



Clockhouse Primary School

Newsletter - October 2025

#ourclockhousefamily

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

Dear Parents / Carers

Firstly, thank you to you all for the incredible support and commitment you have shown to us this half term. It has certainly been a long one for us all, not least the children. Working together in a positive way to co-educate your children is so beneficial for the little people that are so important to us all. I am sure that you will agree, the first half term has flown by. The seamless way in which your children and our whole community have adapted to the change in year group makes us, as a school, very proud. I am sure you feel the same! I also hope you agree, the children have already learnt so much this year considering we are only half a term in. I am sure the staff enjoyed sharing this with you during Parents' Evening. On the note of Parents' Evening, thank you for being so supportive with the new online approach to booking appointments; we hope you found it helpful.

Thank you to all for your support for our recent fund-raising events. Thank you to everyone for the support you showed on Yellow Day raising awareness of Mental Health; we raised £286.83 for the charity. Also thank you to all those who sent in goods for the Harvest Festival - you were so generous. We were delighted to take these to the Foodbank, who currently, are so in need of donations and were so appreciative. They provide members of our own community and wider community with a much needed life line so thank you on their behalf.

Hopefully by now you are also aware that the week beginning 4th November is our annual Best of British Week, where we will be learning about all things British. It is also Amazing Attendance and Perfect Punctuality week - please help us be amazing and perfect!

As always, I thank you for your continued support in all we do. We hope you all have a great half term when it arrives on Thursday (Friday is a staff training day) and we look forward to returning on 3rd November. Have a good one!

Mrs Savidge



Please support the Community!

Please can I draw your attention to the letter sent on Dojo this week regarding parking, we really do need your help in this matter. Also please can I ask that you refrain from dropping litter and cigarettes outside the school, please help us keep our environment nice for all. Thank you in advance.

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?

If so, please can I remind you that you must apply online for them to start school (in Reception) before 15th January 2025. You can apply via:

www.havering.gov.uk/eAdmissions

Even if your child has a brother or sister that attends Clockhouse or your child attends the Nursery attached to Clockhouse, you will still need to apply for a place.

For more information, please contact the School Admissions Team on 01708 434600.

If you have any questions, please do come into school and speak to us or call the above number.

If you need access to a computer to make your application, we can provide this.

Please do not forget!

Should you wish to book on one of the tours of the school we have arranged, please see the school website for dates and contact the school office.

Attendance Matters!

Well done and thank you to everyone who is doing all that they can to ensure children are in school everyday and on time. Currently our attendance stands at 96.5%. This is wonderful news! It is above our whole school target and nearly 0.3% better than this time last year which is a huge achievement. Thank you for your support and commitment to the cause.

Well done to all the classes who have celebrated with a non-uniform day this term for having a week of 100% attendance. We are looking forward to more of these next term.

Our Clockhouse Association

We hope you all enjoy the OCA Sweet Stall on Thursday - who will get a Golden Ticket?

Keep an eye out for what promises to be an exciting half term ahead. I am sure that children will be please to know that I have heard the words 'Festive Disco' so watch this space for more information coming your way. Also look out for many other exciting planned events that OCA will be hosting.

Year Group News

A lot has happened in each year group this half term, so here is a little taster of what has been going on:

Nursery - All our Nursery children have now begun their school career with us and they have settled in impressively well. It has been lovely to have some of them spending the whole day with us and they have certainly been very grown up and sensible having lunch.

Reception - The Reception children have certainly settled into having the longer day at school very well. They have enjoyed all the new opportunities on offer to them and are loving learning all the new phonics sounds. It has been great to see how quickly they are picking this up.



Year 1 - Our Year 1 children have made the transition from Reception to Year 1 successfully and are really enjoying their 'Woodland Life' theme. The progress they have made with their writing has been impressive and they have loved linking this to the story 'Leaf Man'.

Year 2 - Year 2 are really enjoying their theme about the Polar Region and have enjoyed learning about different animals who live there. They are loving the books they have read and have been working hard to improve their writing as well as learning lots of wonderful facts.

Year 3 - Year 3 have been busy learning about Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age and this continues into next half term. They have worked hard to learn about chronology and have enjoyed lots of different writing opportunities. They also enjoyed their first trip in Key Stage 2 when they spent the day at Barleylands.



Year 4 - The children in Year 4 are enjoying learning about Ancient Egypt and loved their VR experience which included a trip to the Pyramids! They are working really hard to improve their multiplication knowledge as they need to know all the facts to 12x12 by the beginning of June.

Year 5 - Year 5 have been busy learning about Europe through their theme 'Around the Mediterranean in 80 days' and have been busy learning about Mediterranean countries. The children loved learning about the Romans and the impact of this time in History.

Year 6 - Year 6 are enjoying their theme 'Journey Across the Bifrost' and have been very busy learning about the Vikings. They worked so hard completing their first round of Year 6 tests and are really trying to push themselves with their learning. Keep going Year 6!

Greenland - It has been a busy term in Greenland who have been working really hard to improve their learning and their skills. They have really enjoyed learning all about materials and have loved their time swimming. They have made so much progress!

Thank you to all the parents / carers who have supported their children with learning at home with daily reading, spelling and maths practice. I am sure you will agree, a big thank you needs to go to the staff for all they have done to ensure the children have had all these experiences.

A Few Requests

Swearing in and round the school site

A few parents have come to see us about adults swearing in the playground or when queueing at the beginning and end of the day. Please can I ask that everyone does try not to swear whilst on school site or queueing as people do find this offensive.

Parking

Thank you to all those who are respectful of the parking rules around the school both in the mornings and at the end of the day. This is to keep our community safe. However, it saddens me that there is still a small number of parents / carers who continue to park in breach of the law - please do not; I would hate there to be an accident as I am sure you would! Please also think carefully about where you are parking and do not block people's driveways, this causes a lot of upset for residents.

Meet Mrs Johns

I am in my 19th year of being a teacher at Clockhouse. I teach in Reception and am also the Foundation Stage leader and Phonics Lead.

I am proud to have been a teacher governor at Clockhouse for 17 years. I really enjoy being a governor at Clockhouse because it gives me the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the children and the wider school community. I am proud to contribute to a governing body and school that is so committed to providing a safe, inclusive and inspiring environment for every child. I enjoy working collaboratively with other governors and the leadership team and have been fortunate over the years to see how thoughtful decisions and good governance can have a positive impact on the school's success. It is fulfilling to know that my time and input as a governor helps to support the continued growth and achievements of Clockhouse.

In my spare time I enjoy trips out with my family and try to swim regularly.



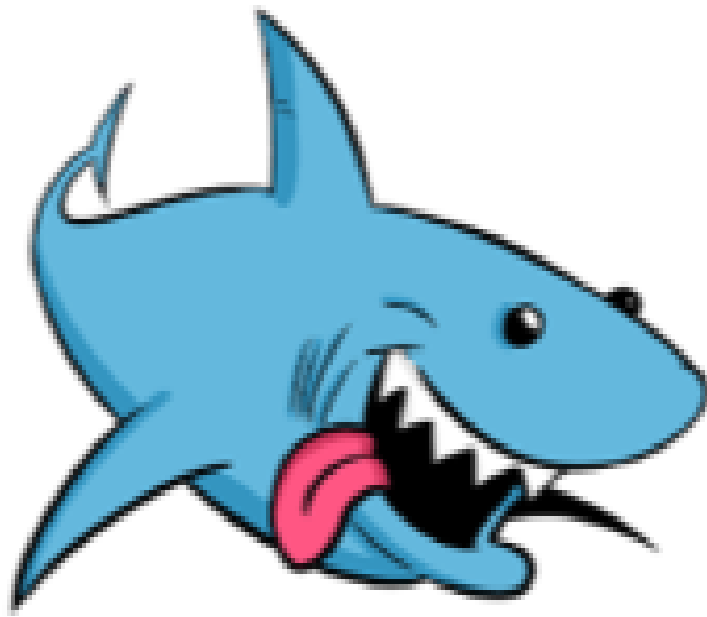
Important Dates

24th October	Inset Day
27th – 31st October	HALF TERM
3rd November	Children back to school
w/b 3 rd November	Best of British Week
w/b 3 rd November	Attendance and Punctuality Week
3 rd November	Scout Fit
4 th November	Flu Immunisation (1) – Year R-6
4 th November	Year 3 - Learn with my Child
7 th November	Year 1 – Learn with my child
w/b 10 th November	Year 6 Mock Sats
11 th November	Remembrance Day Service
11 th November	Individual Photographs
12 th November	Year 4 – Learn with my child
14 th November	Children in Need Day
14 th November	Greenland – Learn with my child
17 th & 18 th November	Bikeability – Y3/Y4
19 th & 20 th November	Bikeability – Year 2-6 (Learn to Ride)
21 st November	Cycle Awareness YR-Y2
w/b 24 th November	Bikeability – Y5/Y6
26 th & 27 th November	Year N – Learn with my child
28 th November	Whole School Advent Calendar
28 th November	Decorate Classrooms together
4 th December	Flu Immunisation Catch-up Day Year R-6
5 th December	Cake Sale Fundraising Day
8 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal - a.m- 1 (Scotland / Spain / Mexico)
8 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – p.m 2 (Northern Ireland / France / USA)
9 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – a.m 3 (Wales / Italy / Canada)
9 th December	PM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 2.30pm
10 th December	AM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 9.15am
10 th December	KS1 Concert 1 @ 2.30
11 th December	KS1 Concert 2 @ 9.30
11 th December	KS1 Concert 3 @ 2.30
12 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – am – Year 3 and Year 4
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12 th December	Christmas Dinner
15 th December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 9.30
15 th December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 2.30
16 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 2.15
16 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 7.00
17 th December	Father Christmas in school
19 th December	Non- Uniform Day / Whole School Parties
19 th December	Last Day of Term
22nd December – 2nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
5th January	Children back to school

Holiday Dates 2025-2026

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
Autumn Half term	Thursday 23 rd October	Monday 3 rd November
Christmas	Friday 19 th December	Monday 5 th January
Spring Half term	Friday 13 th February	Monday 23 rd February
Easter	Thursday 26 th March	Monday 13 th April
May Day	Monday 4 th May	
Summer Half term	Friday 22 nd May	Monday 1 st June
Summer	Friday 17 th July	to be confirmed
In Service Training Day:	Friday 24 th October	Friday 27 th March
	Monday 20 th July	

**Don't get caught
coming to
school late.**



**Timing is everything.
Get to school on time.**