



Clockhouse Primary School Newsletter - December 2024

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear Parents / Carers,

As another year at Clockhouse draws to a close and we reflect on 2024, I hope you join with me and agree that it has been another successful, memorable and exciting year. It would not have been nearly so successful without your support, kindness and positivity. Thank you from us all. I hope you will agree, that together we have worked hard to ensure that the school continues to improve and we have endeavoured to provide the best possible educational experience for each and every one of our wonderful children each day. As always, thank you to you and the children for your on-going support throughout this term but it would also be remiss of me not to thank the wonderful and simply amazing staff team we have. Every day they really do all they can to make the school exceptional for the good of you all, especially your children. As we come to the end of another busy term at Clockhouse, I hope, like me, you are all looking forward to some very well deserved rest and relaxation as well as the festive season ahead.

It was lovely to welcome so many of you, to our fabulous Christmas concerts. The children certainly impressed and I know they loved performing to you all. Thank you to everyone who put their change (or more) in the bucket. We are so appreciative. Once the money has been counted, we will let you know the collective total as well as how much we will be sending to each of the two charities we are supporting this year - Chigwell Riding for the Disabled and St. Francis Hospice.

Once again, I have to thank you for the overwhelming support for all the charity work we have done this term and throughout this year. The stand out event has to be the Cake Sale where we raised nearly £1000 which not only was fund raising for the school but also for Time FM's Christmas Appeal.

All that leaves me to say, is thank you so, so much for your overwhelming support throughout the whole term. Working with such a fabulous community makes the harder times so much easier. Next year, we continue our pursuit to making Clockhouse the best it can possibly be and will continue all that we can to support you. The staff and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and the best possible start to 2025. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 6th January** for another action-packed and fun-filled year whatever it may bring! Have the best possible holiday everyone.

Mrs Savidge

Staffing

As you may already be aware, throughout the term we have said goodbye to a number of staff and also welcomed some new members to the team. Earlier in the term we said goodbye to Mrs Holt and more recently Mr Ron left us after seven years of looking after our school with Mr Gary. Miss Hill also left Greenland prior to the half term holiday. During the term we have welcomed Miss Hegarty and are busy recruiting for the a new School Caretaker - watch this space. There really is never a dull moment at Clockhouse!

Meet Mr Koten

I have worked at Clockhouse since 2016 as a HLTA and became School Governor in 2018. I became a Governor to have a deeper impact and understanding within our school. My Governor roles include - Governor for Primary Languages, Governor for Year 3 and Governor for attendance. I am grateful to be part of such a fantastic and driven team, all with the same goal of supporting our children to enjoy the best experiences they can throughout their Clockhouse journeys.



Our Clockhouse Association

A big well done and thank you to Our Clockhouse Association who, thanks to their organisation and your generosity, have managed to raise an overwhelming amount for our school this year. We are busy discussing how we will put the funds to great use for the good of the children as well as what they will be doing in the future - exciting times ahead. Thanks goes again to Keystones for their continued sponsorship and generosity. We hope the children enjoyed the Festive Disco (I know we all did) and enjoyed the excitement of the raffle draw. Congratulations to the winners!

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 - Our Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed their first Nativity and did us all and you proud. It is so lovely to see how settled they are and see their confidence in being in school growing at a great rate.

Reception - The Reception children have had a great time learning all about Colour and Light. They have been working so hard to learn their sounds and tricky words and their progress is so impressive to see.

Year 1 - The children in Year 1 have had a great time learning about Woodland Life. They loved the visit from the owls and their first trip out of school searching for The Gruffalo and Thorndon Park.

Year 2 - Year 2 have loved learning all about Polar Regions. The trip to Colchester Zoo was certainly a 'hit' once again and the children loved seeing all the animals.

Year 3 - Year 3 have had a busy half-term learning a lot. This term they have really got into learning French and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm for this subject developing.

Year 4 - The children have continued to enjoy their learning about Ancient Egypt. They also really enjoyed their Egyptian Day where they got to learn from lots of different sources.

Year 5 - Year 5 have had a busy term completing their learning all about Europe. One of the highlights of the term had to be their trip to The Queens Theatre - such a great opportunity for the children.

Year 6 - The Year 6 children had a great time learning about different periods in History. They made some great Dragons' Eyes and impressed with their determination during their SATs practise.

Greenland - Greenland have had a busy half term and loved having their parents in to learn with them. The families who came certainly seemed to enjoy their time with us also.

As always, I am sure you can appreciate this is just a small taster of what has happened at Clockhouse this term, it would be truly impossible to capture it all! Thank you to all the families who came to the various Learn with my Child sessions throughout the term. It was so lovely to welcome you all. Dates for these events for next term have been set and can be seen on the term dates over the page.

Thank you to all the Parents / Carers who have supported other events during the term, keep an eye out for further events next term when we continue to provide and enriched learning experience for the children.



What you have told us!

Thank you to the many Parents / Carers who took the time to complete the Questionnaire at the October Parents' Evening. As can be seen from the table below, the results have been analysed and once again present the positive views in all we strive to do. The figures below are as a percentage.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child enjoys what they learn at school	70	29	1	0
I / we talk to our child about their current learning	70	29	1	0
The school helps my child to progress in their learning	73	27	0	0
The school informs me about my child's progress with regards to their learning	62	37	1	0
My child is making good progress with their learning	63	37	0	0
The teaching of the curriculum is good at the school	64	36	0	0
The school helps me to support my child with their learning	54	43	2	1
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns with regards to my child's learning	56	41	3	0
Communication between home and school is good and I / we feel well informed about what is happening	69	29	1	1
I / we support our child with their learning at home	69	31	0	0

As always, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us should you have a suggestion about how we can improve, we are always open to new ideas!

Important Dates

14 th January	Year 5 Junior Road Watch
16 th January	Year 5 Space Workshop
w/b 20 th January	Year 6 Mock Tests
w/b 20 th January	Hungry for Humanities Week
22 nd January	Year 5 Mayan Workshop
23 rd January	Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 NSPCC Workshop
24 th January	Year 1 Learn with my Child
28 th January	Year 4 Learn with my Child
29 th January	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day
29 th & 30 th January	Year N Learn with my Child
30 th January	Year 5/6 Road Safety Workshop
3 rd February	Choir singing at O2
3 rd & 4 th February	Year R Learn with my Child
5 th February	Year 2 Learn with my Child
11 th February	Year 5 Learn with my Child
12 th / 13 th February	Parents Evenings
13 th February	Year 6 trip to Gunpowder Mills
14th February	Last Day of Half Term
17th – 21st Feb	Half Term
24th February	Children return to school
24 th February	Year 4 VR Experience
24 th February	Year 4 Eco Workshop
w/b 24 th February	‘We Are’ Week / Attendance & Punctuality Week
28 th February	Year 5 to Barclays
6 th March	World Book Day
w/b 10 th March	Year 6 Mock Tests
10 th March	Year 2 Toby Carvery visit
12 th March	Children’s Group Photos
13 th March	Year 6 Learn with my Child
w/b 17 th March	Neurodiversity Week
18 th March	Year 3 to Natural History Museum
20 th & 21 st March	Travelling Book Fair
21 st March	Neurodiversity Day
21 st March	Red Nose Day
26 th March	Year 3 Learn with my Child
26 th March	Year 5 to Frameless
26 th & 27 th March	Year 2 & Year 4 Conductive Music
28 th March	Greenland Learn with my Child
3 rd April	St Francis Hospice – Orange Day
3 rd April	Year 6 to Docklands
3rd April	Last Day of Term
4th April	INSET Day
7th – 21st April	Easter Holiday
22nd April	Children return to school



Holiday Dates 2024-2025

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