



# Clockhouse Primary School Newsletter - November 2024

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we once again approach the festive season, it is going to be so lovely to welcome you into school to share Our Clockhouse Christmas with you. I hope that you are all ready for the many festivities that will be happening in school in the run up to the Christmas holiday and the big day itself. As always, we certainly have a lots of lovely things planned for you to share with us and are looking forward to inviting you into school which we hope will not only excite and enthuse the children, but also enable you to be part of our celebrations. Christmas officially starts at Clockhouse on Friday, when we will launch our whole school advent calendar. Friday will also see the mass decoration of the school - pictures to follow! Look out for our annual Christmas story coming your way each day, read by some very special people who the children know well!

Thank you to all those who attended Parent's Evening either in person or virtually; it was lovely for the children and teachers to share the learning with you. Thank you also to those who took the time to fill in the online questionnaire - we are currently busy analysing the feedback and I will share this with you, and what we will be doing as a result of your ideas for further developments, as soon as I can. I hope that you found the meetings informative and useful, please do let me know as your feedback is important to us.

Thank you for your overwhelming support for all the recent fundraising we have been doing. Your kindness and generosity was so gratefully appreciated by so many. We raised £590.87 for Children in Need - thank you so much. Please look at the end of the newsletter for key Christmas dates. Do not forget Christmas Jumper Day on 13th December which will also be Christmas Dinner Day. During the festive period, we will be fundraising for good causes that are dear to our hearts for a number of reasons, so when attending concerts, please do not forget to bring any of that loose change you have lying around! In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you all at the many up and coming concerts and events.

Thank you for all that you continue to do and your on-going support. Together let's make this the best Clockhouse Christmas ever!

Mrs Savidge



## Our Clockhouse Association

OCA have been busy since the last newsletter.

Thank you for all those who visit the Sweets Stalls and supported OCA with this. We do hope you enjoyed our sweet treats.

Thank you to those in Year 1 to Year 6 who have already bought tickets for the Festive Disco later this week. We hope everyone has a great time.

We are also delighted that the Star Prize Raffle is back with some awesome prizes to be won and the Hamper Raffle. Thanks must go to Key Stones for their support with the Star Raffle and to our member of OCA and the staff for donating the Hampers.

Don't forget to get your tickets - you have got to be in it to win it.

All draws will take place live on the school Facebook page on Wednesday 18th December.

Good luck everyone!

## Attendance Matters!

Thank you to all our families who are trying so hard to ensure children are in school everyday and on time. It really does make such a difference. Below is a little reminder as to what you need to do and what we need to do (we hope this is helpful) -

### What YOU must do:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence. Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters as proof.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport or for some reason you cannot get them into school, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help.

### What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Congratulations must go to Wales and Kenya who won Amazing Attendance and Perfect Punctuality Week.

## What you have told us!

Although a little late sharing this with you, the Summer Term Parent / Carer questionnaire focussed on many aspects of school life and mirrors the questionnaire that Ofsted will ask parents when they come to visit us. Thank you to those that took the time to complete the questionnaire and support us in striving for improvement. As can be seen, the results have been analysed and again present the positive views of the school. We have already actioned a number of the points that you have raised. The figures below are as a percentage.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	D'agree	Strongly D'agree	Don't Know
My child is happy at this school.	74	26	0	0	0
My child feels safe at this school.	75	22	1	0	2
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	62	35	1	0	2
My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.(64% parental responses – 'I have not had any experience')	16	16	1	0	3
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	73	26	1	0	0
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	57	34	2	0	7
Does your child have special educational needs or disabilities? If yes, how strongly they agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'(64% - My child does not have special needs)	22	12	1	0	1
The school has high expectations for my child.	58	37	1	0	4
My child does well at this school.	67	33	0	0	0
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	65	34	1	0	3
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	68	29	0	0	3
My child can take part in clubs at this school.	58	30	3	1	8
The school supports my child's wider personal development.	60	33	2	0	5
I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	100	No	0	

### A Few Requests

#### Parking - PLEASE HELP US!

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

As you will know, we have good relationships with our neighbours as a school. Please help us maintain these by parking respectfully and not in front of, or overlapping driveways.

It also continues to sadden 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!

#### Queuing

Whilst we appreciate that queuing at the beginning and end of the school can be a nuisance we do thank you for your support with this. Recently it has been brought to our attention that people are vaping and swearing in the queue. Whilst this is a public highway and we cannot control what anyone does whilst queuing we do ask that you respect our community and refrain from smoking, vaping and swearing for the good of all.

### Christmas at Clockhouse

We are very excited to be planning Our Great Clockhouse Christmas, something that has become somewhat of a Clockhouse tradition!

Along with the traditional concerts, we have lots of exciting things planned which launch on Friday with our whole school Advent Calendar getting underway. Also to launch Christmas, on Friday, we will be decorating the school and turning Clockhouse into Our Clockhouse Christmas. If you have any decorations you can spare class teachers or the office would be very grateful.

As many of you will know, we always share a story with you all at Christmas and this year is not exception - watch this space.

Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day takes place on 13th December. This is just a little flavour of what we have got planned as we move towards the big day!



## Meet Ms Marshall

*Hi, I am Amanda Marshall and one of the Co-Opted Governors at Clockhouse. I currently sit on the committee for Quality of Education and am linked with Humanities and Year 4. With 19 years of teaching experience, I have gained a strong understanding of the educational system, the challenges teachers face and the needs of students. As a parent with a son currently attending the school, I am deeply invested in ensuring the best possible environment for all students to succeed is provided. Serving as a Governor allows me to combine my professional expertise with my personal commitment as a parent, working to support and promote the school's vision and contribute to a positive, thriving learning community for both children and staff.*



## Important Dates

4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year N – Learn with my child
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 - Panto
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisation Catch-up Day Year R-6
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Cake Sale Fundraising Day
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal - a.m 1 (Scotland / Spain / Mexico)
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – p.m 2 (Northern Ireland / France / USA)
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – a.m 3 (Wales / Italy / Canada)
10 <sup>th</sup> December	PM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 2.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	AM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 9.15am
11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Concert 1 @ 2.30
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Concert 2 @ 9.30
12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Concert 3 @ 2.30
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – am – Year 3 and Year 4
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 9.30
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 2.30
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 2.15
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 7.00
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Father Christmas in school
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Non- Uniform Day / Whole School Parties
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Children back to school</b>

## Holiday Dates 2024-2025

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
<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>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June