



# Clockhouse Primary School

## Newsletter - February 2025

*#ourclockhousefamily*

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

As always at this time of year, I find it hard to believe that we already find ourselves half way through the school year and very soon we will be in the final term of this academic year. Every year just goes quicker and quicker!

Thank you for the support you showed our very own marathon running Mrs Ayling at the beginning of the week.

On the note of thank you - thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the termly parent's questionnaire (there is still time, as this does not close until Friday). It is always lovely to read such positive feedback as well as constructive criticism about how we can improve. Ultimately we are all in this together and just like you, want the best for all our / your children. Thank you also to you all for taking the time to book a Parents' Evening appointment, it was lovely to welcome you and share lots of lovely news about your child's progress and their attitude to learning and school in general. Again the importance of us working in partnership to co-educate the children cannot be overstated. This partnership can only be to the good of the children.

Following the above, from all of us at Clockhouse we wanted to thank you for the continued support you provide us in our strive to give your children the very best everyday. We really could not do it without you all. Thank you also for all the positive feedback and support you give us verbally, in writing and on the Class Dojo.

We hope the children are enjoying 'We are... Week' and are getting a lot out of this. Thank you to those who have come in to talk to the children, they really have found this so valuable.

Finally, I hope that you all had a lovely half-term holiday and are already enjoying the busy term we have ahead.

Mrs Savidge



### **Our Clockhouse Association**

OCA have once again been busy and as always have lots of exciting things coming your way soon. We hope everyone enjoyed the sweets. Next stop for OCA is our annual Mother's Day Sale on 28th March. A letter will come out soon.

#### **EXCITING NEWS!**

We have made the decision to have a years break from the Summer Fete this year. But do not worry there is still something exciting planned for the Summer Months. More information to follow but get 12th June in the diary for an evening of inflatable!

### **Attendance Matters!**

Thank you to you all for taking your child's attendance and punctuality at school so seriously. As you may have noticed, our overall school attendance continues to be lower than we would like and below our target of 96%. Whilst we appreciate absence due to significant illness cannot be helped, some of the reasons we receive for absence are quite concerning and do not meet the criteria considered to be an authorised absence.

Punctuality is also very important as any lateness means lost learning time. Please get your child in on time so that they can maximise all that is on offer to them during the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Some Requests**

#### **Nail Varnish / Earrings / Jewellery / Hair**

We continue to notice that a number of children are coming to school with nail varnish on, jewellery or wearing earrings that are not small studs - please can you ensure that both nail varnish and earrings are removed for school. This is in keeping with the School Uniform Policy and in the interests of your children's health and safety. Please also remember that long hair must be tied back.

#### **PE Uniform**

Please can I remind everyone that correct School PE Uniform is as important as correct School Uniform. We continue to notice non-school PE Uniform being worn by a small minority of children. Please click on the link - <https://www.clockhouseprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform-information/> or use the QR Code to access the school uniform information which also includes a link to where you can purchase uniform online.



## Year Group News

A lot happened in each year group last half term, so here is a little taster of what has been going on:

**Nursery** - The Nursery children have enjoyed all the learning that they have been doing about animals and loved it when the Zoo came to visit. They got to meet lots of different animals and loved getting to touch them. They were so brave, gentle and caring which was so lovely to see.

**Reception** - The Reception children have also enjoyed learning about animals. As with the Nursery, they also thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the Zoo and enjoyed meeting the animals. The children also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and got to taste some different Chinese food.

**Year 1** - The current theme for the Year 1 children is 'London Life' and the children have had a great time reading lots of different books based in London. They have worked hard to develop the geographical knowledge of significant London landmarks. Ask them what they can identify!

**Year 2** - Year 2 spent the half-term learning all about 'Healthy Planet, Healthy Me'. They learnt all about the impact of Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War and enjoyed asking her lots of questions when she came to visit us. They have also produced some really great writing during their English work following learning all about the book 'Rascally Cake'.

**Year 3** - 'What on Earth has been going on?' is the theme for Year 3 for the whole of this term. The children have been very busy learning all about volcanoes and even got to make their own small version. They also loved Hungary for Humanities Week and learning all about how Romford has changed. They even got to go on a bus!

**Year 4** - The Year 4 children have had an exciting half-term with their theme 'Wild Weather, Crazy Climates'. They have been working hard to develop their knowledge and enjoyed researching and learning about different biomes! They also had a big push on learning their times tables and did a fantastic job at improving their skills!

**Year 5** - Year 5 spent the half-term learning about the Mayans and Space! They really enjoyed carrying out some Science experiments and had a fabulous time when the planetarium came to visit. They also loved their chocolate workshop and even enjoyed a little taste!

**Year 6** - Like all the other year groups, Year 6's theme continues for the whole of the term and the children have really been enjoying learning all about World War II. Their knowledge has certainly developed and they produced some very impressive writing based on the story, Rose Blanche. They enjoyed their trip to Gunpowder Mills and have continued to work hard in the lead up to their SATs, although there is still more work to be done.

**Greenland** - Team Greenland has had another super busy time. They have loved their learning as well as spending lots of time exploring the outdoors. Whilst some children have worked hard to develop their written skills, others have worked hard on their communications skills and all have made excellent progress.

As 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 for your on-going support in all that we do.

### The Clockhouse Curriculum

As a school we strive to give the children the best curriculum they could possibly have and to cater for their interests and needs. If you would like to find out more about our curriculum and what the children are learning please use this QR Code.



### Name the Values Characters

Thank you to everyone who have already entered our competition to name the 6 Value Characters and tell us how they would act to show the value.

It is not too late to enter, the competition closes on 14th March. If you need another sheet please pop into the school office and they will help you.

Who can name the 6 school values?



## The Clockhouse Vision

Do you know our whole school vision and our 6 school vales? Can you see this in what we do?

We are not just a school, we are home!

We lay the foundations for each individual's future and for dreams to be fulfilled - whatever they may be.

No two bricks are the same but are accepted for their uniqueness and are placed in their own special way to meet their needs.

The cement bonds us together as a family to keep us strong, stable and safe.

We are all safe and happy under one roof, we are protected from the elements and prepared to weather every storm.

The key to success unlocks the door to future achievements unseen before.

The windows show us the reflections of our future self as ready, respectful and responsible adults.

Collaboratively, together our home is decorated with challenge and the rooms are furnished with fun.

All around, a variety of trees grow naturally from the seed of success, with nurture and care anything is possible

So we are not just a school, we are a home that provides a champion for all as well as timeless experiences and skills for a brighter future

And that is why we are called Clockhouse

Ring the bell, we're always here!

***Our school - a home and family for everyone!***



## Important Dates

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March                         | World Book Day                   |
| w/b 10 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Year 6 Mock Tests                |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Children's Group Photos          |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 6 Learn with my Child       |
| w/b 17 <sup>th</sup> March                    | Neurodiversity Week              |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 3 to Natural History Museum |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> March     | Travelling Book Fair             |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> March                        | Neurodiversity Day               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> March                        | Red Nose Day                     |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 3 Learn with my Child       |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 5 to Frameless              |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> March     | Year 2 & Year 4 Conductive Music |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Greenland Learn with my Child    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April                         | St Francis Hospice – Orange Day  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>                   | <b>Last Day of Term</b>          |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>                   | <b>INSET Day</b>                 |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> | <b>Easter Holiday</b>            |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>                  | <b>Children return to school</b> |

## Holiday Dates 2024-2025

|                                 | School Closes at the end of the day on | School re-opens on             |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Easter</b>                   | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April           | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April |
| <b>May Day</b>                  | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May             |                                |
| <b>Summer Half term</b>         | Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May            | Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June    |
| <b>Summer</b>                   | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July          | To be confirmed                |
| <b>In Service Training Day:</b> | Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April           | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June   |

