

Clockhouse Primary School

Newsletter - April 2025

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Working and Learning together to be the best that we can be

Dear Parents / Carers

Although a bit belated, welcome back to the Summer Term everyone, it is hard to believe it is this time of the year again already! Each year seems to go quicker and quicker. It always amazes me when I write each monthly newsletter how much has happened since the previous one, and despite a 2 week holiday coming in-between, the April Newsletter is no exception. We do hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready for what will undoubtedly be a busy Summer Term ahead. You will see from the dates list alone, we have a lot planned.

Thank you to those who completed the Parents / Carers Questionnaire last term - the results were positive and can be viewed here - <https://www.clockhouseprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Carers+Views&pid=70>

We hope that you have been enjoying all that we have been sending out via our School Blog. If you have not looked, this can be accessed via the School Website as well as the school Facebook and Twitter pages and Class Dojo. We really enjoy celebrating all the great things that we do; you can also see a lot more on the School Website itself.

As always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do and here is to another great term at Clockhouse, whatever it may bring. Please do not hesitate <https://www.clockhouseprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+and+Carers+Views&pid=70> further or indeed to just have a chat! We cannot wait to welcome you into school this term!

Thanks for everything!

Mrs Savidge



Our School Values!

As you know our School Values are very important to us. These along with our Curriculum Drivers, drive all that we



do each day. Do ask the children about these as I am they will tell you all about our 6 Values and 6 Curriculum Drivers and how important they are to us. Look out for our new Values characters that are coming your way soon and find out about Anaya, Norah, Jude, Asher, Ethan and Joy - watch this space!

Attendance Matters!

Sadly, attendance dropped significantly towards the end of term. There certainly seemed to be a lot of illnesses going around - I do hope everyone is feeling better. Although better than last year, we do still have a worrying number of children deemed to be 'Persistently Absent' (attendance under 90%) and we do need to work on this. Thank you to those who continue to work with us to address this. I do hope this continues during the Summer Term.

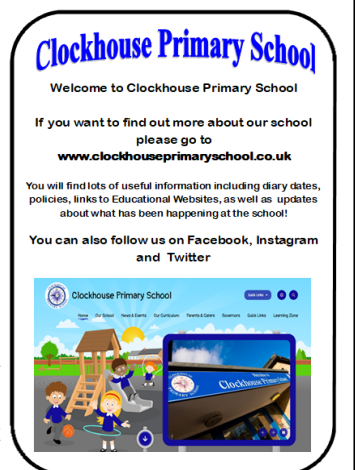
Please can I remind you of the importance of the children arriving on time. Learning starts immediately and children cannot afford to miss what is happening at the start of the day. As a school, we are continuing to look at punctuality this term along with our usual scrutiny on attendance. Please help us help your children. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

New School Website!

Have you seen our new school website? What do you think?

If you have not you can do so by clicking on this link - <https://www.clockhouseprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Do not forget you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to find out information, see what we are getting up to and also what we are celebrating.



Our Clockhouse Association

Thank you, on behalf of OCA, for the support you gave them with the Mother's Day Sale. They are busy planning for events in the Summer Term. Please keep an eye out for more coming from OCA. Do not forget that on 12th June they will be hosting an evening of Inflatables! More information to follow soon.



Year Group News

A lot has happened during the second half of the Spring Term! Here is a little taster of what has been going on:

Nursery - The Nursery children had a thoroughly wonderful time taking part in the annual Easter Bonnet Parade, their bonnets were fabulous and they certainly wore them with pride. They also loved welcoming their adults to join with them also. Thank you to those who came in.

Reception - The children in Reception also enjoyed their Easter activities and the Parade with their families, they all looked very stylish in their bonnets. The Reception children loved all their learning about The Elves and the Shoemaker and produced some fabulous writing. They are certainly making great progress!



Year 1 - The children loved learning about The Great Fire of London and developed their knowledge of this period of History. Their recall of facts was impressive. They also loved their trip to the Story Telling Centre in Stratford and got so much out of this visit.

Year 2 - Year 2 enjoyed all their learning about health whether this be humans or the planet. They made some impressive fruit faces in the style of Arcimboldo. They also had a lovely time at the Church learning about Easter and showed themselves to be very respectful.

Year 3 - The Year 3 children had a great time when they visited the Natural History Museum last term, they were great Clockhouse Citizens and got a lot out of the day and like Year 2, were excellent Clockhouse Citizens. They have also been working so hard to develop their writing - well done Year 3!

Year 4 - Year 4 loved their learning about Wacky Weather and Crazy Climates, including some fabulous writing. At the end of term they used their drawing and sketching skills to produce some excellent art work. We are all so impressed.

Year 5 - Year 5 enjoyed learning all about the Mayans and Mayan life. The children (and staff) also had a great time when they went to Frameless (the immersive art experience in London). They loved the interactive pictures and developed their understanding of significant artists whilst there.



Year 6 - Year 6 finished their learning about World War II in style with a great trip to the Imperial War Museum. They have also been busy getting ready for their impending SATs tests later in the term and it has been great to see so many of them eager to improve their learning by attending extra classes! Keep it up Year 6!

Greenland - The children in Greenland loved welcoming their families to celebrate all things Easter. Everyone certainly seemed to have a great time.

As always, thank you for all the support you give in helping your children with their learning; it really does make such a difference.

Celebration Assemblies

It is hard to believe that it is the time of year, once again, for Celebration Assemblies!

Along with the children, we are all very excited to be able to invite you into school to find out about what the children have been learning this year so far.

Times and dates of these assemblies have already been sent out to you but please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure of when these will take place.

Assemblies will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays in both the Key Stage 1 (2.50pm) and Key Stage 2 (9.10am) halls, please wait by the respective offices until you are invited into school.

We do hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy hearing about your child's fabulous learning.



Safety of our children

Thank you to those families who are totally respectful of parking outside school at the beginning and the end of the day and take their responsibilities about this seriously. However, we continue to be concerned for our children, considering the way some people are parking before and after school including across driveways, on double yellow lines and on the zig-zags at the back and front of the school. Please do abide by the Highway Code so that all our community remains safe. Thank you!



Important Dates

5th May	School Closed for May Day
6 th May	Year 3 to Layer Marney Tower
6 th & 7 th May	Year R Learn with my Child
12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
14 th May	HSSW Coffee Morning
20 th May	Year 5 Learn with my Child
20 th May	YR & Y1 Dental Fluoride Varnishing – selected children only
20 th May	Reception Intake meeting - 2pm/7pm
21 st May	Year 2 Learn with my Child
22 nd May	Year 4 to Havering Country Park
23rd May	Last day of term
26th – 30th May	HALF TERM
2 nd June	Multiplication Check Starts – Year 4
2 nd – 6 th June	Enterprise Week (Enterprise Day 6 th June)
2 nd – 6 th June	Amazing Attendance & Perfect Punctuality Week
4 th June	Year 5 & Year 6 Quad Kids
5 th June	Year 4 Learn with my Child
5 th June	Nursery Intake meeting - 2pm/7pm
9 th June	Phonics Check starts Year 1 & Year 2
12 th June	Year 2 to Colchester Castle
12 th June	Year 1 Learn with my Child
12 th June	Year 5 to Forest Academy
12 th June	Choir to Scott's Primary (am)
12 th June	OCA Inflatable Day
13 th June	Father's Day Sale
16 th – 19 th June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential
17 th June	Year 3 Learn with my Child
17 th June	David Leaper Athletics Day Year 3 & Year 4 (Quad Kids)
18 th & 19 th June	Nursery Learn with my Child
19 th June	Year 6 Forest Academy
23 rd June	Nursery Stay & Play
23rd June	INSET DAY
23 rd June	Year 6 Transition Week
24 th June	Year 4 to Paradise Wildlife Park
24 th /25 th /26 th June	Reception Stay & Play – 3.40 – 4.40pm
25 th June	Y1/Y2 Quad Kids
26 th June	Choir to Queens Theatre Junior Music Festival
26 th June	Year 1 to Southend Sea life Centre
27 th June	Greenland Learn with my Child - 2pm
7 th July	Sponsored Event
7 th July	Reports out
9 th July	HSSW Coffee Morning
9 th July	Sports Presentation
10 th July	Year 6 Learn with my Child
w/b 14 th July	Year 6 Extravaganza Week
14 th July	Children meet their new Teacher
14 th July	Summer Term Open Evening – 3.30 – 5.00pm
15 th July	French Storytelling Workshop Year 2 & Year 3
15 th July	Sports Day – KS2 - am
15 th July	Year 6 Production
16 th July	Sports Day – KS1 – am
17 th July	Sports Day – FS – am and pm
17 th July	Year 6 to Island Adventure
18 th July	Matthew Whitcombe Cup
18 th July	Fun Day - FS
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Festival
21 st July	Year 6 Assembly and Presentation – am
22 nd July	Dojo Disco
22nd July	END OF TERM

Holiday Dates 2024-2025

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
May Day	Monday 5th May	
Summer Half term	Friday 23rd May	Monday 2nd June
Summer	Tuesday 22nd July	To be confirmed
In Service Training Day:	Monday 23 rd June	