

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

BRITISH LEGION APPEAL

Thank you for supporting this appeal by sending your children in with donations. It will be very much appreciated by the charity, whose fundraising, like that of many charities, has been hard hit this year and last.

The children heard the last post played today and observed a minute's silence.

ODD SOCKS TO MARK ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

There are loads of things we do to prevent negative behaviour between children and using anti-bullying week to raise the profile of a particular element of this work is one of them. Children are invited to wear odd socks to mark the start of the week on **Monday**. The theme for the week is 'One Kind Word' and each teacher thinks hard about what the most pertinent learning is for their class depending on their age and also the issues that are most relevant at the time. For example, year 6 might address cyberbullying as an issue, whilst Year 1 might concentrate on how to be a kind friend. We will also build upon our recurring theme that 'nobody should feel like an outsider' in our school. Those lessons are delivered at an age appropriate level through stories and focus on embracing difference – covering race, religion, disability, sexuality and gender. The children's reflections are always full of kindness and acceptance which is a credit to you all!

YEAR 6 ARTISTS

Year 6 are set for an exciting afternoon tomorrow as they will be creating some artwork which will be complementing an exhibition in the **Leamington Art Gallery and Museum** based on the fascinating research of one of our parents, Professor Felicity Boardman (mum of a child in Year 2 and Year 5). The time to see it in action would be **20th November, between 10am and 3pm**, which is a day set aside to engage children in the social science side of genetics and identity. It's a free event and anyone is welcome – though Year 6 will certainly want to see their work in an exhibition! Other children are invited to do their own artwork with an artist on the day.

Tomorrow Year 6 will be hearing about genetics from Felicity and from another geneticist from Warwick University. It's an all-female team, which, in combination with the work Year 6 did this afternoon with another of our scientist parents - celebrated later in today's communication, is great for providing girls with good role models for STEM. After hearing more about the science, they will be creating art on pieces of a puzzle which will be connected to form a giant helix (an important shape in genetics) to complement the exhibition.

CHILDREN'S PERSONAL INFORMATION – CLINTON APPEAL

Along with the newsletter today is information about our latest appeal, which is about flooding our book corners and library with new and exciting books. Please take a look and let's see if we can raise close to £2000 to make a real difference to the quality and range of what children can choose to read.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Thank you to everyone who has returned the data sheet, which you should have received a few weeks ago. If you haven't, please help us by checking and returning your child(ren)'s information as soon as possible. The office staff will be very grateful as it will save them a lot of time contacting those who don't reply. Please return it via your child's classroom.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

An email with a form was sent home earlier this week; please make sure we have your reply, whether your child wants a school lunch or will bring a packed lunch. Again, if we have a reply either way, we can be sure you've had the information and the chance to order. Please reply by tomorrow – the kitchen staff have to order the food early next week.

STAIR GATE?

We're needing to buy a stair-gate to cordon off the kitchen in the innovation lab when children are in there. Has anyone got one gathering dust which they'd be happy to donate? It needs to span 104cm.

ADVANCE NOTICE – BOOK FAIR

This year we will, once again, be joining forces with Kenilworth Books to put on a virtual bookfair which may help you with your Christmas shopping. By supporting the bookfair, you will receive 10% off the RRP of some new, well-chosen and engaging books suitable for all ages. For every purchase made, school will also receive 10% of the order value to enable us to purchase lovely books for school. More information on this event will be coming very soon.

Yours sincerely,

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HEADTEACHER