



CLOCKHOUSE CONNECTION



At Clockhouse we are Resilient, Consistent and Brilliant



#ourclockhousefamily #ourclockhousevalues



This year we are all working hard to 'Be Resilient! Be Consistent! Be Brilliant!' in everything we do, say and show following the success of being 'Relentless and Rigorous' last year! When we find things difficult, we need to Be Resilient, when we feel like giving up, we need to Be Consistent and in everything we do, we need to Be Brilliant by being the very best version of ourselves everyday. Many children and staff are already living up to these expectations and we are certainly very proud of them all.

Come and Learn

We are delighted to welcome you back to school for Learn With My Child. Further arrangements, including times, will be shared with you nearer to the sessions but dates can be viewed on Class Dojo on School Story. Thank you to all those who provided feedback on these sessions. We have taken on board your comments but it really is impossible to please everyone. We look forward to welcoming you into school.

A message from Mrs Savidge

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the year!

Although rather belated, another year at Clockhouse Primary School is well underway, so may I take this opportunity to formally welcome you all back to school as well as welcoming the many new children and families that have joined us this year. I know it is a long distant memory, but I do hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. A huge thank you to our whole community for the positive way in which you have all returned to school. It has been wonderful to see the children eager to get into school and genuinely happy and excited to learn. Once again the way they have settled into the new year has been very impressive.

At this point, it is important to welcome new staff. I am sure many of you have already met those that have joined us. We are very pleased to welcome a number of new adults: Mrs Quin our new Deputy SENCo has joined the team as well as teaching Brazil one day a week. On the teaching team, we are most pleased to

welcome Miss Jarman (USA), Miss McCarthy (Argentina), Miss Kenealy (Australia) and Miss Shipton (Fiji). In terms of class based support staff, it has been lovely to welcome Mrs Ritson (Year 1), Mrs Zafar (Year 3), Mrs Baroot (Year 4), Mr Flint (Year 6) and Miss Wickham and Miss Savage (Greenland).

As always, during the summer holidays, building works took place to improve the school. As well as a deep clean of the whole school and repairs that needed doing, aspects of the school were also painted and refurbished. Our Year 3 classes and Key Stage 2 corridor all look rather fabulous.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children continue to come to school in the correct uniform and in PE Kits. As always, thank you for the continued support you give to us every day and I look forward to working with you all during the next academic year, for the good of all the Clockhouse children, families and the Collier Row Community.

Our Clockhouse Association

Thank you to the OCA for their efforts last year. Their hard work continued during the year and their commitment was admirable. Look out for information about this year, coming soon. You can view their latest newsletter on the school website.

I am delighted to inform you that OCA have already met this term and they already have some exciting plans for the coming year.

Watch this space!

We need your help!

Reading, Reading and more Reading!

As you know, we love celebrating all things reading and also rewarding children for their reading. The children love the weekly Reading Raffle on a Monday and get very excited when they know their name is in the pot. We are continuing with the same approach this year and like last year there will also be a half termly bonus draw – watch this space. Again, this does rely on your help. As I am sure you have seen, Reading Books and Records have been handed out. We ask that you fill these in every time your child reads at home (or send a message on Dojo). Each entry will earn a raffle ticket to be entered into the Monday draw. The more times they read, the more times they enter and the more chance they have of winning! The children can choose to read their school book or another book they have at home. Watch out also for some more exciting news about reading at Clockhouse!



How can you support your child's learning at home?

As many of you will already know, our Home Learning Policy changed a few years ago. Whilst this was appreciated by many, I know a few families continue to have reservations about this approach. Following feedback we have, once again, spent time reviewing the current approach and can see that this is benefitting the children in terms of their learning in the classroom. Whilst children at the end of Yr 5 and in Year 6 do get paper based weekly home learning, the rest of the school will continue with the approach from last year. Therefore, we ask that you hear your child read every night and question them about what they have read, practise their spellings with them as well as practising their times table or number bonds. This really does help them in the classroom and support their progress. Thank you in advance for your support and please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

A Reminder or Two!

Scooters and Equipment:

Please remember that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on site at the beginning and end of the school day. Similarly play equipment should also not be played on at these times of the day. Please do remind your children about this and thank you for your continued support with this.

Jewellery:

Can I please remind you that, apart from small stud earrings, jewellery is not allowed for safety reasons. We do ask that this policy is strictly followed.



Please park safely at all times!



Please DO NOT park on the zig-zags!

Community Corner

Help keep everyone safe and happy!

I am very aware that I sound like a broken record but we continue to see cars parking illegally as well as getting complaints from local residents. Dealing with these takes time away from the children and causes upset and frustration for everyone.

So again, please can I ask that you think about where you park or drop off. It also continues to sadden and frustrate me that there is still a small number of families who continue to park / stop on the Zig Zags – please do not. I would hate for there to be an accident, as I am sure you would!

Thank you to all those who are respectful of the parking rules around the school in the mornings and at the end of the day. This is to keep our community safe and happy.

The Clockhouse Crew

Meet Anaya!

As you know, at Clockhouse we work hard to show our six Clockhouse Values – Nurture, Respect, Learning, Community, Excellence and Excitement.

This term our focus value is Nurture with it being the start of the school year and a lot of nurturing needed. Meet Anaya, named for her name meaning care and protection. Anaya, the nurture character, shows her value by being kind, caring and thoughtful to all. We encourage our community to try to be like Anaya.



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October and November

Dates for the Diary

6 th October	Harvest Festival
6 th & 7 th October	Year R – Learn with my Child
9 th October	World Mental Health Day
15 th October	Year 2 – Learn with my child
19 th October	Year 6 – Learn with my child
20 th October	Year 5 – Learn with my child
21 st & 22 nd October	Parents Evenings
22 nd October	Bright Day
23 rd October	Inset Day
26 th – 30 th October	HALF TERM
2 nd November	Children back to school
4 th November	Flu Immunisation (1) – YR-6
4 th November	Year 3 – Learn with my Child
5 th November	Year 1 – Learn with my child
w/b 9 th November	Best of British Week
10 th November	Individual Photographs
11 th November	Remembrance Day Service
11 th November	Year 4 – Learn with my child
13 th November	G'land – Learn with my child
16 th & 17 th November	Bikeability – Y3/Y4
18 th & 19 th November	Bikeability – Year 2-6
20 th November	Cycle Awareness YR-Y2
20 th November	Children in Need Day
w/b 23 rd November	Bikeability – Y5/Y6
25 th & 26 th November	Nursery – Learn with my child

Dates can also be found on the School Website.

Values

Our Clockhouse Values

Do not forget our six Clockhouse Values and the importance of us all living up to these and modelling them all the time!



Community



Learning



Excellence



Excitement



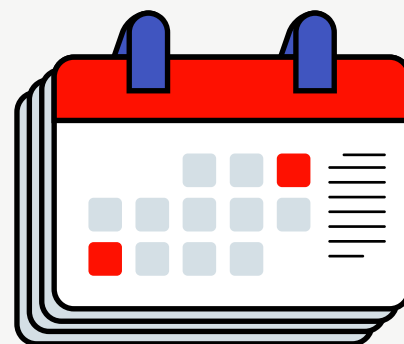
Nurture



Respect

Holiday Dates

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
Autumn Half Term	Friday 23 rd October	Monday 2 nd November
Christmas	Friday 18 th December	Monday 4 th January
Spring Half Term	Friday 12 th February	Monday 22 nd February
Easter	Thursday 25 th March	Monday 12 th April
May Day	Monday 3 rd May	
Summer Half Term	Friday 28 th May	Monday 7 th June
Summer	Thursday 22 nd July	Monday 6 th September (tbc)
In Service Training Day	Friday 23 rd October Thursday 25 th March	



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