



**CLAIRE'S COURT  
JUNIORS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**24 November 2023 (Autumn Term Week 10)**

## **Principal's Blog**

This week Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, invites our children supported as appropriate by their parents to contribute to her national survey "The Big Ambition", to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Further information in Mr Wilding's blog '[A Principled View](#)'.

## **Important - Registers for the coach \*Final Reminder\***

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us and as such, we request that you must mark your child as 'not travelling' if they are not going to go on the coach to and from school for any reason. This can be noted either by going into Vectare online or by downloading the Vectare app (please search for "VecTive Passenger App" on Android and Apple). Through either method you can then amend your booking and mark your child as not travelling.

From Monday 20 November we will only use coach registers given to us from Vectare to confirm who we expect to be on the coach to and from school including the link between the schools. Please ensure that Vectare is kept up to date on a daily basis to ensure your child's end of day arrangements are correct.

If you have any last minute changes on the day (After 3.30pm) please contact the school office.

For all other queries please contact Vectare at [clairescourt@vectare.co.uk](mailto:clairescourt@vectare.co.uk) who will be happy to assist.

## FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

### Up and Coming Christmas Dates for your Diary!!

- **Thursday 30 November** Christmas Jumper Swap
- **Tuesday 5 December** [Years 3 and 4 Christmas Carols at All Saints Church AM](#)
- **Tuesday 5 December** [Years 5 and 6 Christmas Carols at All Saints Church PM](#)
- **Wednesday 6 December** [Lower Juniors Christmas Production PM](#)
- **Thursday 7 and Friday 8 December** Christmas Jumper Days and Christmas Lunches
- **Thursday 14 December** Last day of term. NO after school clubs or after school care available.

### Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Days

Christmas lunch will be served at Juniors on Thursday 7 December for Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Friday 8 December for Year 5 and 6. Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on both days for a £2 donation to Save the Children. We assume that all pupils will have a Christmas lunch and you will be charged £4.50 for this **UNLESS** you opt out by completing the form below by Friday 1 December. The cost includes the Christmas meal, a dessert, drink and cracker. Please also complete this form to provide any dietary requirements that your child has. Please note that there will be no other food served at lunchtime this day, so if your child is opting out they will need to bring their own lunch.

[Christmas Lunch Juniors Opt Out / Dietary Requirements Form](#)

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

### Monday 27 November-Friday 8 December

We are once again collecting items for Maidenhead Foodshare. We will be collecting from Monday 27 November until Friday 8 December and the pupils will find the hamper boxes outside the dining hall. Thank you in advance for your support.

We have looked at foodshares requested list and have taken a selection of items for each year group to donate:

Reception/Year 1:	Christmas Pickles, Chutneys
Year 2 and 3:	Christmas Cakes, Yule Logs (not fresh cream)
Year 4:	Chocolates, Sweets
Year 5:	Savoury Crackers, Crisps
Year 6:	Jam, Marmite, Chocolate Spread

## St Luke's Church Christmas Tree Festival

**St. Luke's Church**  
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX

**Christmas Tree Festival**  
**8th—10th December**



Friday and Saturday:  
10 am - 7 pm  
and  
Sunday:  
midday - 6pm  
*Closing service at 6pm*

Refreshments daily  
Stalls and Raffle  
Supporting  
Number 22  
community counselling services



Also available to view online  
[www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk](http://www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk)

Please pop along to St Luke's Church in Maidenhead to view all the trees on show which are decorated and sponsored not only by Claires Court School but other local schools/business/community groups. The trees are donated to local families in need or retirement homes for others to enjoy.

## National Non-Fiction November: What on Earth! magazine offer

To support non-fiction reading at home for National Non-Fiction November, the Claires Court Library has provided free access to the digital edition of Britannica's What on Earth! magazine. Each issue is packed with amazing facts, stunning photos, quizzes, puzzles, jokes and much more to keep curious kids aged 7-14 engaged and entertained. To access the magazine online, use this link <https://www.britannicamagazine.com/digital-editions> and **password: britannica.**

Families can also sign up for their own digital subscriptions at [www.whatonearth.co.uk](http://www.whatonearth.co.uk) which start at a discounted rate of £24.99. Use our **discount code 'CLAIRESCOURT'** at the online checkout. If ten or more families subscribe, the school will receive £200 worth of free non-fiction books for the school library! Everyone who signs up will also receive a FREE Britannica Encyclopaedia worth £25.



## 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.

If you are missing an item, please check the lost property boxes and with the school office.

## 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 Zach M and Leila W.

## PTA

## **Nearly New Uniform**

The next nearly new uniform sale will take place on Friday 24 November 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.

## **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

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

## **Sports Fixtures / Sports News**

All details of fixtures can be found on our [website](#).

## **REMINDERS**

### **Reporting Absences**

Please report any sickness absence/medical appointments via the school office on 01628 327400, email [juniors@clairescourt.net](mailto: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/>

## **Medication**

Whenever possible children must take any prescribed regular medication outside of school hours. If this is not possible, parents/guardians must contact the School Nurse before we can administer the medication and a school '[Administration of Medicine Request Form](#)' completed. All Medication should be delivered to the Nurse in the original packaging, with the pharmacy label attached, stating the child's name, contents and dosage (including timing and method of administration). Please ensure children do not have medication in their possession except Epipens and Asthma Inhalers.

## **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**

[Reception](#)

[Year 1](#)

[Year 2](#)

[Year 3](#)

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**Have a lovely weekend**

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