



# Clockhouse Primary School

## Newsletter - June 2024

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

Dear Parents / Carers

As we get ever closer to the end of the school year, we again approach what is probably one of the busiest times of the school year. We are very excited for all that is to come prior to the end of the school year and are very much looking forward to sharing this with you.

We have lots of things planned for the remainder of the term: Meet the Teacher, Sponsored Walk (I hope you are getting lots of sponsors), Sports Day and so much more! Thank you in advance for your support with everything we are doing. As is always the case, at this time of year, it all does seem to come at once!

Thank you to you all for the support you showed for our recent Enterprise Day. I am delighted to report that we raised an overwhelming amount of £1525.49, with Japan topping the list of entrepreneurs. The support you give us for all of these events and others allows us to continue to provide the children with the enriched curriculum they are given as well as heavily subsidising visitors to the school.

It has been lovely to welcome so many of you to this year's Celebration Assemblies and as I am sure you will agree, the children's learning has certainly been something to celebrate! It never ceases to amaze me how much they achieve and learn each year! As always, there is always more to learn though! These continue into July and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to these.

Thank you also to everyone for their extra efforts during the transition from sQuid to Parent Pay, please so speak to the school office if you have any questions.

Finally, as always, thank you for your continued support in all that we do and along with the staff and children, I look forward to welcoming you to the many events that we have planned in the final month of the year of which there are many - can you believe another year is nearly over; once again it has gone so quickly!

Mrs Savidge



### Attendance Matters!

Thank you to everyone who supports their child to ensure that they are in everyday and on time, the better their attendance the better they will do with us and the greater progress they will make.

Our current attendance is 94.7% which is significantly above this time last year but not nearly where we were prior to the pandemic.

Please do know that I appreciate, for the majority, there are very justifiable

reasons for absence and we fully respect these.



**Attendance Matters**

*Every student. Every day.*

### Sponsored Walk

By now you should all have received the letter about the Sponsored Walk event taking place on Wednesday 3rd July. All children will be taking part and we are excited to be able to welcome parents and families to join us for this lovely event once again. In the meantime, thank you for all the sponsorship that you have been busy getting!

### Sports Day 2024

As has become common place at Clockhouse, this year Sports Days, will once again take place in the morning (as far as is possible) as follows (weather permitting):

- 16<sup>th</sup> July Key Stage 2 (9.15am)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Nursery (11.00am / 2.45pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Reception (9.15am)
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Key Stage 1 (9.15am)

We look forward to seeing you all there to cheer the children on.

### Our Clockhouse Association

Since the last newsletter, OCA have been busy. A huge thank you to them for arranging the Father's Day sale and for you for showing such great support. Do not forget they have their annual Summer Fete coming up on 6th July which promises to be great once gain! Without you, such events would not be so successful. A huge thank you to OCA for all they do to support our school.

### Help!

The time has come for our termly questionnaire to families. Your feedback is vital in our continual strive to improve the school. Please click on this link to give your feedback - <https://forms.gle/cwzGh3L2CiWArKop9>



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### 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 loved learning outside more and more and have had a great time playing in sandpit and their very own car wash amongst other provisions. They have also loved the opportunity once again share their learning with their families when they came into work with them.

**Reception** - The Reception children have begun to think about moving onto Year 1 and are busy getting ready for this. They are really enjoying learning about transport and loved designing and making their own boats more recently.

**Year 1** - The children in Year 1 have been very busy this term. They are loving their theme 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside' and have been creating some fabulous art work. They have also loved learning about 'Bog Baby' and used their sewing skills to create their own Bog Baby! Thank you to the parents who helped them with this when you came to learn with us!



**Year 2** - The Year 2 children are really enjoying learning all there is to know about castles, wow has their knowledge grown and I hope they have loved sharing this with you at home. They enjoyed creating their own writing from the story 'Princess and the Pea'. They also loved their trip to Colchester Castle and were able to use of lots of their learning during the trip.

**Year 3** - Year 3 have been learning about the Ancient Greeks through their theme 'Groovy Greeks'. They really enjoyed their trip to Layer Marney Tower to further support and develop their learning. More recently, they have been busy doing lots of fabulous writing, well done Year 3!

**Year 4** - Year 4 have been enjoying their learning all about the rainforest. They have really embraced this theme and have loved learning about the different layers in the rainforest. They have also loved being Web Designers during their Computing learning.

**Year 5** - The children in Year 5 have been busy learning all about The Victorian era. At the beginning of the term a lot of the year group enjoyed 3 days at Conover Hall whilst the rest of the children stayed at school for some exciting activities. The children all had a fabulous time and have highly recommended the experience for next year's Year 5. This really enriched their learning about the Victorians.

**Year 6** - Following their SATs tests in May, the Year 6 children have continued to work hard and prepare for their transition to Secondary School. All the children enjoyed their Activity Week whether it took place at school or on the Isle of Wight (a great recommendation for next year's Year 6). It has been all about America in Year 6 this term, where they have learnt about different states of America, their history and some of the festivals they celebrate. They still have a lot planned to conclude their time with us which I am sure they will enjoy!



**Greenland** - As always, the children in Greenland have had a busy term and have learned so much. They loved welcoming their families to school to share their learning and everyone seemed to have a great time!

As I am sure you can appreciate this is just a small taster of what has happened at Clockhouse this term, as always, it would be truly impossible to capture it all!

Thank you for your support for all that we do!

## Important Dates

25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 to Paradise Wildlife Park
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 to Southend Sea life Centre
27 <sup>th</sup> June	David Leaper Athletics Day Year 3 & Year 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sponsored Event
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Learn with my Child
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Presentation
6 <sup>th</sup> July	OCA School Fete
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
9 <sup>th</sup> July	French Storytelling Workshop Year 2 and Year 3
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Olympian in School
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Children meet their new Teacher
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Term Open Evening – 3.30 – 5.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – KS2 - am
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – Nursery and Reception – am and pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – KS1 – am
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 to Island Adventure
w/b 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Extravaganza Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Matthew Whitcombe Cup
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Fun Day – Nursery and Reception
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Festival
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Assembly and Presentation – am
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Dojo Disco
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>END OF TERM</b>

### Holiday Dates 2023-2024

	<b>School Closes at the end</b>	<b>School re-opens on of the day on</b>
<b>Summer</b>	Wednesday 24th July	Wednesday 4th September

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	<b>School Closes at the end of the day on</b>	<b>School re-opens on</b>
<b>Autumn Half term</b>	Friday 25th October	Monday 4th November
<b>Christmas</b>	Friday 20th December	Monday 6th January
<b>Spring Half term</b>	Friday 14th February	Monday 24th February
<b>Easter</b>	Friday 4th April	Tuesday 22nd April
<b>May Day</b>	Monday 5th May	
<b>Summer Half term</b>	Friday 23rd May	Monday 2nd June
<b>Summer</b>	Tuesday 22nd July	to be confirmed
<b>In Service Training Day:</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April