



Clockhouse Primary School

Newsletter - March 2025

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

It seems hard to believe that the Easter Holiday will soon be upon us and before we know it we will be back to school for the Summer Term! What a great Spring Term it has been and we have lots of exciting plans for the term ahead and for some, the last term at primary school!

It has been another busy and exciting term and it has been great to see some many of you at the various events that we have put on to share with you. Your children are all fantastic young people and love sharing their school experience with you, as we do! Thank you for your on-going support with this. Thank you all those who provided positive feedback from the Online Safety sessions, we all need to work together to keep all the children safe.

Thank you for the support you showed to 'It's Good to Be Me' Week earlier this month, the children all looked fabulous on the Friday and enjoyed learning about and celebrating their own and each others uniqueness. Thank you also for the support you showed to the recent Book Fair and during World Book Day - again the children looked great. As you know the importance of reading cannot be overstated and really is the route into learning. Finally, thank you for supporting Mrs Ayling and her charity for running the Marathon where we raised just over £500.

From myself and on behalf of all the staff, thank you for everything this term and we wish you a very Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back as school, bright and early on Tuesday 22nd April for a busy and exciting term ahead. Enjoy lots of chocolate!

Mrs Savidge



Are you Ready, Respectful and Responsible?

We are hopeful that these are words that you hear your children say regularly as these are our three school rules. Please ask the children about this, what they mean to them and our community and reiterate these expectations around these. There is also our fourth secret 'R' - resilience. The children from Nursery all the way to Year 6 are so good at showing this as well as the other 3 'R's'. Obviously, we also expect parents to follow these rules!

School Uniform - Please support us!

Thank you to all families who work with the school in ensuring that the children come to school looking so smart and dressed in the correct uniform whether this be everyday school uniform or P.E. Kit. We have seen an improvement in P.E. Kit but continue to see a small number of children not wearing correct kit and we need this to change. If you need to talk to anyone about this, please do but I must emphasise that the correct P.E. Kit is just as important as the correct everyday school uniform. Thank you in advance for your support.

Some IMPORTANT reminders - Please help us!

Please can I remind everyone that bikes and scooters should NOT be ridden on school premises at the beginning and end of the school day, nor should any of the playground equipment be played on at this time. Please can we ask that you refrain from smoking and vaping near the gates and immediately outside of the school.

Please can I remind families about parking. We regularly get complaints about people parking on and across drives - this really is not fair on our very tolerant neighbours. Please refrain from doing so and parking on double yellow line and zig-zags. I am sure no one wants to be responsible for an accident.

Finally, when queueing outside of the school please leave room on the pavement for people to walk past with ease—thank you in advance.

Attendance Matters!

As you know, we take attendance and punctuality of the children very seriously. Thankfully, in the most part, families also echo this and for that we thank you. Sadly, there are still a small number of families who do not echo the school ethos. Please can I remind you of the importance of children attending everyday and on time unless they really are too unwell to do so. It is also imperative that they arrive on time as learning does start straight away and they cannot afford to miss what is happening at the beginning of the day. As a school, we review attendance and punctuality all the time and for some this must improve after the holiday. Please help us help your children. Thank you for your continued support to all those who ensure their child is in school everyday and they their arrival at school is punctual; it really does help everyone concerned.

Our Clockhouse Association

Since the last newsletter, OCA have been busy. A huge thank you to them for arranging the Mother's Day sale and for you for showing such great support. If you do not know already, a date for your diary is 12th June for an evening of inflatables.

Meet Mrs Morris

My journey at Clockhouse began in 2021 when my daughter joined the Nursery. I was immediately struck by the school's warm, close-knit community, so when the opportunity to become a governor arose in 2023, I was thrilled to get involved. Since then, I have loved deepening my understanding of what makes Clockhouse so special.

Currently, I am linked to English and the Year 1 Team. This connection, along with my experience in secondary education, inspired me to take an even more active role in the school. In 2024, I officially became part of the Clockhouse Family, joining the Year 6 teaching Team.

Having a multi-faceted link to the school allows me to bring a broad range of knowledge and expertise to my role as a governor—an experience I am thoroughly enjoying and look forward to continuing.



Does your child use Social Media? Do you know?

As we know, being safe online is of paramount importance and something, as a school, we are continually talking to the children about. Have you watched Adolescence on Netflix? If not, I really would urge you to do so to help understand the implications of children not being safe online. Here is a useful link which identifies 'Sinister Emojis' - <https://www.worklifecentral.com/SiteAssets/Files/Emojis%20Periodic%20Table.pdf>

We continue to have parents approach us following either seeing their own children's conversations / photos online or that of others. They have brought this to our attention, for which I thank them, as they are concerned and we have worked with the parents and children to address the issues. In particular, I am drawing this to your attention as some parents were not aware of their child's online activity or that they had such accounts or multiple accounts of the same app.

Please can I remind you that the legal age for having an Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook a WhatsApp account and lots more is **13**.



PLEASE DO NOT EVER ASSUME IT WILL NOT BE YOUR CHILD BECAUSE IT COULD BE!

Important Dates

22 nd April	Year 3 Circus Workshop
23 rd – 25 th April	Year 5 Condover Hall Residential
5th May	School Closed for May Day
6 th and 7 th May	Year R Learn with my Child
9 th May	Year 3 to Layer Marney Tower
12 th – 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
20 th May	Year 5 Learn with my Child
23rd May	Last day of term
26th - 30th May	HALF TERM

Holiday Dates 2024-2025

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
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
In Service Training Day:	Monday 23 rd June	

