



# Clockhouse Primary School

## Newsletter - March 2024

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

It seems hard to believe that the Easter Holidays have started and soon the Summer Term will be upon us! What a great Spring Term it has been and we have lots of exciting plans for the term ahead and for some the last term at primary school!

It has certainly been another busy and exciting term and it has been great to see so many of you at the various events that we have put on to share with you. Your children are all fantastic young people and love sharing their school experience with you, as we do! Thank you for your on-going support with this.

Thank you for the support you showed to Comic Relief earlier this month, the children again enjoyed coming to school with red on however little or small this may have been. I am delighted to inform you that we raised £479.69 for this very worthwhile cause - thanks to you all. Thank you also for the support you showed to the recent Book Fair and to our families running the Marathon where we raised just over £500. It was lovely to see so many children visit and get excited about books. As you know the importance of reading cannot be overstated and really is the route into learning.

From myself and on behalf of all the staff, thank you for everything this term and we wish you a very Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday.

We look forward to seeing everyone back as school, bright and early on Monday 15th April for a busy and exciting term ahead. Enjoy lots of chocolate!

Mrs Savidge



### **Are you Ready, Respectful and Responsible?**

We are hopeful that these are words that you have heard your children say as these are the basis of our school rules. Please ask the children about this, what they mean to them and our community and reiterate these expectations around these. There is also our fourth secret 'R' - resilience. The children are so good at showing this as well as the other 3 'R's'. Obviously, we also expect parents to follow these rules - thank you in advance!

### **School Uniform - Please support us!**

Thank you to all parents who work with the school in ensuring that the children come to school looking so smart, and dressed in the correct school uniform whether this be everyday school uniform or P.E. Kit. We have seen an improvement in P.E. Kit but continue to see a small number of children not wearing correct Kit and we need this to change. If you need to talk to anyone about this, please do but I must emphasise that the correct P.E. Kit is just as important as the correct everyday school uniform. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Attendance Matters!**

As you know, we take attendance and punctuality of the children very seriously. Thankfully, in the most part, families also echo this and for that we thank you. Sadly, there are still a small number of families who do not echo the school ethos. Please can I remind you of the importance of children attending everyday unless they really are too unwell to do so. It is also imperative that children arrive on time as learning does start straight away and they cannot afford to miss what is happening at the beginning of the day. As a school, we have been looking at attendance and punctuality in more depth recently and for some this must improve after the holiday. Please help us help your children. Thank you for your continued support to all those who ensure their child's arrival at school is punctual; it really does help everyone concerned.

### **IMPORTANT**

Please can I remind everyone that bikes and scooters should NOT be ridden on school premises at the beginning and end of the school day, nor should any of the playground equipment be played on at this time. Please can we also ask that you refrain from smoking near gates and immediately outside of the school.

### **Our Clockhouse Association**

Since the last newsletter, OCA have been busy. A huge thank you to them for arranging the Mother's Day sale and for you for showing such great support. If you do not know already, a date for your diary is 6th July, when the Summer Fete will take place.

## Does your child use Social Media? Do you know?

As we know being safe online is of paramount importance and something, as a school, we are continually talking to the children about.

Recently we have again, had a number of parents approach us following either seeing their own children's conversations / photos online or that of others. They have brought this to our attention, for which I thank them, as they are concerned and we have worked with the parents and children concerned to address the issues. In particular, I am drawing this to your attention as some parents were not aware of their child's online activity or that they had such accounts.

Please can I remind you that the legal age for having an Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook account and lots more is **13**. The legal age for having WhatsApp is **16**.

***PLEASE DO NOT EVER ASSUME IT WILL NOT BE YOUR CHILD BECAUSE IT COULD BE!***

## Important Dates

16 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 to Havering Museum (am – China / pm - India)
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Football Day
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 to Havering Museum (am - Japan)
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Beep Beep Day
24 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Conover Hall Residential
1 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception and Year 1 Dental Fluoride Varnishing – selected children only
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3 Learn with my Child
<b>6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closed for May Day</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R Learn with my Child
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 to Layer Marney Tower
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 to Havering Country Park
22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Skateboarding Extravaganza
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</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>Summer</b>	Wednesday 24th July	Wednesday 4th September
<b>In Service Training Day:</b>	Monday 17th June 2024	

