



Clockhouse Primary School

Newsletter - January 2024

#ourclockhousefamily

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

Although very belated, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of us all, to wish you a Happy New Year and, although a distant memory, we hope you had a lovely Christmas, managed to relax and had a lovely time with friends and family. We do hope 2024 has got off to the best possible start for you. The children certainly seem to have settled into the new year well too.

Thank you all so much to all those who helped raise money for our chosen charities last term. We had great pleasure donating this money and I know it was so gratefully received. Our three chosen charities - St Francis Hospice, Chigwell Riding for the Disabled and Children with Diabetes received just over £200 each from us.

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the middle of the year but I have to say your children are nothing but a credit to you and to us. They continue to show such great resilience and determination to achieve. They continue to work so hard in school and their learning is definitely progressing well. We are certainly very proud of all our little Clockhouse Citizens who are simply brilliant in every way! This would not be possible without your support! As always, thank you for your continued support in all we do for the children and the Collier Row Community, here's to another good term at Clockhouse - it will be half term before we know it!

Mrs Savidge



Attendance Matters

As you will see from the weekly attendance blog and the Weekly Wow attendance continues to be an on-going concern. I am sure you have also heard about this in the National news as poor school attendance is a national issue and one that is causing great concern. Our current difficulties do reflect the national picture although our current whole school attendance is below the National percentage - not what we want and we do need to improve this. Whilst we respect parents make the ultimate decision about attendance, some of the reasons for absence are rather concerning and this is something that we are monitoring. As you know, your children learn best when they are in school - *School life is a journey and we all want this journey to be a love of learning to ensure success in later life for all our children; breaking up this journey makes the destination much harder to reach!* As always thank you to everyone for taking this seriously and ensuring children are in school every day as far as possible.

Our Clockhouse Association (OCA)

I am pleased to say that OCA have been busy making exciting plans for the term ahead and they are looking forward to sharing these with you in the near future - watch this space! A huge thank you to all of OCA who continue to support us all and on their behalf thank you to you all for the support you give OCA throughout the year.

Does your child use Social Networking?

Please can I remind you all that due to the dangers that Social Networking can present, the **legal age** for a child to have a **Facebook Page, Snapchat and Instagram amongst others is 13. The legal age for children to have a What's App account is 16.** Please do check children's electrical devices as some of the things we are hearing really are shocking. Please speak to us if you need help with this.

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Welcome to Clockhouse Primary School

If you want to find out more about our school, please go to

www.clockhouseprimarieschool.co.uk

You will find lots of useful information including diary dates, policies, links to Educational Websites, as well as updates about what has been happening at the school!

Do not forget, you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter



Helping at Home!

Whilst as a school, we are obviously the primary educators of your children and are very proud to have this vital role in their lives, it is also so important that we act as co-educators with you.

We have seen the impact of all the work that you are doing to support your children at home with reading, learning their spellings / tricky words, as well as their number bonds and times tables. This is having a greater impact in school than our previous approach to home learning and we can really see the difference between those children who are doing this at home and those who are not.

You can find lots of useful home learning tips on our school website but also, if you are not sure what to do to help your child at home, please do speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will be happy to help.

Important Dates

30 th January	Year 3 Learn with my Child
31 st January / 1 st February	Year R Learn with my Child
w/b 5 th February	Mental Health Week
7 th February	Year 5 and R Road Safety Workshop
7 th / 8 th February	Year R Health Checks
7 th / 8 th February	Nursery Learn with my Child
13 th February	Year 5 Learn with my Child
16th February	Last Day of Half Term
19th – 23rd Feb	Half Term
26th February	Children return to school
w/b 26 th February	'We Are' Week / Attendance & Punctuality Week
28 th / 29 th February	Parents Evenings
1 st March	Year 5 to Barclays
4 th March	Year 1 trip to Discovery Centre
6 th March	Year 4 Learn with my Child
7 th March	World Book Day
8 th March	National Girls Football Day
8 th March	Greenland Learn with my Child
w/b 11 th March	Year 6 Mock Tests
14 th March	Year 6 Learn with my Child
19 th – 26 th March	Travelling Book Fair
14 th March	Year 2 – Chinese Workshop
15 th March	Red Nose Day
21 st March	National Poetry Day
21 st March	Year 6 to Docklands
22 nd March	Year 2 Learn with my Child
27 th March	Year 5 to Frameless
27th March	Last Day of Term
28th March	INSET Day
29th March – 12th April	Easter Holiday
15th April	Children return to school

Holiday Dates 2023-2024

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
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	Wednesday 4th September