

15 March 2024 (Spring Term Week 9)



World Book Day 2024 - what a brilliant day!

We celebrated World Book Day 2024 here at Claires Court Juniors, by encouraging all staff and pupils to come in dressed as their favourite book character. The day started with an assembly focusing on the importance of reading, which led into a fashion show! Each year group chose a song to strut their stuff to and staff also took to the fairy light runway to show off their fabulous costumes. The atmosphere was fantastic and a real celebration.

Throughout the day, we initiated 3 sessions of 'Drop Everything and Read', announced by our Year 6 House Captains. They blew their whistles and shouted out, commanding all staff and pupils to drop everything they were doing, and get lost in the wonders of their chosen books. It meant that for the entire day, the children and staff had to carry their books around with them.

A huge well done to all of the children who entered the 'Extreme Reading' competition, and a special mention to our winners:

- Noah I Year 1
- Zoe J Year 4

Our World Book Day was full of activities based around reading, and the energy and excitement towards such a wonderful activity (and vital life skill) has been absolutely amazing. The children made us all proud today. Bring on World Book Day 2025.



Charity Week

Week commencing 18 March is our charity week, we will be raising money for School Drive.

Please send your child into school with a small amount of change each day to participate in fundraising activities. Most activities will cost between 20p-£1.

On Tuesday 19 March pupils in Years RP-Y6 are allowed to come into school wearing their pyjamas for a suggested donation of £1.00. If your child has forest school or games in the afternoon, please send them in with a change of clothes.

Charity Bike Ride

Mr Bishop (Joey B's Dad), is cycling from London to Paris between 25.09.24 to 29.09.24 to raise money for The Thames Hospice.

It will consist of cycling 308 miles over 4 days on varying gradients. Not only that - he is going to do it on his Grandfather's 74-year-old Oscar Egg bike (with a few modern-day modifications for comfort)!

To help raise money Mr Bishop will also be running three sweepstakes over the coming months with the majority of the money going towards sponsorship but also a cash prize available to the winner of each. These will be around The Grand National, Euro 2024 and Olympics 2024. To enter, contact Seb on 07786 074923.

Just giving page can be found here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/seb-bishop2024

FROM THE 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 Jack M and Layla MG.

Summer Term Timings for After School and Coaches

The following timings will be in place for the end of the school day, activities and coach departures in the Summer Term:

Academic School Day finish

Juniors (R-Y1) - 3.30pm Juniors (Y2-6) - 3.45pm Seniors & Sixth Form - 4pm

Activities timing

Juniors: 4pm - 5pm

Senior Girls & Sixth Form: 4.10pm - 5.05pm

Senior Boys: 4.15pm - 5.15pm

Coach Departures

Juniors (to Senior Girls then Senior Boys): 5pm

Senior Girls (to Senior Boys): 5.10pm

Senior Boys: 5.25pm

Summer Term After School Options & Activities Sign Up

Our activities website https://activities.clairescourt.net provides parents with all the necessary information surrounding the co-curricular programme.

Please note, parents will require their parent Report Portal login details in order to book their child's co-curricular programme. If you are unable to login, please contact our data manager John Carr via jpc@clairescourt.net who will be able to reset your password.

Booking of after school options and activities **opens on Tuesday 19 March at 9am** but the activities are now visible on our <u>CC activities webpage</u> for you to discuss through the options with your child. 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.

Booking closes Monday 25 March at 9am, so please ensure you make your selections by then. The after school activities and study programme, along with late coaches, will commence on the first day of the Summer Term i.e. **Tuesday 16 April 2024**.

A brief guide to show how to book activities is found here: Activities Guide.

Please note that activities which are likely to be oversubscribed fast will have a 'holding list' to ensure fair allocation of spaces so that those pupils who missed out last term should keep their space this term.

Please be aware that some activities will be run on alternate sites and may require different pick-up arrangements. These are flagged on the Schedule and further information can be found in the appropriate school's Activities Information document.

Please note enquiries can be directed to activities@clairescourt.net.

Early Years Health Bus- 27 March 2023



Reminders

Head Lice- Message from the Nurses

Head Lice are common in children between 4-11 years old. Please keep your eye out for any signs of them in your children's hair and please follow the NHS guidance if you identify them. Following the school guidelines in keeping long hair tied back can help.

Absences/changes to your children drop off/ pick up arrangements.

If you need to make any changes to your child's drop off or pick up, please can we kindly ask that you email the office on juniors@clairescourt.net. For any last minute changes after 12pm, please call the office on 01628 327400. Emails sent to class teachers during the day or after 12pm to the office can be missed.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment (where possible) via email to juniors@clairescourt.net.

Sickness Absence

Please report all other absences daily to the school office before 9.30am either on 01628 327400, by email <u>juniors@clairescourt.net</u> or via the Report Portal (accessible via the Parents page of our website <u>www.clairescourt.com/parents</u>).

Term Time Absence

Please see our <u>Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy</u> 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 <u>Online Holiday Request Form</u>.

PTA

Nearly New Uniform - Friday 19 April 8am-8.45am - 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.

Locker Rooms

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.

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.

Sports Fixtures / Sports News

All details of fixtures can be found on our website.

Class Bulletins

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Have a wonderful Weekend!

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