

Clockhouse Primary School Newsletter - October 2023

#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. 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. How quickly the children and in fact, the whole community have adapted to the change in year group and what this brings makes us, as a school, very proud! I do hope you all feel the same.

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 for awareness of Mental Health. 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.



As I am sure you are aware, the week after half term is Parents' Evening (unless you are in class Wales); please see or message class teachers if you do not yet have an appointment. Once again, in response to requests, we are offering a blended approach where you can either do your meetings face-to face or on Zoom. I, along with Mrs Reinecke and Miss Ward are also available should you need us. Please look out for the link to the termly questionnaire which will also come to you prior to the Parents' Evening in order for you to give us valuable feedback.

Hopefully by now you are also aware that the week beginning 6th November is our annual Best of British Week, where we will be learning about being British. More information will follow.

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 30th October.

Mrs Savidge



Do you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020?

If so, please can I remind you that you must apply online for them to start school (in Reception) before 15th January 2023. 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 95.3% which is obviously below our target of 96% - please help us get to our target, together we can do it. Obviously the more the children are in, the more they will learn and progress - something that we all want! Out 'Winner!' competition has been relaunched and letters have already been won!



Our Clockhouse Association

OCA have been a little quiet this half term but never fear; they will be back with a bang very soon. They have been very busy planning lots of exciting events for next term and in fact, for the whole year ahead. Keep an eye out for what promises to be an exciting half term ahead. I do know that the Star Prize Raffle will be back and I have heard the words 'Christmas Disco' so watch this space. Please join them at their Sweet Stalls this Thursday.

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 are settling in 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. They also loved welcoming their families to school to learn with them.



Year 1 - Our Year 1 children have made the transition from Reception to Year 1 successfully. They are really enjoying their 'Woodland Life' theme and have loved all their learning linked to the story 'Leaf Man'. They loved exploring the school site and are very much looking forward to their first trip out of school this week.

Year 2 - Year 2 are loving their theme about the Polar Region and have enjoyed learning about different animals who live there. They have enjoyed learning all about penguins and their lifestyles. They have also found out that Collier Row is certainly different to the Antarctic.

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 cannot wait to visit Barleylands later this week.



Year 4 - The children in Year 4 are enjoying learning about Ancient Egypt, as well as taking some time to carry out team building exercises. The children are loving the book they are studying 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and their written work is definitely progressing.

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 their Roman day and have had a great time learning about the impact of these 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.

Greenland - There has been some change in Greenland this term with some new children and adults joining. The children who have been with us previously have been so good welcoming the new faces and showing them the ropes. They are all loving the opportunities on offer to them.

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.

P.E. Kit

Despite our requests, there are still a number of children who are not coming to school in school P.E. kit. Whilst we accept there will be variations on a theme please do ensure that children come to school in the correct coloured uniform.

Meet Mrs Ferreira

Following the retirement of Mr Leaper, I am pleased to inform you that our Vice Chair of Governors has taken over the reins and is our new Chair of Governors. I am sure many of you will have seen Mrs Ferreira around and about as she has two children at the school currently.

From Mrs Ferreira - *I became a governor, because the school is very dear to my heart and I believe I can offer fresh ideas and useful skills to support the school and governing board. I am currently managing the HR department in my workplace and working mostly from home. I also have qualifications and experience in health and social care, administration, finance, health and safety and graphic design.*



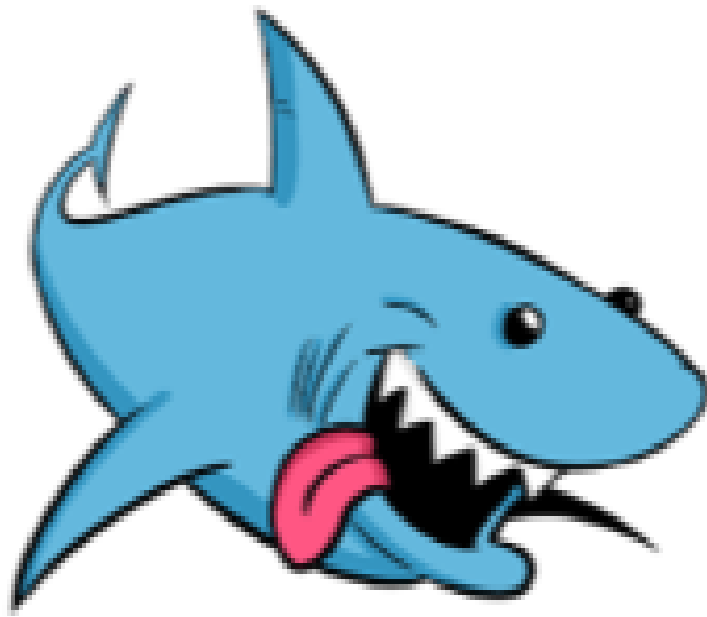
Important Dates

19 th October	Bright Day
20th October	Inset Day
23rd – 27th October	HALF TERM
30th October	Children back to school
1 st / 2 nd November	Parents Evenings
w/b 6 th November	Best of British Week
w/b 6 th November	Attendance and Punctuality Week
w/b 13 th November	Year 6 Mock Sats
w/b 13 th November	Bikeability
15 th November	Year 3 – Learn with my child
15 th November	HSSW Coffee Morning
16 th November	Individual Photographs
16 th November	Greenland – Learn with my child
17 th November	Children in Need Day
22 nd November	Year 6 – Learn with my child
24 th November	Cake Sale Fundraising Day
27 th November	Flu Immunisation Catch-up Day Year R-6
4 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal - a.m- 1 (Scotland / France / Mexico)
4 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – p.m 2 (Northern Ireland / Spain / USA)
5 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – a.m 3 (Wales / Italy / Canada)
5 th December	PM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 2.30pm
6 th December	AM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 9.15am
6 th December	KS1 Concert 1 @ 2.30
7 th December	KS1 Concert 2 @ 9.30
7 th December	KS1 Concert 3 @ 2.30
8 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – am – Year 3 and Year 4
11 th December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 9.30
11 th December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 2.30
12 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 2.00
12 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 7.00
13 th & 14 th December	Year N – Learn with my child
15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
15 th December	Christmas Dinner
19 th December	Father Christmas in school
19 th December	Non- Uniform Day / Whole School Parties
19 th December	Last Day of Term
20th December – 3rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
4th January	Children back to school

Holiday Dates 2023-2024

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
Autumn Half term	Thursday 19th October	Monday 30th October
Christmas	Tuesday 19th December	Thursday 4th January
Spring Half term	Friday 16th February	Monday 26th February
Easter	Thursday 28th March	Monday 15th April
May Day	Monday 6th May	
Summer Half term	Friday 24th May	Monday 3rd June
Summer	Wednesday 24th July	to be confirmed
In Service Training Day:	Friday 20th October 2023 Monday 17th June 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024

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



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