copy. This would be on the understanding that it would be purely for your personal use and that it would not be copied or reproduced in any other way. We will have lists available at each production and will ask parents to sign to give consent for their child(ren) to appear.

SCHOLASTIC HALF-PRICE BOOK FAIR

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

Thank you to those kind volunteers who've responded to yesterday's email! We could really use another couple of volunteers each day, particularly on the Tuesday. Please offer if you can!

CAROL SERVICE ON THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

We're really looking forward to what is always a very special event, particularly as we'll be able to enjoy seeing the newly-reopened St John's Church. Thank you to those who've volunteered to join us and help get the children there and back safely. We'd love to have more helpers! Please let the office know if you could join us.

SWIMMING LESSONS FROM JANUARY ONWARDS

Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 are being sent letters today about proposals to change the system from next term. It's really important we have your views on what we're proposing, as it's quite different, so please respond to the letter (we'll email as well as sending copies home with children). Thank you.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FROM JANUARY

Please look out for letters coming home next week.

CALENDAR COMPETITION

Calendars are now for sale at all events coming up – particularly at the Christmas Fair. They look very professional and we're hoping you'll like them. We're very interested in doing the same thing next year, and the advantage would be that we can get photos right across the seasons. Images of the frost would be great, for instance. So, if your child is inspired by seeing the calendar this year, perhaps you can spark their interest in doing some photography and get out there!

CLINTON TREE AT THE FESTIVAL!

Thanks to Y4 and Y5 children, and to Mrs Mills, we have an entry in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas' Church. You can visit tomorrow between 10.00 am and 8.00 pm (though you'll be here at the fair from 6.00!), on Saturday between 10.00 and 4.30, and after the morning service on Sunday. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Mills who've been along this morning to set up our tree!

NEWSPAPERS FOR USE IN ART LESSONS

Stocks are running low... we'd be glad of donations!

2017-18 TERM DATES ON SCHOOL WEBSITE

You'll find them at the foot of the 'school calendar' page.

PTA NEWS

Thank you for supporting the 'wear what you like' day last Friday and our stall at the Lights switch-on the same evening.

The Christmas Fair is tomorrow from 6.00 – 8.00pm! There's still time to bring in donations- tombola prizes, cuddly toys, bottles, cakes all gratefully accepted. We look forward to seeing you. We'll have all the usual favourites including Santa's grotto, the German market, cakes and mince pies, mulled wine and more. Thank you if you've offered to help; if you haven't, there's still time!

This is one of the main fundraisers of the year and the amount we raise together will make a real difference to every child in the school. We know you'll support us as you always do, so thank you!

As always, you can contact me (Sam Harris) at sch2k5@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

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