

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Another productive and eventful week is nearing its end.

CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR WITH KENILWORTH BOOKS

You should have received Mrs McLester's email last week about our 'book fair'. We're very pleased, again, 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!

PHOTO COMPETITION IN PREPARATION FOR A CALENDAR FOR 2023

A few years ago we created a calendar out of photos which children / families had taken of Kenilworth. It was a great fundraiser, with us selling them to our parent community but also in local shops, and it also gave parents an excuse to get their children out and about and engaged in the 'beauty' of Kenilworth. So, each month, starting with December, we'd like you to send in your photos of Kenilworth (no faces!). There are some magnificent colours around at the moment, so why not start this weekend! Email your shots into us and I'll show all the children in the school the best ones during their assemblies. By this time next year, we should have a calendar's worth of shots ready to sell! There will be a prize for the best photo each month!

CHILDREN PLAYING AT THE END OF SCHOOL

Because we're responsible for children's safety every minute they are on site, we have a rule that they shouldn't be playing on the junior trail, and they shouldn't be playing away from their parents. Sometimes we're seeing children running around both playgrounds, perhaps even behind the scrapstore playpod, (before and after school) and we're asking that parents take charge of these rules so that teachers don't need to be supervising at the end of the school day when they'd like to be starting their marking. At this time of year they shouldn't be on the school field as they're not allowed during the school day and it gives mixed messages. Thank you for playing your part.

COVID UPDATE

There is a continued flurry of a low number of cases at Clinton – with most days seeing a positive case, and several reports of parents and other members of the school community testing positive. There are currently 4 children with Covid across 3 different classes.

So far, the PCR testing parents have been doing when their children are close contacts (as well as lateral flow testing) has been successful in stopping outbreaks. Staffing has been challenging but with some of those people returning after their isolation, things are hopefully going in the right direction!

CLINTON BOOK APPEAL

£1225 has been raised for our book appeal, which is a great figure! At £5 per book we're on about 35 books per class. Can we edge it up towards £2000 and match previous records? This is a final push from us. If you've just not got around to it, please find time asap. We'd also be interested in books you've got at home that your children have finished with. HOWEVER, rather than collecting them all in, would you please email class teachers titles of what you've got (only books in great condition) and we'll let you know which we're interested in. (We want a broad range and not too many duplicates, so this would be a good way to achieve that without being swamped. We're also trying to broaden their diet beyond the 'trendy titles'). THANK YOU!

COMMUNICATIONS ON THEIR WAY TO YOU:

At this time of year there's always a lot to communicate to you. Please look out for the following imminent emails:

- TEEM Clinton Christmas Wonderland – 9th December: an exciting event for children, but we'll need volunteers to pull it off! For more information get in touch with us via the Website, email, Facebook, or WhatsApp groups. Please do get in touch if financial support is needed to buy your ticket. Thanks in advance for your support!

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- Christmas shows for Years R and Years 1 and 2, with one parent per family invited. We're asking for consent for video and photo permissions.
- Swimming; with the pool at Abbey Fields closing for a long period, there are some options and we need your views about proceeding.
- Christmas CDs available for purchase.
- Carol singing for the choir.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads 'Sam Pater'.

**SAM PATER
HEADTEACHER**