

# Clockhouse Primary School

## Newsletter - February 2024

*#ourclockhousefamily*

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

As always at this time of year, I find it hard to believe that we already find ourselves half way through the school year and very soon we will be in the final term of this academic year. Where does the time go!?

Thank you for the support you showed our marathon running parents at the beginning of the week.

On the note of thank you - thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the termly parent's questionnaire. It is always lovely to read such positive feedback as well as constructive criticism about how we can improve. Ultimately we are all in this together and just like you, want the best for all our / your children. Thank you also to you all for taking the time to book a Parents' Evening appointment, we are looking forward to welcoming you. Again the importance of us working in partnership to co-educate the children cannot be overstated. This partnership can only be to the good of the children.

Following the above, from all of us at Clockhouse we wanted to thank you for the continued support you provide us in our strive to give your children the very best everyday. We really could not do it without you all. Thank you also for all the positive feedback and support you give us verbally, in writing and on the Class Dojo.

We hope the children are enjoying 'We are... Week' and are getting a lot out of this. Thank you to those who have come in to talk to the children, they really have found this so valuable.

Finally, I hope that you all had a lovely half-term holiday and are already enjoying the busy term we have ahead.

Mrs Savidge



### **Our Clockhouse Association**

OCA have once again been busy and as always have lots of exciting things coming your way soon. First stop for OCA this term is our annual Mother's Day Sale on 8th March. A letter about this came out just before the holiday.

#### **EXCITING NEWS!**

OCA are currently planning for the Summer Fete, which this year will be 6th July. If last year is anything to go by, it promises to be a wonderful day for our community to come together and show support for the school and each other!

### **Attendance Matters!**

Thank you to you all for taking your child's attendance and punctuality at school so seriously. As you may have noticed, our overall school attendance continues to be a concern. Whilst we appreciate absence due to significant illness cannot be helped, some of the reasons we are receiving for absence are quite concerning and do not meet the criteria considered to be an authorised absence.

Punctuality is also very important and after the holiday, you may be asked to complete a lateness form at the office if you are late. This is part of our new record keeping system as well as to highlight the number of minutes lost for learning. Please get your child in on time!

### **Some Requests**

#### **Nail Varnish / Earrings / Jewellery / Hair**

We continue to notice that a number of children are coming to school with nail varnish on, jewellery or wearing earrings that are not small studs - please can you ensure that both nail varnish and earrings are removed for school. This is in keeping with the School Uniform Policy and in the interests of your children's health and safety. Please also remember that long hair must be tied back.

#### **PE Uniform**

Please can I remind everyone that correct School PE Uniform is as important as correct School Uniform. We continue to notice non-school PE Uniform being worn by a small minority of children. Please click on the link - <https://www.clockhouseprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform-information/> or use the QR Code to access the school uniform information which also includes a link to where you can purchase uniform online.



# 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** - The Nursery children have enjoyed all the learning that they have been doing about animals and loved it when the Zoo came to visit. They got to meet lots of different animals and loved getting to touch them. They were so gentle and caring which was so lovely to see.

**Reception** - The Reception children have also enjoyed learning about animals. As with the Nursery, they also thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the Zoo and enjoyed meeting the animals. The children also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and got to taste some different Chinese food.

**Year 1** - The current theme for the Year 1 children is 'London Life' and the children have had a great time reading lots of different books based in London. Their writing all about Paddington was wonderful and illustrated the fantastic progress they are making.

**Year 2** - Year 2 spent the half-term learning all about keeping healthy. They have got very good at knowing all about the different food groups and used their new learning to help them make healthy pizzas using their recently learnt chopping skills. They have also produced some great English work following learning all about the book 'Rascally Cake'.

**Year 3** - 'What on Earth has been going on?' is the theme for Year 3 for the whole of this term. The children have been very busy learning all about volcanoes and even got to make their own small version. They also loved Creative Arts week, their creations were very impressive.

**Year 4** - The Year 4 children have had an exciting half-term with their theme 'Wild Weather, Crazy Climates'. They enjoyed learning about extreme weathers as well as making their own tornadoes in a jar - very impressive! They also had a big push on learning their times tables and did a fantastic job at improving their skills!

**Year 5** - Year 5 spent the half-term learning about the Mayans and Space! They really enjoyed carrying out some Science experiments and had a fabulous time when the planetarium came to visit. They also loved their chocolate workshop and even enjoyed a little taste!

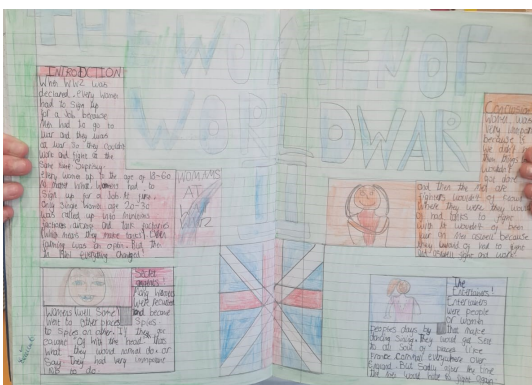
**Year 6** - Year 6's theme continues for the whole of the term and the children have really been enjoying learning all about World War II. Their knowledge has certainly developed and they produced some very impressive writing based on the story, Holes. The children have continued to work very hard in the lead up to their SATs, although there is still more work to be done.

**Greenland** - Team Greenland has had another super busy time. They have loved their learning as well as spending lots of time exploring the outdoors. Whilst some children have worked hard to develop their written skills, others have worked hard on their communications skills and all have made excellent progress.

As I am sure you can appreciate, this is just a small taster of what has happened at Clockhouse this term, it would be truly impossible to capture it all! Thank you for your on-going support in all that we do.

## The Clockhouse Curriculum

As a school we strive to give the children the best curriculum they could possibly have and to cater for their interests and needs. If you would like to find out more about our curriculum and what the children are learning please use this QR Code.



## The Clockhouse Vision

Do you know our whole school vision? Can you see this in what we do?

We are not just a school, we are home!

We lay the foundations for each individual's future and for dreams to be fulfilled - whatever they may be.

No two bricks are the same but are accepted for their uniqueness and are placed in their own special way to meet their needs.

The cement bonds us together as a family to keep us strong, stable and safe.

We are all safe and happy under one roof, we are protected from the elements and prepared to weather every storm.

The key to success unlocks the door to future achievements unseen before.

The windows show us the reflections of our future self as ready, respectful and responsible adults.

Collaboratively, together our home is decorated with challenge and the rooms are furnished with fun.

All around, a variety of trees grow naturally from the seed of success, with nurture and care anything is possible

So we are not just a school, we are a home that provides a champion for all as well as timeless experiences and skills for a brighter future

And that is why we are called Clockhouse

Ring the bell, we're always here!

***Our school - a home and family for everyone!***



## Important Dates

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 trip to Discovery Centre
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Learn with my Child
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Greenland Learn with my Child
w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Mock Tests
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Learn with my Child
19 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Book Fair
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 – Chinese Workshop
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
21 <sup>st</sup> March	National Poetry Day
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 6 to Docklands
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 2 Learn with my Child
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 to Frameless
<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>INSET Day</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>

## Holiday Dates 2023-2024

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
<b>Easter</b>	Thursday 28th March	Monday 15th April
<b>May Day</b>	Monday 6th May	
<b>Summer Half term</b>	Friday 24th May	Monday 3rd June
<b>In Service Training Day:</b>	Thursday 28th March 2024 Monday 17th June 2024	

