

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

CHRISTMAS CD

Next week, we start recording for the Christmas CD! The website we're using for backing tracks is www.musicaltoad.co.uk and it would be great if children practised at home! The better they know the words and the tune the better they'll sing! Children in Year 3 and above are all learning songs from that site and hopefully they know which ones to help you find them!

COVID

Please keep vigilant about sending children in with any kind of symptoms. Our wish (though it's impossible to guarantee of course) is that no member of staff or child is going to need to isolate over Christmas, and our best chance of that is that we're all cautious with symptoms – even if we're 99% sure it's a cold or something else. They can come back in when they're feeling fine! Also, my recommendation, for anyone needing a test is to use the Warwick University site which comes up under the 'walk in' centres. Very close and very quick results in my experience! There's easy parking right next to the entrance.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Thanks to generous support from you and other local parents, the appeal this year raised a record £2170.87 from local schools (over £16,000 in the town as a whole). Charities have been hard hit this year, so this record total is particularly appreciated by the Royal British Legion. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR WITH KENILWORTH BOOKS

You should have received Mrs McLester's email yesterday about our 'alternative book fair'. We're very pleased to be able to offer this selection of books in conjunction with our local independent book shop, Kenilworth Books. We hope you'll find books your children will enjoy, and you can buy in the knowledge you're supporting Clinton and one of our local businesses. Mrs McLester has done a lot of research, so the books come highly recommended and ideal for the suggested year groups!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR STAFF

This item is entirely in response to some questions from parents! We know that some of you very kindly bring gifts for staff members and that you wish to do so again this year. We have to bear in mind the need for quarantining, so what we're suggesting is that if your child wishes to bring anything in, there will be a place in each classroom where they can put this. If items could be brought in by Friday 11th, that will allow for them to be quarantined and then passed on to staff (including those who only work in the first half of the week). If classroom storage might not be appropriate (eg gift vouchers, alcohol), you are welcome to drop labelled items at the office. Thank you!

YEAR 6 CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Year 6 will be catching up on making Christmas crafts when they return! They will have their own 'Christmas jumper day' a week tomorrow too (Friday 11th). They're also invited to bring a jam jar for the tombola that day. Remember to pay via the TEEM Clinton Event Bundle – see below!

SINGING DAY – WARWICKSHIRE CHORISTERS

You should have received an email and information about the Singing Days being organised this weekend. These events are for boys, but a girls' choir is being set up too, so they aren't being left out! Lots of Clinton children have taken part in the past and it gives them the chance to reach an incredibly high level of singing and to produce a phenomenally professional sound.

WARWICKSHIRE MUSIC NEWSLETTER

We've been asked to share this with you. It includes some useful links as well as news of remote music tuition and the 'Young Musician of the Month' competition being run by WM.

TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM FIONA

Thank you to all of you who have filled in your Christmas bundle forms online; there's still time if you haven't, but you need to do this tomorrow at the latest so that we can prepare and organise the correct items to come home.

Please fill in one form per child and make sure you have filled in a payment reference for your BACS payment. Here is the link:

[TEEM Clinton Christmas Event Bundle](#)

Please remember that it's **Christmas Jumper wear what you like day tomorrow**. We are not encouraging cash due to Covid so payment for this is part of the bundle package.

Any of you who would like to bring in a jam jar, filled with items of your choice, to donate please do so tomorrow so they can quarantine before they are sent home on Friday 18th December with children whose parents have opted to have one as part of the bundle.

A Christmas CD/ Digital download will be available to pre-order from 10th December (information to follow).

As always thanks to the committee who are doing a great job organising these events and to you as parents for your support!

Many thanks from TEEM Clinton

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER