

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Newsletter No. 12 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

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Dear Parents,

We've reached the 'magical month' of December and there's a great atmosphere around school. The singing from the children in Years R, 1 and 2 rehearsing their play fills the corridors with the sounds of Christmas and the craft making last week, in preparation for TEEM Clinton's Winter Wonderland event (see below), got everyone into the Christmas spirit! In addition, children are learning songs for our Christmas album, which TEEM will be selling on their website imminently.

### CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR WITH KENILWORTH BOOKS

Thank you to all of you who bought books from Kenilworth Books through our 'virtual' book fair. Your shiny new books are ready to collect from the school office!

### PHOTO CALENDAR COMPETITION

In amongst the wild weather we have had recently there have been some magical 'scenes' around Kenilworth, with the white of the snow and frost and the last of the Autumn leaves, and I'm hoping some children are taking the chance to take some photos so we can build up a selection for the calendar we are going to create next year. Please do email them in. Keep 'em coming all year! Prizes for the best one each month! So far it could be pretty easy to win!

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Thanks to generous support from you and other local parents, the appeal this year raised a record £30,000 from the town as a whole. Charities have been hard hit by the pandemic, so this record total is particularly appreciated by the Royal British Legion. Thank you!

### CLINTON BOOK APPEAL

A **massive** thanks for the **£1415** parents have donated to our book appeal. It will make a significant difference, and we've already started to order some exciting looking books! We'll make a big deal of it with the children as the books arrive in to raise the profile of reading. It's still possible to pay on parent pay, so we could get to a nice round number.

### COVID (and nativity performances)

As it stands we are planning on running the Year R and Year 1/2 plays as described to parents in those cohorts – with limited audiences. We do ask that parent do lateral flow tests prior to coming. When two groups of children are in school and then 30 parents, and a handful of staff, we're up to 90+ people in the hall at once. The year-groups are separate throughout. We will distance chairs and have windows open. We will ask that parents do not approach the children etc – more to come on arrangements early next week. **HOWEVER** new information about the Omicron variant is emerging all the time and if we need to cancel at short notice, I'm sure you'll understand.

Also, there may be parents who are anxious about coming but don't want to miss their child's performance or might fear appearing like a bad parent by not being there! I don't think anyone should feel under any pressure and you must do what you feel is safe / responsible and right for you. We will let you know how many cases of Covid are circulating in those year-groups later next week so you are well informed.

### TEEM CLINTON NEWS

TEEM Clinton Christmas Wonderland – this will be held in the Innovation Lab on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you can volunteer to help during the day or with setting up beforehand, please contact TEEM:

[www.teemclinton.org.uk](http://www.teemclinton.org.uk)  
[teemclinton@outlook.com](mailto:teemclinton@outlook.com)  
07858 908514

Jam Jars, filled with items of your choice, should be brought into school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December, please.

Yours sincerely,

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**HEADTEACHER**