

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

So, we're nearly there. The children have been brilliant this term – adapting so well to how things have changed! Thank you for your positivity – I know it's not been easy at times, but we've felt your support albeit from a distance. All staff have been amazing, filling in gaps at the drop of a hat and enabling the show to go on and giving children a brilliant deal in the circumstances. Have a great, if different, Christmas break!

### READING / SPELLING

Children definitely need a break over Christmas, but there's still ground to make up for months of missed schooling. Keep them reading as much as you can and many will have been given spellings to be practising. For less formal educational benefit, the home learning badges are great for engaging them in something productive. These will be emailed to you within the next 24 hours. Some of them are ideal for the time of year! Camping, maybe not!

### STAY SAFE; THINK OF OTHERS

We all know there's a relaxation of rules over 5 days around Christmas BUT ALSO that the government are extremely worried about what that will lead to, knowing that cases will rise from high to even higher. We all need to look after each other by being super cautious, so staff and families don't come back after Christmas dreading becoming ill or their bubbles being closed on and on. Nobody wants to have any regrets, so let's play it safe! There'll be plenty to look forward to in 2021 when vaccinations are well under way. If we keep strong now, many will benefit.

### NATIVITY VIDEO LINKS

Links have been sent out today! Enjoy the films; the children have done a great job – as have the staff!

### CHRISTMAS BUNDLES

If you ordered CDs, photos or jam jars, your child should have brought them home in a brown bag today. Please check the label and contents and make sure you have what you're expecting! It's been a colossal logistical exercise, carried out ably by TEEM and by 'Team office'. If your children are absent from school, please feel free to arrange for someone else to collect your 'bundle', or email [teemclinton@outlook.com](mailto:teemclinton@outlook.com) and they will drop items to you.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPERS TOMORROW!

I hope you'll have seen the email about our Christmas jumper 'wear what you like' day tomorrow. This will add even more fun and colour to the last day of term and we're hoping children will all bring £1 to donate to Save the Children. It's been a tough year for many people (including many in our own community) and these donations will help some of the children and young people who most need support. There will be a pot in each classroom for them to drop their donation into. Thank you for your support.

### CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR WITH KENILWORTH BOOKS

Thank you for your support, and thank you to Mrs McLester, our Literacy Co-ordinator, for her work in selecting the books and organising the book fair.

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

It was a different school Christmas lunch yesterday, but the festive deli bags seemed to go down very well and children enjoyed the special occasion in their classrooms. Well done to our Educaterers kitchen team and to our Midday Supervisors for their flexibility and willingness to adapt to different ways of working this term!

### PARENTPAY ACCOUNTS

Thank you to everyone who has brought their accounts up to date as requested last week! Please log in to update yours, if you haven't already done so.

### MUSIC LESSONS

All our music teachers will be back in school during the first week of next term (apart from our keyboard teacher, who is here on Mondays – those lessons will resume on 11<sup>th</sup> January). Please help your children to remember instruments and music! We'd love to get more brass going at school so children in years 3-6 have been watching a video clip to enthuse them! Let us know if you have a budding brass player and we'll take it from there!

### KENILWORTH LIONS' CLUB – 'CAROLS IN THE CLOUDS 2020'

This is a further reminder that the Lions' very popular annual carol service is moving to YouTube! You can watch it on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00 pm – please see the attached letter and poster for details. You'll need to register for free tickets.

### MOTHER GOOSE FROM THE TALISMAN THEATRE!

This is also a reminder. The Talisman will be streaming a performance of 'Mother Goose', filmed during more normal times a few years ago. For just £5, you can join in the fun from the comfort of your living room! Please look out for a separate email giving full details.

### TEEM CLINTON NEWS FROM FIONA

As we come to the end of the first term of the year, I would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness. The committee hope you are all pleased with Christmas bundles that should be coming home today and of course if there are any problems please let us know (and email the office).

The digital downloads of the Christmas CD should be coming to you this evening and the Santa / Snow Queen videos over the weekend. Please email [teemclinton@outlook.com](mailto:teemclinton@outlook.com) if you have any questions. If you have not yet paid for the CD please could you do so before Friday so we can give our treasurer a well-deserved rest!

We hope you have a merry Christmas and a Happy new year and we look forward to the events coming up in 2021.  
Best wishes from TEEM Clinton

We'll look forward to having the children back here on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER