



Clockhouse Primary School

Newsletter - April 2024

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

Dear Parents / Carers

Although a bit belated, welcome back to the Summer Term everyone, it is hard to believe it is this time of the year again already! Each year seems to go quicker and quicker. It always amazes me when I write each monthly newsletter how much has happened since the previous one, and despite a 2 week holiday coming in-between, the April Newsletter is no exception. We do hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and are ready for what will undoubtedly be a busy Summer Term ahead. You will see from the dates list alone, we have a lot planned.

Thank you to those who completed the Parents / Carers Questionnaire last term - the results were positive and can be viewed by clicking on this link - <https://www.clockhouseprimaryschool.co.uk/parent-and-carers-views/>

We hope that you have been enjoying all that we have been sending out via our School Blog. If you have not looked, this can be accessed via the School Website as well as the school Facebook and Twitter pages and Class Dojo. We really enjoy celebrating all the great things that we do; you can also see a lot more on the School Website itself at <http://www.clockhouseprimaryschool.co.uk>

As always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do and here is to another great term at Clockhouse, whatever it may bring. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us should you have any questions, concerns, ideas of how we could improve further or indeed to just have a chat! We cannot wait to welcome you into school this term!

Thanks for everything!

Mrs Savidge



Our School Values!

As many of you will know our School Values are very important to use. These along with our Curriculum Drivers



drive all that we do each day. Do ask the children about these as I am they will tell you all about our 6 values and how important they are to us. Our School Parliament are busy putting something together to promote these further - watch this space. Obviously just like we expect the children to uphold our values we ask the same of you.

Attendance Matters!

I am pleased to report that attendance and punctuality remains steady although we do have a worrying number of children deemed to be 'Persistently Absent' (attendance under 90%). Thank you to all those families who continue to work with us to address this. I do hope this continues during the Summer Term. We will do all we can to support this but obviously ask you do too. Please can I remind you of the importance of the children arriving on time. Learning starts immediately and children cannot afford to miss what is happening at the start of the day. As a school, we are continuing to look at punctuality this term along with our usual scrutiny on attendance. 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.

Safety of your children - please help!

Thank you to those parents and families who are totally respectful of parking outside of school at the beginning and the end of the day and take their responsibilities about this seriously. However, we continue to be concerned for our children, considering the way some people are parking before and after school including across driveways, on double yellow lines and on the zig-zags at the back and front of the school. Please do abide by the Highway Code so that all our community remains safe.



Our Clockhouse Association

Thank you, on behalf of OCA, for the support you gave them with the Mother's Day Sale and the Easter Sweet Stall event at the end of the term. We hope our community enjoyed both events. Please keep an eye out for more coming from OCA. Do not forget 6th July is the date of the Summer Fete!

Did you know?

Attendance below 90% equates to a month off school a year!

Year Group News

A lot happened in each year group recently, so here is a little taster of what has been going on:

Nursery - The Nursery children had a thoroughly wonderful time taking part in the annual Easter Bonnet Parade, their bonnets were fabulous and they certainly wore them with pride. They also loved welcoming their adults to join with them.

Reception - The children in Reception also enjoyed their Easter activities and the Parade with their families, they all looked very stylish in their bonnets. The Reception children loved all their learning about The Elves and the Shoemaker and produced some fabulous writing. They are certainly making progress!



Year 1 - The children loved learning about The Great Fire of London and developed their knowledge of this period of History. Their recall of facts was impressive. They also loved their trip to the Story Telling Centre in Stratford and got so much out of this visit.

Year 2 - Year 2 enjoyed all their learning about China. They loved China Day and learning about many different aspects of life in China. Their plates were fabulous and they loved becoming a Chinese dragon! They also loved their trip to the Church.



Year 3 - The Year 3 children had a great time when they visited the Natural History Museum last term, they were great Clockhouse Citizens and got a lot out of the day. They have embraced their new topic and are certainly getting involved with all their new learning about the Ancient Greeks.

Year 4 - Year 4 loved their learning about Wacky Weather and Crazy Climates, including some fabulous writing, They enjoyed making their own mini tornadoes and learning about the what causes climate change and how it affects our environment. If you want to know just ask Year 4!



Year 5 - Year 5 enjoyed learning all about the Mayans and Mayan life. They loved Mayan masks and the finished project was something to be proud of. The children (and staff) also had a great time when they went to Frameless (the immersive art experience in London).

Year 6 - Year 6 finished their learning about World War II in style with a trip to the London Museum at Docklands. They have also been busy getting ready for their impending SATs tests later in the term and it has been great to see so many of them eager to improve their learning by attending extra classes! Keep it up Year 6!

Greenland - The children in Greenland loved welcoming their families to celebrate all things Easter. They have certainly settled back into the Summer Term well and are loving all their new learning.

As always, thank you for all the support you give in helping your children with their learning; it really does

Celebration Assemblies

It is hard to believe that is the time of year, once again, for Celebration Assemblies!

Along with the children, we are all very excited to be able to invite you into school to find out about what the children have been learning this year so far.

Times and dates of these assemblies have already been sent out you but please ask your child's class teacher if you are unsure of when these will take place.

Assemblies will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays in both the Key Stage 1 (2.50pm) and Key Stage 2 (9.10am) halls, please wait by the respective offices until you are invited into school.

We do hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy hearing about your child's fabulous learning.

Time to Celebrate!

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Welcome to Clockhouse Primary School

If you want to find out more about our school please go to www.clockhouseprimaryschool.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!

You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - follow the links on the School Website



Important Dates

24 th – 26 th April	Year 5 Condover Hall Residential
2 nd May	Year 3 Learn with my Child
6th May	School Closed for May Day
8 th & 9 th May	Year R Learn with my Child
9 th May	Year 3 to Layer Marney Tower
13 th – 17 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
20 th May	Year 4 to Havering Country Park
22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th May	Skateboarding Extravaganza
24th May	Last day of term
27th - 31st May	HALF TERM
3 rd – 7 th June	Enterprise Week (Enterprise Day 6 th June)
3 rd – 7 th June	Amazing Attendance & Perfect Punctuality Week
3 rd June	Multiplication Check Starts – Year 4
4 th June	Year 4 Learn with my Child
7 th June	Year 2 to Colchester Castle
10 th June	Phonics Check starts Year 1 & Year 2
10 th – 14 th June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential
11 th June	Year 5 Learn with my Child
13 th June	Year 1 Learn with my Child
14 th June	Greenland Learn with my Child
14 th June	Father's Day Sale
17th June	INSET DAY
18 th & 19 th June	Nursery Learn with my Child
20 th June	Choir to Queens Theatre Junior Music Festival
20 th June	Year 3 Greek Workshop
24 th June	Year 2 Learn with my Child
24 th – 28 th June	Science Week
25 th June	Year 4 to Paradise Wildlife Park
26 th June	Year 1 to Southend Sea life Centre
27 th June	David Leaper Athletics Day Year 3 & Year 4
3 rd July	Sponsored Event
4 th July	Year 6 Learn with my Child
4 th July	Sports Presentation
6 th July	OCA School Fete
8 th July	Reports out
9 th July	French Storytelling Workshop Year 2 and Year 3
12 th July	Olympian in School
15 th July	Children meet their new Teacher
15 th July	Summer Term Open Evening – 3.30 – 5.00pm
16 th July	Sports Day – KS2 - am
16 th July	Year 6 Production
17 th July	Sports Day – Nursery and Reception – am and pm
18 th July	Sports Day – KS1 – am
19 th June	Year 6 to Island Adventure
w/b 22 nd July	Year 6 Extravaganza Week
22 nd July	Matthew Whitcombe Cup
22 nd July	Fun Day – Nursery and Reception
22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Festival
23 rd July	Year 6 Assembly and Presentation – am
24 th July	Dojo Disco
24th July	END OF TERM

Holiday Dates 2023-2024

	School Closes at the end	School re-opens on of the day on
May Day	Monday 6th May	
Summer Half term	Friday 24th May	Monday 3rd June
Summer	Wednesday 24th July	Wednesday 4th September
In Service Training Day:	Monday 17th June 2024	