



CLAIRE'S COURT SENIOR GIRLS

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 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 '[A Principled View](#)'.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & STUDY PROGRAMME (Lent Term) - complete by 6 December

Booking for the Lent Term after school activities and study [programme](#) is now open via the Report Portal, accessible from the [Parent Hub](#) on our website, and will close on Wednesday 6 December. Please note you **must book something for every night of the week Monday through to Thursday**, whether that is an activity, study or 'going home' so that we know where your child should be on any given day. The after school activities and study programme, along with late coaches, will commence on the first day of the Lent term i.e. **Monday 8 January 2024**. A brief guide to show how to book activities is found here: [Activities Guide](#) and any queries should be directed to activities@clairescourt.net.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please note the following during the last week of term Monday 11 December - Thursday 14 December:

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There is **no** study or activities available during the last week of term.

The School day will finish at 3.50pm for all with buses departing Senior Girls at 4.05pm and onward homeward bound transport leaving Senior Boys at 4.30pm.

Seniors Carol Service - Wednesday 13 December

Parents are invited to attend our Seniors Carol Concert at St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX on Wednesday for the following services:

- 10am Years 7-9
- 11.30am Years 10-11

Thursday 14 December

Last day of term is a full normal school day ending at 3.50pm.

EOT letters will be emailed home with the usual reminders to parents about bills/school office closure etc over the Christmas period.

Friday 15 December

Report and Grade Cards will be emailed home to parents:

Reports (Year 9)

Grade Cards (Year 7, 8 & 10)

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE Musical Production

Wednesday 6/Thursday 7 December 7-9.30pm College Avenue SL6 6AW



Don't forget to get your tickets (£13 per adult, £2 per child). Please pay via our Payment Portal.

Songs being performed by pupils are from hit Broadway Musicals 'Hamilton' and 'Waitress' together with songs from iconic pop stars Adele and Phil Collins amongst others. A great toe tapping evening for all.

May we also ask you to complete the [google form](#) as this automatically updates a spreadsheet so we know the seating capacity for the hall for each performance.

FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

Please be advised, as we approach the winter months, if pupils are well enough to be in school they are expected to attend PE/Games lessons as normal. If pupils are feeling unwell they should visit the nurses who can administer medication where necessary or sign them off games if appropriate. Pupils will be expected to join the lesson as normal in their PE kit and will be given alternative roles. Pupils are able to take rest breaks if they are feeling under the weather.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

All bookings whether regular or ad hoc must be made via [Vectare](#) here you will find information on routes, costing and how to book. Current users - We have been informed that all bus passes have now been distributed. These must be presented to the driver's handset when boarding to ensure a quick and efficient departure. If you have any questions relating to a pass please contact Vectare at clairescourt@vectare.co.uk who will be happy to assist.

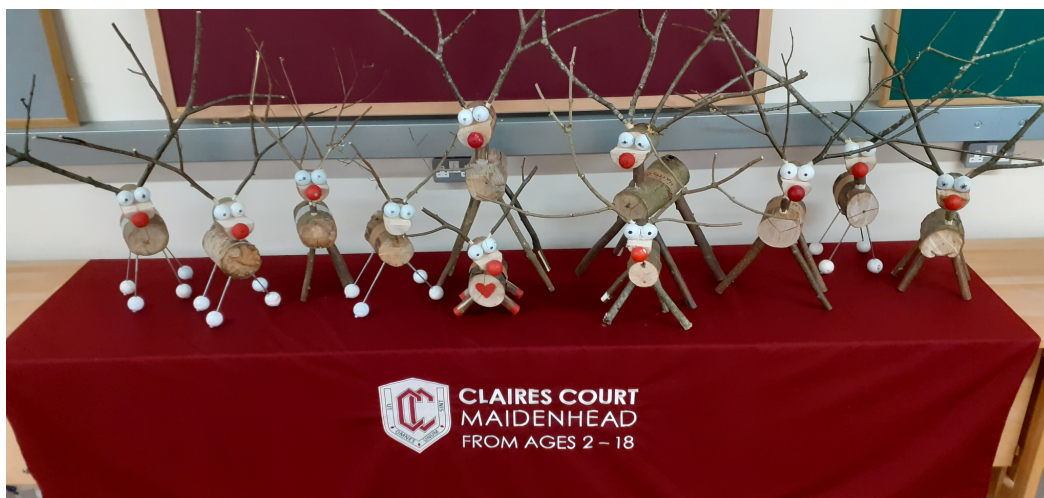


CHRISTMAS - information for parents

We are starting to look festive.....

CLAIRES COURT REINDEERS

Mr Small's DT Class have been busy making their own Rudolph, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Donner and Blitzen in readiness for the big night!! Aren't they fantastic! Well done.



YEAR 7 ONLY

St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival and Year 7 Decorations

Every year we sponsor a Christmas Tree at St Luke's Church which is then donated after the event to a local family in need or a retirement home and as usual our Year 7 girls help with the decorations. This year the girls have chosen a theme of the 'Gingerbread Man' so may we ask that your daughter bring in her decoration, homemade or bought, by **Monday 4 December**.



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

Friday 8 December to Sunday 10 December

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 after the event to local families in need or retirement homes for others to enjoy.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - Friday 8 December

Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on Friday 8 December for a £2 donation to [Save the Children](http://www.save-the-children.org.uk) to be handed in to form tutors in the morning. Please note that there will be no other food served at lunchtime this day, so if your daughter has opted out then she will need to bring her own lunch.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

Monday 27 November - Friday 8 December

We are again collecting for Maidenhead Foodshare and they have shared their requested list [here](#). We have looked at the list and have taken a selection of items for each year group to donate (please note we are a nut free school and we would ask **do not** buy gift vouchers):

Year 7: Christmas Pickles, Chutneys
Year 8: Christmas Cakes, Yule Logs (not fresh cream)
Year 9: Chocolates, Sweets
Year 10: Savoury Crackers, Crisps
Year 11: Jam, Marmite, Chocolate Spread

Thank you for the donations already received but we would welcome more. The girls can find the 'hampers' outside the Dining Room.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Thank you to everyone for your kind gifts to the Samaritans shoebox appeal.

A car full of wrapped shoe boxes were delivered to the Samaritans last week and received with thanks to ultimately bring Christmas joy to children in need around the world. Thanks for your support and generosity.



REMINDER FROM THE LIBRARY

Make room for new books and return your overdue loans to the school library!

Pupils with loans overdue by more than a school term have now received three email reminders from the School Library. Lost/unreturned items will be invoiced with a token replacement charge if the books are not returned by Monday 4 December. Please note this **only** applies to loans from the Lent and Summer Terms. Please encourage your child to check their email for library loan reminders! Remember, Santa's watching...



REMINDERS

CHROMEBOOKS

Please find our [Chromebook Provision and Policy](#) as a reminder that pupils and parents are responsible for the chromebook that your daughter has been allocated, including any repairs/replacement due to damage/loss. Should you require the school to source you a new chromebook please email your daughter's form tutor to authorise the cost of approx. £250 being added to your fee invoice.

If you decide to purchase your own replacement **chromebook** (please note other platforms/devices are not permitted in school e.g. laptops, apple as they are not compatible with our systems), you will need the Claires Court Google licence added to the chromebook at a cost of £35, again to be authorised by emailing your daughter's form tutor.

Claires Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claires Court SchoolTV](#), a wellbeing resource to support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. It aims to help build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It can assist in starting conversations on topics that are sometimes awkward or difficult to tackle.

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.

PARKING, DROP OFF, PICK UP

Please may we ask our parents to be mindful where they are parking and to avoid blocking local residents driveways and on yellow lines/zig zags both inside and outside of the school grounds. The coach bay is reserved for school coach transport, emergency vehicles and for delivery vans unloading throughout the school day.

TRANSPORT

For regular or ad hoc bookings please visit [Vectare](#) where you will find information on routes, costs and how to book. Any questions please contact vectare in the first via clairescourt@vectare.co.uk.

TERM TIME ABSENCE

Please see our [Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy](#) noting that absence for holidays is not encouraged during term time and will not normally be authorised for the first or last week of any term. If you do wish the headteacher to review a request please complete the holiday request form [here](#).

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment where possible via email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com we can then inform teachers ahead of any lessons that your daughter may be absent from. We would also ask where possible that appointments are made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

LEAVING SCHOOL / RETURNING TO SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If you are collecting your daughter for an appointment during the school day, she should wait in reception at the allotted time. We do require parents/guardians to collect and sign your daughter out of school - we will not let a pupil leave school on their own to go to an appointment. Pupils are not permitted to wait outside or use their phones in reception. When your daughter returns to school, she must sign in at reception before going to lessons so that we know she is back in school.

SICKNESS ABSENCE

Please report any sickness absence to the school office before 9.30am on each day of sickness either by telephoning 01628 327500 or by email to seniorgirls@clairescourt.com

MEDICATION

Any medication must be handed into the school accompanied with the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for nurses to administer.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please remember to check our [online school calendar](#) to see what is happening throughout the term.