



**CLAIRE'S COURT
JUNIORS**

Weekly Bulletin

06 October 2023 (Autumn Term Week 6)

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

PTA Fireworks Saturday 14 October 5pm - 9pm

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Do not forget to bring your carved pumpkin, prize for the best pumpkin!!

**PTA FIREWORK AND
HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR!**

**Saturday 14 October, 5pm-9pm
at Claire's Court Juniors**

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.

*** THE 4PM RUGBY MATCH (Wales vs Argentina/Japan) WILL BE SHOWN AT THE FIREWORKS ON SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER ***

The bar will be open from 3.30pm, although it is unlikely that other stalls will be up and running until the official event start time of 5pm. If you wish to watch rugby it will help enormously if you can please purchase your tickets in advance via ccpta.org.uk. Your wristbands have been sent home with your (oldest) child this week so all you will need to do is show them on the gate for easy access.

Holiday Club promotion

October half term is fast approaching and our holiday club will be open for Years 1-7 for all children, not just from Claires Court so please tell your friends. Please go to our website for all the details and to book.

Coach Transport w/c 16 October only

As previously confirmed in this letter, with the closure of Cookham Bridge from 16 October, we will be running all coaches (with the exception of Twyford and Windsor) at the earlier time departing Juniors at 4pm to allow for increased road congestion and thereby ensuring the day is not too long for our pupils and drivers. All activities will continue to operate with the obligation for parents to collect from school if their specific school-home bus service is running early. Please note there are no changes to the school day timings or timings for activities this week.

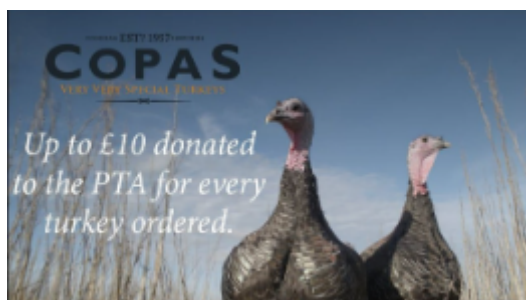
Transport schedule after half term

The After School Activity link bus will depart Juniors at 4.50pm (was 5pm), drop those needed at College and continue to Senior Boys for parental pick up around 5.10pm.

On Fridays, and the last week of term, the usual inter-school link arrangements apply with all coaches departing Senior Boys at 4.30pm.

Copas Turkeys

Yes it is VERY early! However, Copas is a great local company and alumni of the school and they are offering their PTA cashback scheme again this year. Our PTA can earn up to £10 per turkey, just add "PTA Turkey Cashback" to the basket when you place your order. <https://www.copasturkeys.co.uk/our-shop/christmas-2023/>



FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Can we please remind you that we are a nut free zone (this includes nut related products like Nutella or pesto). We do have both children and staff on site that have severe allergic reactions to these. Thank you.

Raefe's Kilimanjaro climb!

Raefe & Aurelia are attempting to summit Mt Kilimanjaro this October half term to raise funds to support Emily F (Maxi's (60) little sister) who has a little known neurological degenerative disease called BPAN. Great Ormond Street Hospital has agreed to direct fundraising for Emily to BPAN research in the hope that they can find a cure for Emily and other affected children .

They have so far raised £2,500 of their £5,000 target -every penny really does count!!!

If you are at all able please do donate for Emily the link is below. Plus it will give the children a huge incentive to keep going over the 6 day climb and hopefully with some luck too , to reach the top.

Please help them to help Emily. Thank you all

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/aurelia-kemmis-1695560109788>

Chess Words by Mr Hogg

Saturday saw Claires Court Juniors host a highly successful chess tournament with 65 players taking part.

I was delighted, and extremely proud, to have so many Claires Court pupils (past and present) taking part. A glut of House Points were earned, especially by those entering a tournament for the very first time.

Well done to Zac, Lalitha, Owen, Nevaan, and Satyan.

I hope we will be seeing them at our tournaments in the future.

Our next event is our PTA Chess Festival.

This is a London Qualification event, so the standard will be very high indeed.

Thank you to those who have contacted me about lessons with Mr Tuck. If your child is interested in these lessons, please do drop me an email rih@clairescourt.net

Residential Trips for 2023/24

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

Term Dates 2023-2025

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

Sports Fixtures / Sports News

All details of fixtures can be found on our website.

Bunny/Rabbit 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/rabbit has been awarded to Sam I-S and Avril C.

PTA

Nearly New Uniform *Date Change*

The next nearly new uniform sale will take place on Friday 20 October at 8am-8.45am, this will be in the stable block.

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.

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.

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 juniors@clairescourt.net. For any requests for term time absences, please complete the google form.

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 online school calendar to see what is happening throughout the term.

Class Bulletins

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Year 2

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