

Clockhouse Primary School Newsletter - November 2023



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

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we once again approach the festive season, it is going to be so lovely to welcome you into school to, once again, share Our Clockhouse Christmas with you. I hope that you are all ready for the many festivities that will be happening in school in the run up to the Christmas holiday and the big day itself. As always, we certainly have a lots of lovely things planned for you to share with us and are looking forward to inviting you into school which we hope will not only excite and enthuse the children, but also enable you to be part of our celebrations. Christmas officially starts at Clockhouse on Friday, when we will launch our whole school advent calendar. Friday will also see the mass decoration of the school - pictures to follow! Look out for our annual Christmas story coming your way each day, read by some very special people.

Thank you to all those who attended Parent's Evening either in person or virtually; it was lovely for the children and teachers to share the learning with you. Thank you also to those who took the time to fill in the online questionnaire - we are currently busy analysing the feedback and I will share this with you, and what we will be doing as a result of your ideas for further developments, as soon as I can. I hope that you found the meetings informative and useful, please do let me know as your feedback is important to us.

Thank you for your overwhelming support for all the recent fundraising we have been doing. Your kindness and generosity was so gratefully appreciated by so many.

Please look at the end of the newsletter for key Christmas dates. Do not forget Christmas Jumper Day on 15th December which will also be Christmas Dinner Day. During the festive period, we will be fundraising for good causes that are dear to our hearts for a number of reasons, so when attending concerts, please do not forget to bring any of that loose change you have lying around! In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all at the many up and coming concerts and events.

Thank you for all that you continue to do and your on-going support. Together let's make this the best Clockhouse Christmas ever!

Mrs Savidge



Parental Engagement

At Clockhouse we work hard with you all to ensure we are approachable and available to support you. I am delighted to inform you that 98% of our parents are signed up to Class Dojo. We all certainly value your support with this and hope that you agree it really is a fabulous communication tool. If you have not yet signed up but wish to or need your password again, please see me or your child's class teacher, we will be only too happy to help you.

Our Clockhouse Association

OCA have been busy and I know many of the children enjoyed the Sweet Stall. Thank you to those who have bought tickets for the Adult Hamper and the Star Prize Raffle - you have got to be in it to win it! We are excited about the Festive Disco and are looking forward to dancing our way into Christmas with children from Year 1 to Year 6.

Attendance Matters!

As you have probably noticed from our Weekly Wow and attendance update, attendance continues to feel a little sorry for itself. We have many classes in the 'red zone'. Below is a little guide which we thought you might find helpful (please do read) -

What YOU must do:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence. Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport or for some reason you cannot get them into school, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help.

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Congratulations must go to USA who won Amazing Attendance and Perfect Punctuality Week.

What you have told us!

The Summer Term Parent / Carer questionnaire focussed on many aspects of school life and mirrors the questionnaire that Ofsted will ask parents when they come to visit us. Thank you to those that took the time to complete the questionnaire and support us in striving for improvement. As can be seen, the results have been analysed and again present the positive views of the school. The figures below are as a percentage.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly D'agree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school.	77	23	0	0	0
My child feels safe at this school.	78	21	1	1	1
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	69	29	2	0	0
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.(81 parental responses / 113 responses – 'I have not had any experience')	16	9	1	0	4
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	75	21	2	0	2
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	66	20	3	0	11
Does your child have special educational needs or disabilities? If yes, how strongly they agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'(70 responses)	20	12	2	0	4
The school has high expectations for my child.	59	37	2	0	2
My child does well at this school.	67	23	0	0	0
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	63	37	0	0	0
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	71	29	0	0	0
My child can take part in clubs at this school.	57	32	2	1	10
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	63	33	0	0	4
I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	99	No	1	

We have already actioned a number of the points that you have raised. Thank you, as always, for your on-going feedback and please do not hesitate to speak to us should you have any ideas or thoughts moving forward.

A Few Requests

Parking - PLEASE HELP US!

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.

As you will know, we have good relationships with our neighbours as a school. Please help us maintain these by parking respectfully and not in front of, or overlapping driveways.

It also continues to sadden 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!

Uniform

For the vast majority of our children, our school uniform is worn with pride and the children come to school looking smart. We still however have a small number of children who do not wear the correct school uniform or P.E. uniform. Please can we ask that this is addressed as soon as possible. Uniform can be ordered direct from the suppliers on line and of course our No Cost School Uniform shop is always available.

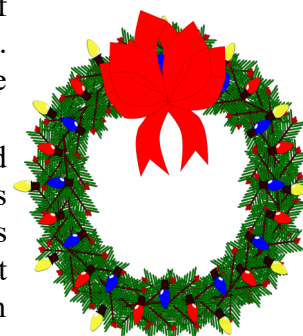
Christmas at Clockhouse

What has now become a Clockhouse tradition, we are very excited to be planning Our Great Clockhouse Christmas, something that has become somewhat of a Clockhouse tradition!

Along with the traditional concerts, we have lots of exciting things planned, which launch on Friday with our whole school Advent Calendar. Also to launch Christmas, on Friday, we will be decorating the school and turning Clockhouse into Clockhouse Christmas. If you have any decorations you can spare class teachers or the office would be very grateful.

Some of you may remember Winston the little mouse who became a big part of Christmas a few years ago. Well he will be making a come back!

Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day takes place on 15th December. This is just a little flavour of what we have got planned - watch this space!



Important Dates

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
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:	Thursday 28th March 2024	
	Monday 17th June 2024	

