

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

### FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES AT 9.00 AM

There isn't one tomorrow, but we'll be glad to see you on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> for our Record of Achievement and Good Neighbour assembly (please return Good Neighbour shields if your child was given the award in the summer).

### PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair was excellent, as usual, and we were really glad it was so well supported. Sam Harris and a superb team of helpers should be commended for such a great event, complete with Cinderella, Buttons, Father Christmas and the Snow Queen. There was a great atmosphere.

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCIENCE HUB

By the time you read this you should have received a separate email about another way you could help us boost the fundraising.

### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

At the time of writing we're all looking forward to the KS1 production this afternoon. Rehearsals have been going well! Please remember the hall will be very full so we won't be able to accommodate pushchairs. 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.

**Refreshments and donations** The PTA will be providing refreshments before each production and there will be a charity collection at the end of each. Thank you for supporting both fundraising efforts!

**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** As you know from letters sent home recently, we plan to make DVDs which will be available to parents for £5 per copy. This would be on the understanding that these would be purely for your personal use and that it would not be copied or reproduced in any other way. Please let us have your orders by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Y3/Y4 TUESDAY EVENING PERFORMANCE

Please arrive between 6.35 and 6.45 to allow time for children to change into their costumes (please don't arrive earlier than 6.35). There will be refreshments available when you arrive.

### CAROL SERVICE - THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

We'd love to have some more volunteers to walk to the church and back with the children. At present we have a few but not enough! Thank you if you've volunteered already. Please let the office know if you could help - you'd need to be at school at 1.00 and we should be back by 3.15. We can't get there without your help.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

If you ordered a Christmas lunch for your child, please remember it's on Wednesday next week. This lunch is always a special occasion when staff and other adults act as waiting staff and deliver lunches to the children. We'd be very glad of any offers from parents who could come in and help us on the day - please let the office know if you could. If you've already volunteered, maybe via the PTA, thank you and please just come along!

### CLINTON STEEL PANS AT WAITROSE TOMORROW!

If you're in town tomorrow between 10.00 and 12.00, you'll be able to enjoy the sound and sight of our Y4 and Y6 steel pans players! They'll be busking to raise funds, which will be split between Clinton and 'Helping Hands', a local charity. They'd love to see you!

### 2018 -19 TERM DATES

These are now available on the school website (see 'information for parents' / school calendar).

### AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS FROM JANUARY

Letters are being sent home within the next few days about the following clubs:

**Mondays Handball for Y3 - Y6**

**Photography Y4 - Y6** (priority will be given to children who wanted to join this club earlier this term but were unable to have a place - but please do make sure you send in your reply).

**Tuesdays Playground games YR - Y2**

**Wednesdays Indoor hockey Y2 - Y4**

**Fridays Drama Y4 - Y6**

### BIRTHDAY BREAKS

The School Council, a few years ago, solved a problem we had with children regularly eating treats after school as a result of their classmates celebrating their birthdays by bringing something in for all the class. Parents found this difficult because they want to ensure their children are in the habit of eating healthily but when their children had been given sweets or cakes it seemed very harsh to take it off them. It was also unfair for children with allergies to miss out. The School Council came up with the idea of 'birthday break' as an alternative - that's an extra 10 minutes' playtime for the whole class, on or near the birthday. They collect a 'token' from the class teacher, take it home and colour it in if they wish, and bring it back to school. It's all part of trying to give them healthy habits.

### 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.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER