#### Juniors -



20 September 2024 (Autumn Term Week 3)

#### FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Blog
Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog

# **Harvest Assembly**

This year, we will be holding a Harvest Assembly instead of our usual Harvest Festival Performance. The assembly will take place during our regular assembly time and will be for the children only.

We would still greatly appreciate donations of non-perishable food items, including tinned goods, biscuits, and coffee. These items will be donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you for your support!

#### Chess

We kicked off a new academic year of chess at Claires Court with a tournament on Saturday. Mr Hogg was delighted that one of our school alumni won his section! Rayan Rasool started chess whilst at Claires Court, playing at our club as well as in our end of term tournaments. Saturday's tournament win is, I hope, just one of many on his growing CV. Our next tournament will be on Saturday 5 October. Please find our entry form <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Swimming Hats**

Please be informed that pupils with hair at ear length or longer are now required to wear a swimming hat during their pool sessions. The current red and white swimming hats are being phased out and replaced with the official navy Claires Court swimming hat, which can be purchased from Hawkinsport. Please do not buy a new hat until it is necessary.

# **Swim Squad**

All swim squad pupils are required to wear the navy CC swimming hat for both training and competitions. Thank you for your understanding.

# **Blue Badge Holders**

If you are parking in our disabled bays (those that are being disrupted by our building work will be replaced), we politely ask that you display your blue badge.

# **Henley Literary Festival**

On Tuesday 1st October 2024, Year 1 will be taking part in a trip to Henley Literary Festival to see author Petr Horacek talk about his new book **'Blue Monster'**. We will leave school at 9am and return at 11.30am. As part of the event, children will all receive a copy of the book to take home with them.

## **Library Books**

All children have now been introduced to the library and shown how to borrow books. Books are issued for 1 week at a time and children are welcome to renew books if they wish to keep them longer. Books can be returned at any time to our returns box within the library. Lower Juniors may borrow 1 book at a time and Upper Juniors may borrow 2 books at a time, any overdue books must be returned before new books can be borrowed.

Overdue notices will be sent home twice a term, please note we do not charge fines for overdue books, however a small replacement charge of £5 is made for anything that is lost or damaged.

#### 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 rabbit has been awarded to **James B** for being thoughtful and kind to a new pupil when choosing rooms for a residential visit.



# Dates for the diary

#### **Individual School Photographs**

If your child missed their school photo last week, they have the opportunity to have their photo taken on **Wednesday 25 September** in the morning. Please remember blazers and smiles!



## PTA Quiz Night - Friday 29 November - 6pm to 8pm

Mrs O'Clee and Mr Richards are the quiz masters for the evening so expect some maths and history questions along with general knowledge, popular music and

film.

## - Why are we doing this?

The aim of this event is to bring people together, have some fun and raise some money for the PTA.

#### - What will it be like?

It will be like last time; a fun evening with a well stocked bar and accessible questions.

#### - Where is it?

College Avenue SL6 6AW, in the Hall.

#### - What about food?

Bring your own food or order in.

#### - How much is it?

Teams of 10 at £10 per person.

#### - Great, where can I get tickets?

It was a sold out event last time, so the tickets are likely to go quickly. Advanced tickets can be secured through Melanie Doe in the front office at College Avenue. Melanie is also happy to answer any queries you might have.

med@clairescourt.net

#### - What if I can't get a team of 10 together?

Well, fortunately, all the parents at Claires Court are lovely, so we will assign you a table and you can make some new friends.

## Maidenhead Town Show - Sunday 13 October



<u>Craft Coop</u>, a community interest company (CIC), operates as a social enterprise with the goal of benefiting the community. All of their activities are designed to support the local area, with any surplus profit reinvested into the community.

On Sunday 13 October, they will host the 11th Maidenhead Town Show. This event is a celebration of local creativity and family fun, featuring activities such as making, cooking, crafting, singing, dancing, and even events for pets—all aimed at fostering community spirit and enjoyment.



## PTA Fireworks - Saturday 12 October

Get ready for a fantastic evening at the PTA Fireworks Night on, starting at **5 PM**! Enjoy the dazzling display of low-noise fireworks from 7:15 **PM**, hosted at Claires Court Juniors. Each ticket comes with a tasty burger or hotdog (vegetarian options available). Online ticket prices are £9 for adults, £5 for children, and £25 for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children). If you're buying at the gate, prices are £10 for adults, £6 for children, and £30 for a family. Plus, bring your best pumpkin creation to compete for the pumpkin prize! Visit ccpta.org.uk for more info, and don't forget-on-gate tickets can't guarantee food availability, and dogs are not allowed. It's going to be a blast!

#### **CLASS BULLETINS**

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