

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

## FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

As always, we'll be glad to see you!

## EXCITING TIMES!

You will have read the email yesterday about our great hope to upgrade the temporary classroom (after school club building) to enable it to be used for science, technology and maths during the day and then as a much more appealing space for Clinton Kids' Club and potentially holiday clubs. A big effort by parents will lead to greater chance of success with grant applications and a possibility that the Edwards Charity will support us with significant funds. They have previously given us in the region of £100,000 for other projects so it's really worth us proving to them that we're serious about our project. The letter sent yesterday is attached again here.

## CHILDREN IN NEED - THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting our 'wear what you like' day on Friday. You raised £193.85 for Children in Need.

## NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Our Chair of Governors, Andrew Williams, has asked me to pass on the following:

'We're delighted to confirm that **Natalie King** has joined the Board following her election as parent governor last week. Thank you to the more than one hundred and fifty parents who voted and to all three candidates for putting themselves forward for the position. Please look out for regular Governing Board updates in future school newsletters.'

## RECEPTION CLASS OPEN AFTERNOON

Reception children seemed to really enjoy proudly showing you around their classroom on Tuesday and we were really pleased that almost everyone could make it. There was a chance to find out how to help with phonics, which is a big deal in Reception, and the more frequently children practise, the sooner they'll get it and become competent readers. Little and often!

## YR - Y4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

Each family in YR - Y4 is being sent a ticket request form today. There's lots of information so please read it carefully and return to school no later than Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December (next week - yes it's nearly December!). Rehearsals are under way and we're enjoying hearing the singing in various parts of the school! Please note I can now confirm that the KS1 production (YR, Y1, Y2) on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December will start at 1.45pm.

## Y6 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS EVENT YESTERDAY

All Y6 children took part in this event at Kenilworth School. They represented Clinton really well; every single child in the class took part and did their very best in their event. Thank you to Mrs Wallace for preparing them beforehand and taking them to the event, and to Mrs Boneham too for accompanying them.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

These have been passed to classrooms this afternoon.

## ABSENCE

There is a lot of illness around at the moment where absence cannot be helped. Sometimes it's a difficult decision as to whether children are well enough to go to school and as parents we all appreciate that we need to care for our children but also to instil a 'can do' spirit to battle through! Poor attendance habits now lead to poor attendance at secondary school and then, later, at work. I would compare missing a day at school through illness (or another reason) to missing half an hour of a film. When children return to their English lesson, then their maths lesson etc. (despite teachers best efforts, bearing in mind they have 30 to teach and little time for 1:1) they have lost track of what's going on in the learning sequence, feel disorientated and demotivated, or worse, anxious about it. If we'd missed half an hour of a film, would we still understand what's going on or even bother to watch the rest - even if someone had told us what's been happening? Phases of learning in maths / English are often one or two weeks long, so missing a key aspect of that could lead to them feeling this way for up to two weeks. Worth considering when making that difficult decision!

## FRANCE, RED RIDGE AND CLINTON CAMP

If you have a child in Year 3, 4 or 5, please look out for a letter coming home very soon.

## SCHOLASTIC HALF-PRICE BOOK FAIR: 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 3.10 - 3.30

We're sending home leaflets with children today and there's a copy attached to this letter too. We'd love to have volunteers to help us run this... training will be given! (though it's not complicated). Could you help any day? It's a great source of half-price Christmas presents and all the children benefit because we can spend the commission on new books for school. There's the usual prize draw for all children who visit the fair, with a number of £5 book tokens on offer. We can only run it with your help, though, so the office staff would love to hear from you! We need help from 2.55 to 3.45pm.

## SCOUT CHRISTMAS POST SERVICE

As usual, 4th Kenilworth Scouts are running this service in Kenilworth and Leek Wootton. It's 25p per card; delivery from 20<sup>th</sup> December. Local collection points include GDT Autos, plus a stall in Talisman Square on Saturdays 2<sup>nd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December (9.00 to 4.00) and 16<sup>th</sup> December (9.00 - 2.30). There's a poster attached.

## CHIME NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz in any way - you raised a fantastic £516 to keep us musical!

## PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Please see lots of information on the next page!

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER**  
HEADTEACHER

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## PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Well it's almost the end of November and that can mean only one thing... planning for Christmas!

**Sunday 3rd December is the Kenilworth lights switch** on and our stall at this event is being co-ordinated by the wonderful Fiona Dove. Please get in touch with her if you are able to lend a hand. On **Friday 1st December there will be a non-uniform day** and children will be asked to bring in a jam jar of goodies in exchange for wearing their own clothes. Please remember, any edible goodies do need to be in original wrapping within the jam jar. Please note also the 1<sup>st</sup> December is 'Christmas crafts day' when children will be busy with glue, paint and glitter – please bear in mind when deciding what to wear.

**Friday 8th December will be the annual Christmas Fair from 6pm-8pm.** If you are able to help out with running a stall for the evening, please let me know and keep your eyes peeled for a list on Facebook and in next week's newsletter of what we will need. On the same day we will be having a Christmas jumper day, when the children will be asked to please provide us with an item for the Christmas fair in exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper, or other festive-themed top (feel free to improvise with tinsel for example!) in place of their school sweatshirt or cardigan. We would be most grateful, if the following years could bring the following items:

**Yrs R, 1 and 2** - chocolate for the chocolate tomobola

**Yrs 3 and 4** - an item for the adult tombola

**Yrs 5 and 6** - a bottle for the 'pull a bottle stall' - remember this can be something to drink or it can be sauce, shampoo, bubble bath or anything else that comes in a bottle.

Any other donations for the fair are of course, most welcome.

Finally, it has just not been possible to have a disco this term, but we have now managed to get in touch with our resident DJ and to help us see in the new year we will be having a 'back to school' disco on Friday 12th January, so put that date in your diaries too.

As always, any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on [sch2k5@gmail.com](mailto:sch2k5@gmail.com)

