



Clockhouse Primary School

Newsletter - May 2024

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

Dear Parents / Carers

With half-term just around the corner, I am sure, like the staff, you are all looking forward to the week holiday after another busy term at Clockhouse! I am sure you will agree that it is almost impossible to believe that we are approaching the final half-term of the year; where has the time gone?

Thank you for your support this half term- as always this, and your commitment to the Clockhouse cause does not go unnoticed on a daily basis and is truly appreciated by each and every one of us.

A huge well done to all the Year 6 children who worked so hard to do their end of Key Stage assessments last week, they all worked so very hard in the lead up to their tests and did their very best to put all their learning into practise! We could not have asked for more, they did us and you proud and we eagerly await the results of all their hard work. Thanks must go to all the parents and carers during the week and throughout the year, who ensured that the children came to school well prepared and ready to do their best. Thanks must also go to the staff team for all they did in the lead up to and during the tests, firstly to make sure the children were well prepared and secondly to make sure they stayed calm throughout. Well done, Team Clockhouse!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you at the many events we have planned for the final term of the year starting with the annual Celebration Assemblies which get underway after the holiday!

As always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do. All that leaves us to say is happy half term from us all and we look forward to seeing you all back at school bright and early on Monday 3rd June for another busy and exciting half term. 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!

Thanks for everything!

Mrs Savidge



Attendance Matters!

Whilst our whole school attendance continues to be considerably lower than our 96% target, the whole school attendance has slowly risen and now stands at 94.6% - well done and thank you for all your commitment. This is 0.6% above where we were this time last year. This is all to the good of your children but there is still more work to be done to get us closer to the target of 96%.

Please remember your child needing medication is not a reason to keep them off, you can sign a form to give us the permission to administer this and therefore your child can attend school as normal. Lost time is lost learning and lost socialising.

Clockhouse is 90!

Before we start sharing our celebration plans - we need some help from the children! We cannot wait to see the logos you make and we cannot wait to celebrate this amazing birthday. Thank you for your help!



Our Clockhouse Association

I am delighted to report that Our Clockhouse Association (OCA) have been so busy planning the Summer Fete. Please remember it is 6th July and we cannot wait to see you there and make this a huge success. It promises to be a wonderful community event for all and will form part of our 90th Birthday Celebration. Token and raffle tickets will be on sale soon - look out for more information about this.

OCA are also busy planning for Fathers' Day following the success of Mothers' Day. Letters will be coming out soon - watch this space!

OCA are always looking for people to join their team, if you are interested please contact Mr Koten through the school office.

Uniform for September

Thank you to all those parents who have been ordering school uniform on line at - <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/clockhouseprimaryrm53qr>

Please be aware that if you wish to have uniform delivered to school for September, this must be ordered no later than **Friday 28th June**. After this date, orders can still be made but will need to be delivered to your home. This will cost of £3.95 or free for orders over £50.00. Should you want uniform for September, orders **MUST** be made by **Monday 31st July**. Online ordering will resume at some point in September. Please be aware we do not have stock in school so if you wish to purchase brand new uniform, you will need to use this facility.

Thank you to all those who are supporting our efforts to ensure children are wearing the right PE kit, school PE kit is an expectation and we do ask that this is adhered to, so please ensure the children have the appropriate kit ready. Also, we continue to have a number of children wearing jewellery that is not acceptable for school.

Can I please remind you that jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons. It is Local Authority policy that children do not take part in P.E. if they are wearing earrings. As P.E. is compulsory part of the curriculum, please ensure that earrings are always removed on PE days.

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1. HOW TO REGISTER & ORDER

- CLICK THE UNIFORM LINK FROM YOUR SCHOOLS WEBSITE...or...
- Visit www.mapac.com/education/parents or search online for 'Mapac find your school'.
- Use the 'LOGIN/REGISTER' tab at the top of the page and fill in your details (even if you don't need to order straight away, it means you'll start receiving Mapac updates and offers!)
- Once on your dedicated school page, simply add everything you need to your basket, register (if you haven't already) and then check out.

2. ORDERING GUIDE

Under normal circumstances we aim for all orders to be sent out within 10-15 working days. During our busier periods (especially over the summer) or if anything unexpected occurs, it can take longer, so please allow us some extra time to get your order to you.

Delivery to your home / work all year round!

or

FREE delivery to your school

(This service will not operate during any school holiday this includes the 6 week summer holiday – order out off date is 28th June for last delivery in to school on or around 12th July. Our aim will be to resume in September, you will be informed when this happens.)

IMPORTANT SUMMER ORDERING INFORMATION

To receive your order before the start of term please order by 31st July.

We do everything we can to send out all items as soon as possible but a high volume of orders or unforeseen circumstances may occasionally lead to delays.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call or email us. We are happy to help!

T: 01923 255525 | E: parentcustomerservices@mapac.net

A Few Reminders

Uniform:

Thank you so much to all parents who work with the school and ensure that their children come to school looking so smart, and dressed in correct school uniform. Please can I remind you that the school uniform is black flat shoes, not sandals. As part of Health and Safety, please ensure that long hair of both boys and girls is tied back. This does help prevent the spread of head lice amongst children. Please can I also remind you that the children are not permitted to wear nail varnish.

As it gets warmer, please do send the children into school with water bottles, a hat (if needed) and with sun cream on - the children will go outside in the hot weather.

Please do not forget that we now have our very own No Cost Uniform Shop which is open regularly. Please do take the time to pop in and have a look. Should you need to access the shop at other time, please do not hesitate to ask.

Playground Equipment:

As tempting as I know it is for children to play on the playground equipment, we ask that you support the school in not allowing children to climb on playground equipment before and after school. The equipment is for school use only under the supervision of school staff. Unfortunately accidents do occur. As a result of misuse by younger siblings, the school cannot take responsibility for this.

Scooters and Bikes:

Please can we also remind you that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school site at the start and end of the day due to the hazard this presents. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Parking

Thank you to all those who are respectful of the parking rules around the school both in the mornings and at the end of the day. This is to keep our community safe. However, it saddens 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!

Thank you in advance for your support in the above matters, it is appreciated.

Important Dates

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 anYear 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
Summer Half term	Friday 24th May	Monday 3rd June
Summer	Wednesday 24th July	Wednesday 4th September
In Service Training Day:	Monday 17th June 2024	