

1 December 2023 (Autumn Term Week 11)

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 '<u>A Principled View</u>'.

Holiday club

From STEM, arts and crafts to multi-sport and football. We have it all going on the week before Christmas at the holiday club! Your child will have a fantastic time while you perhaps could do a spot of shopping child free? We are open from 15 December - 22 December and then 2 - 4 January 2024 inclusive. A letter has been sent via the school office with all the details and you <u>can book here</u> too!

Surprise Visit

Flash and Tornado came to visit all the children on Tuesday. The children learnt all about the reindeer's in a wonderful educational visit provided by our PTA.





A message from Miss Oakes regarding the Christmas Jumper Swap

A big thank you from me for all those that donated jumpers. It was a successful event, with over 120 jumpers donated. We have 25 jumpers left over and we will be donating these to local primary schools for those who do not have a Christmas jumper to wear this year.

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Up and Coming Christmas Dates for your Diary!!

- Week Commencing 4 December No gymnastic club all week and LAMDA club on Thursday due to the Senior Girl Production.
- Tuesday 5 December Years 3 and 4 Christmas Carols at All Saints Church AM
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- Wednesday 6 December Lower Juniors Christmas Production PM
- Thursday 7 and Friday 8 December Christmas Jumper Days and Christmas Lunches- PACKED LUNCHES ONLY ON BOTH DAYS.
- **Thursday 14 December** Last day of term. **NO** after school clubs or after school care available.

End of Term Arrangements Week Commencing 11 December

Study/Guided Play will be available between 4 - 5 pm and After School Care Between 5-6pm Monday-Wednesday. **There is no after-school provision at all on Thursday 14 December.**

Early buses only from 11 December, leaving Juniors at 4pm.

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 food shares 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

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.



Sport Photos

Sports photos (group and Individual) are now available as individual 'Sports Trading Card' portraits and year group galleries!

Do check with your child for the envelope containing your individual code.

If you would like to receive your picture before Christmas, please order by Monday 4 December. Any queries can be emailed to info@classpicks.co.uk





The Snowman

John Watts, our brilliant Brass teacher and his band are holding two very special concerts on 16 December. See the flyer below and book tickets if you would like to see a live brass band perform a very special programme for Christmas including a screening of The Snowman with a live accompaniment.



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 Robert S and Libby P.

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.

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Nearly New Uniform

The next nearly new uniform sale will take place on Friday 12 January 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.

Sports Fixtures / Sports News

All details of fixtures can be found on our <u>website</u>.

REMINDERS

Locker Rooms Reminder

Please can we remind all parents and guardians that you are NOT permitted to enter the locker rooms during drop off or pick up due to safeguarding.

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 <u>google form</u>.

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 <u>online school calendar</u> to see what is happening throughout the term.

Class Bulletins

Reception

- <u>Year 1</u>
- <u>Year 2</u>
- <u>Year 3</u>
- <u>Year 4</u>
- <u>Year 5</u>
- <u>Year 6</u>

Have a lovely weekend

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