



Clockhouse Primary School

Newsletter - October 2024

#ourclockhousefamily

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

Dear Parents / Carers

Firstly, thank you to you all for the incredible support and commitment you have shown to us this half term. It has certainly been a long one for us all, not least the children. Working together in a positive way to co-educate your children is so beneficial for the little people that are so important to us all. I am sure that you will agree, the first half term has flown by. How quickly the children and in fact, the whole community have adapted to the change in year group and what this brings makes us, as a school, very proud, I am sure you feel the same! I also hope that you will agree, the children have already learnt so much this year and we are only half a term in!

Thank you to all for your support for our recent fund-raising events. Thank you to everyone for the support you showed on Yellow Day for awareness of Mental Health. Also thank you to all those who sent in goods for the Harvest Festival, you were so generous. We were delighted to take these to the Foodbank, who currently, are so in need of donations and were so appreciative. They provide members of our own community and wider community with a much needed life line so thank you on their behalf. Thank you also for your sponsorship efforts which raised just under £1000 for charity.

As I am sure you are aware, the week is Parents' Evening, please see or message class teachers if you do not yet have an appointment yet. Once again, in response to requests, we are offering a blended approach where you can either do your meetings face-to face or on Zoom. I, along with Mrs Reinecke are also available should you need us. Please look out for the link to the termly questionnaire which has come out this week, in order for you to give us valuable feedback.

Hopefully by now you are also aware that the week beginning 4th November is our annual Best of British Week, where we will be learning about all things British. It is also Amazing Attendance and Perfect Punctuality week - please help us be amazing and perfect!

As always, I thank you for your continued support in all we do. We hope you all have a great half term when it arrives on Thursday (Friday is a staff training day) and we look forward to returning on 4th November. Have a good one!

Mrs Savidge



Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?

If so, please can I remind you that you must apply online for them to start school (in Reception) before 15th January 2024. You can apply via:

www.havering.gov.uk/eAdmissions

Even if your child has a brother or sister that attends Clockhouse or your child attends the Nursery attached to Clockhouse, you will still need to apply for a place.

For more information, please contact the School Admissions Team on 01708 434600.

If you have any questions, please do come into school and speak to us or call the above number.

If you need access to a computer to make your application, we can provide this.

Please do not forget!

Should you wish to book on one of the tours of the school we have arranged, please see the school website for dates and contact the school office.

Attendance Matters!

Well done and thank you to everyone who is doing all that they can to ensure children are in school everyday and on time. Currently our attendance stands at 96.2%. This is wonderful news! It is above our whole school target and nearly 1% better than this time last year which is a huge achievement. Thank you for your support and commitment to the cause.

Well done to all the classes who have celebrated with a non-uniform day this term for having a week of 100% attendance. We are looking forward to more of these next term.

Our Clockhouse Association

We hope you all enjoy the OCA Sweet Stall on Thursday - who will get a Golden Ticket?

Keep an eye out for what promises to be an exciting half term ahead. I do know that the Star Prize Raffle will be back as well as the fabulous Hampers. I am sure that children will be please to know that I have heard also the words 'Christmas Disco' so watch this space for more information coming your way.

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 - All our Nursery children have now begun their school career with us and they have settled in impressively well. It has been lovely to have some of them spending the whole day with us and they have certainly been very grown up and sensible having lunch.

Reception - The Reception children have certainly settled into having the longer day at school very well. They have enjoyed all the new opportunities on offer to them and are loving learning all the new phonics sounds, it seems impossible to think many have only been with us for 7 weeks.



Year 1 - Our Year 1 children have made the transition from Reception to Year 1 successfully and are really enjoying their 'Woodland Life' theme. The progress they have made with their writing has been impressive and they have loved linking this to the story 'Leaf Man'.

Year 2 - Year 2 are loving their theme about the Polar Region and have enjoyed learning about different animals who live there. They are loving the story 'Footprints in the Snow' and found the story of James Cook the explorer very interesting when they learnt about him during History.

Year 3 - Year 3 have been busy learning about Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age and this continues into next half term. They have worked hard to learn about chronology and have enjoyed lots of different writing opportunities.



Year 4 - The children in Year 4 are enjoying learning about Ancient Egypt and loved their VR experience which included a trip to the Pyramids! The children (and adults) had a great time at The Thames Barrier. They learnt a lot and were also fabulous Clockhouse Citizens,

Year 5 - Year 5 have been busy learning about Europe through their theme 'Around the Mediterranean in 80 days' and have been busy learning about Mediterranean countries. The children loved their Roman day and have had a great time learning about the impact of these time in History.

Year 6 - Year 6 are enjoying their theme 'Journey Across the Bifrost' and have been very busy learning about the Vikings. They worked so hard completing their first round of Year 6 tests and are really trying to push themselves with their learning. Keep going Year 6!

Greenland - There has been some change in Greenland this term with some new children and adults joining. The children who have been with us previously have been so good welcoming the new faces and showing them the ropes. They are all loving the opportunities on offer to them.

Thank you to all the parents / carers who have supported their children with learning at home with daily reading, spelling and maths practice. I am sure you will agree, a big thank you needs to go to the staff for all they have done to ensure the children have had all these experiences.

A Few Requests

Swearing in and round the school site

A few parents have come to see us about adults swearing in the playground or when queuing at the beginning and end of the day. Please can I ask that everyone does try not to swear whilst on school site or queuing as people do find this offensive.

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! Please also think carefully about where you are parking and do not block people's driveways, this causes a lot of upset for residents.

Meet Mrs Ferreira

I have been a parent governor since 2021 and became Chair in 2023. I am incredibly proud of our outstanding school and work closely with Mrs Savidge to continually explore ways to improve, as we believe there is always room for growth. Yesterday's outstanding is only tomorrow's good, which is why we remain committed to driving further progress and ensuring the best educational outcomes for all our children.

I am fortunate to work alongside a team of friendly, skilled and experienced governors who ensure that all areas of the governing body are well-covered. Our decisions are always made with the best interests of Clockhouse in mind.

I am committed to the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion and I strive to promote our school values, helping us "Channel our Clockhouse Compass" together.



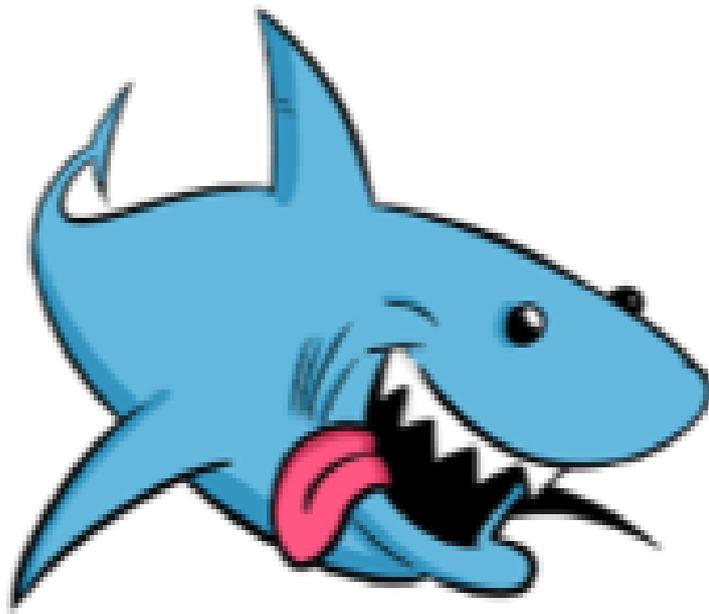
Important Dates

24 th October	Bright Day
24 th October	No Pen Thursday
25th October	Inset Day
24th Oct – 1st Nov	HALF TERM
4th November	Children back to school
w/b 4 th November	Best of British Week
w/b 4 th November	Attendance and Punctuality Week
5 th November	Year 3 - Learn with my Child
7 th November	NSPCC Workshop – Y2/Y5Y6
11 th November	Remembrance Day Service
14 th November	Individual Photographs
15 th November	Children in Need Day
15 th November	Greenland – Learn with my child
w/b 18 th November	Year 6 Mock Sats
18 th /19 th November	Bikeability – Year 2-6 (Learn to Ride)
20 th & 22 nd November	Bikeability – Y3/Y4
21 st November	Cycle Awareness YR-Y2
w/b 25 th November	Bikeability – Y5/Y6
26 th November	Year 1 – Thorndon Country Park
28 th November	Year 6 – Learn with my child
4 th & 5 th December	Year N – Learn with my child
5 th December	Year 5 - Panto
5 th December	Flu Immunisation Catch-up Day Year R-6
6 th December	Cake Sale Fundraising Day
9 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal - a.m 1 (Scotland / Spain / Mexico)
9 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – p.m 2 (Northern Ireland / France / USA)
10 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – a.m 3 (Wales / Italy / Canada)
10 th December	PM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 2.30pm
11 th December	AM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 9.15am
11 th December	KS1 Concert 1 @ 2.30
12 th December	KS1 Concert 2 @ 9.30
12 th December	KS1 Concert 3 @ 2.30
13 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – am – Year 3 and Year 4
13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
13 th December	Christmas Dinner
16 th December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 9.30
16 th December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 2.30
17 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 2.15
17 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 7.00
18 th December	Father Christmas in school
20 th December	Non- Uniform Day / Whole School Parties
20 th December	Last Day of Term
20th December – 3rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
6th January	Children back to school

Holiday Dates 2024-2025

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

**Don't get caught
coming to
school late.**



**Timing is everything.
Get to school on time.**