

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

We'll be glad to see you tomorrow or on 22nd December – there's no assembly on 15th December.

EXCITING TIMES!

We are in the same position as last week with our aim to raise money from business to support our project. This means we have had 3 indications of companies supporting our bid, but we're desperately hoping for more. Please let us know if you're confident the business you work for might be able to pledge even a small amount. For further information, look here.

YR – Y4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

Tickets were sent home on Tuesday. The hall will be very full, so we're sorry we won't be able to accommodate pushchairs in there. If you do have little children with BIG voices, please feel free, if they are making a noise, to take them into the entrance hall. It would be a shame for children's lines to be drowned out when they've worked so hard. Please note that even very young children need to have their own seat allocated rather than sit on your lap. 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 You should have received an order form earlier this week.

MINCE PIES FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

For many years now, we've invited our regular volunteers to come along for coffee and mince pies towards the end of term. Each year fewer people are able to come and so many of our helpers are going unrewarded (though never unappreciated!). This year we'll be sending the mince pies home instead, so if you're one of our regular helpers (mostly people who we've asked to obtain a DBS check and read safeguarding documents), you will receive information soon.

CAROL SERVICE: THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

We're looking forward to our carol service at 1.45 on Thursday 21st, at Kenilworth Methodist Church on Priory Road. Reception children will travel by minibus or car and parents of these children have already received a letter outlining the plans. All other years will walk

there and back and we would love parent volunteers to help us get there safely. Children will set off soon after 1.00 pm. Please let the office know if you're able to help. Thank you.

PERSEVERANCE

I have observed children practising their perseverance strategies and seen that these are starting to help. There are some children who are very tenacious already but also several who ask for help from a friend or an adult almost immediately. Definitely a skill to reinforce at home! Hopefully you saw the information that came out earlier this week (paper copies plus email version).

PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

Please help us by making sure your account remains in credit at all times. We know parents appreciate being able to use this system but we spend literally hours chasing payments – more so than with our previous in-house system - which is tough for the office staff. Please do set up a 'low balance' alert on ParentPay ([here's how](#)) if you haven't done so already and please ensure before term ends that you have no outstanding payments. Thank you for your co-operation.

SWIMMING FOR Y3 AND Y5/Y6 IN JANUARY

We're on the look-out for volunteers to walk to and from the pool with these groups – could you help even if it's not every week? Please let the office know. Thank you.

DROPPING OFF AT BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB

Please make sure that you accompany your children into school and ensure that staff have registered their attendance before you leave. Thank you.

SCHOLASTIC HALF-PRICE BOOK FAIR:

Thank you for your support, and thank you especially to the parents who came along after school to run this. Total takings were £634.90 so we've been able to obtain £63 worth of books for school (that's £126 of course, if we were paying full price!).

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FROM JANUARY

Please look out for letters coming home next week.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

You helped us raise £196.01 for this very important cause. Thank you.

PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

It's **Christmas jumper / festive tops tomorrow**, with 'normal' uniform trousers or skirt, in return for a Christmas Fair item. **Come and join the fun at the Christmas Fair tomorrow from 6.00 – 8.00!**

Please see lots more information overleaf!

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**

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PTA NEWS FROM SAM HARRIS

Please remember that **tomorrow is Christmas jumper or other festive top day** (with their normal uniform trousers or skirt) in exchange for

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, including baked goods.

I would also really appreciate any help after drop off tomorrow morning preparing the tombola prizes and pull a bottle. We'd also be very glad of help with setting up and particularly clearing up afterwards - at that stage everyone just wants to get home, but the more help we have, the sooner we all get away.

The Christmas Fair is tomorrow from 6.00 – 8.00 pm!

The list of stalls is below. Please note we'll be serving Sabine's famous waffles as well as mince pies and cake, but there will not be other hot food.

German market

Toys Books and Games

Children's Crafts

Various market place stalls

Nails and Tattoos

Face Painting

Children's refreshments

Lucky dips

Adult refreshments (including mince pies and warm spiced winter punch)

Pull a bottle

Chocolate tombola

Adult tombola

The Present Tree

Santa's Grotto/Ice Queen Lair

Meet Cinderella and Buttons (photo opportunity)

As always, any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on sch2k5@gmail.com

