

22 September 2023 (Autumn Term Week 3)

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

Please do read Mr Wilding's blog '<u>A Principled View</u>'.

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

LOST PROPERTY

Please can all items brought to school be clearly named. We will keep any unnamed items for two weeks, and then if not claimed they will be disposed of or donated.

Snacks

We encourage all children to bring healthy food into school. If your child would like to bring in a snack for their break time, we can recommend foods such as fruit, dried fruit, cereal bars (nut free) and vegetables. Please see further guidance from the <u>NHS healthier snack website</u>.

Harvest Festival - Thursday 28 September

The Harvest celebration will be held in the Main Hall at 9.30am. Please join us in the Hall for pre-event refreshments which will be served from 9am. The event should last approximately 45 minutes.

This year Claires Court is delighted to work with two local charities, The Salvation Army and FoodShare in Maidenhead. They would be very grateful to receive any items such as:

- Dried and tinned goods such as cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, tinned meat, tea, coffee, biscuits
- UHT milk
- Non-food items such as toiletries and hygiene products

Please feel free to bring donations into school from Wednesday 20 September onwards

One Way System on a Friday

You will have received a letter regarding the one way system we are going to trial on a Friday, please see the below points on how you can help us. Whilst we are working on the parking situation you can help in the following ways.

- Drop your children at the top of the playground and leave the site asap if you can
- Drive slowly around the carpark
- Be especially careful reversing out of parking spaces
- Take turns to merge as you leave the car park
- Be aware that when the one way system isn't in place (Mon-Thurs) the small roundabout at the gate can be a little tight. Go slow and take your time incase somebody is also coming from the opposite direction

Personal Details Check

Please do check the details we hold for you and your child on the <u>Report Portal</u> and confirm you have checked/updated your details as necessary by selecting `consent given' by `Details checked for 2023/24' which can be found under `Other Consents'. Thank you.

Residential Trips for 2023/24

We are delighted to share with you the <u>Residential Trips Brochure for 2023/2024</u>. This contains a year view of all our planned trips.

Term Dates 2023-2025

Please see the Claires Court <u>Term Dates 2023-2025</u>, this can also be accessed via our website.

Sports Fixtures / Sports News

All details of fixtures can be found on our website.

Bunny Award

Awarded for kindness, helpfulness and compassion doing the right thing without being asked, it is what makes our school a wonderful environment. This week our bunny has been awarded to Grace W.

Rabbit Award

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Nearly New Uniform

The next nearly new uniform sale will take place on Friday 29 September at 8am-8.45am, this will be in the stable block.

Thank you for the generous uniform donations so far. The Junior PTA has raised $\pounds 2,941.44$.

To all those who have bought nearly new uniforms at sales since the beginning of term, a huge thank you for helping to raise value funds for the Junior PTA.

A reminder that we only accept branded school uniform items, so please no school shirts, trousers/shorts, swimwear, or grey/burgundy socks and tights. Please wash all items before donating.

Volunteers are welcome to get involved in sales or sorting donations. Please get in touch with the office to get on the volunteer list.

PTA FIREWORK AND HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR! Saturday 14 October, 5pm-9pm at Claires Court Juniors Online Ticket Price (at ccpta.org.uk)

Online Ticket Price (at ccpta.org.uk) Adult: £9 Child: £5 Family (2 adults, 2 children): £25

On the Gate Ticket Price Adult: £10 Child: £6 Family (2 adults, 2 children): £30

> Ticket includes one burger or one hotdog Vegetarian burger available

CCSBC Sponsored Ergo and raffle Slideshows & stalls by Year 10 & Year 11

Pumpkin carving competition Bring your spooktacular entry on the night Prize for best pumpkin!

Online ticket on sale at ccpta.org.uk and available until 9/10/23 .Tickets bought on the gate do not guarantee food. Strictly no dogs allowed.

Christmas Fair - Thursday 16 November

This is being held from 6:30 - 9 pm at Junior Sports Hall. Save the date in your diary, and feel free to bring a friend with you! We'll be serving mince pies and mulled wine while you shop.

PTA Fireworks Saturday 14 October

Avoid the queues on the gate and purchase your tickets in advance via <u>ccpta.org.uk</u>. Advance ticket purchase also secures a discounted ticket price, earlier access to food and will be available until 9 October. This year Claires Court Juniors will be taking part in a pumpkin carving competition!! A bar and food will be available.

REMINDERS

Speed limit and coaches at Ridgeway

Please can we remind all parents of the 20 mph speed limit on the driveway and within the school car park.

We would also like to remind parents to be mindful when driving near the coaches which come in and out of the school. They will drive in the bus lane, which is on the opposite side of the road and need plenty of space to manoeuvre due to their size. Please do not attempt to overtake them, as this causes a risk to staff/pupil and parents safety.

Reporting Absences

Please report any sickness absence/medical appointments via the school office on 01628 327400, email <u>juniors@clairescourt.net</u>. For any requests for term time absences, please complete the <u>google form</u>.

Is my child too ill for school?

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

After School Care Contact Telephone Number from 5pm

If you need to contact the After School Care from 5pm onwards regarding a delay in collecting your child please telephone 01628 327745.

School Calendar

Please don't forget to check our <u>online school calendar</u> to see what is happening throughout the term.

Class Bulletins

Reception Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6

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