

Weekly Bulletin

9 February 2024 (Spring Term Week 5)

Children's Mental Health Week

This week children across the school celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was 'Your Voice Matters', which is a message that we instil in our pupils every day here at Claires Court. However, the children really enjoyed focusing on this and we have been working on our oracy skills, creating podcasts, telling stories and having debates! We have spoken about how to look after our mental health and it has been wonderful to see children focusing on their breathing, learning about the benefits of talking and spreading joy as Kindness Angels! This week try asking your child - what makes you feel calm?





FROM THE OFFICE

Home to School Transport Questionnaire 2024-25

Please complete this <u>Transport Questionnaire</u> by Monday 19 February to help us establish the new transport requirements for the new academic year. We are aware of the disruption caused by the closure of the Cookham bridge and appreciate your cooperation and patience with the changes that have been implemented. This questionnaire could influence any new routes implemented, so please take them time to complete it. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Hayley Morrissey at travel@clairescourt.net.

Download our School App

For everything you need in one place - quick links to catering menus, term dates, payment and report portals to up to date news from around the school. Simply search for Claires Court School on either the App store or Google Play - it's free, we don't collect your details and you don't need to register to use it!

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's blog '<u>A Principled View</u>' on Claires Court SchoolTV where he signposts you to three items for your consideration: NeuroDiversity, Discussing War & Conflict and Respectful Relationships....

PTA Summer Fete *SAVE THE DATE*



Auction Prizes for the Summer Ball

The PTA would like to reach out to any parent in the school that could perhaps be able to offer an auction prize for the Claires Court Ball. For those that have attended in the past, it is a fantastic night organised by the PTA and within the night we have a professional auction company that provides wonderful bespoke experiences and entertainment. We would very much like to add to this exciting auction and open it up to all guests to enjoy by being able to offer other experiences that would enable more people to participate and bid upon.

We are hoping that from our large supportive school community we could generate some additional auction prizes and would be extremely grateful to all offers big or small. All of these auction prizes that parents donate means the money raised on the night from your donation goes directly to the PTA.

If you can help please drop us an email to pta.ccgs@gmail.com advising what you would like to offer and we will be in touch to discuss further. Thank you all so much.

PTA Summer Ball Committee

PTA Hollywood Ball - Saturday 8 June

We are delighted to announce the annual Claires Court PTA ball on 8 June at Claires Court Juniors.



There are several options to book a table (see below) and all reservations are needed by 26 April. Payment information will follow.

OPTION 1 - BOOK WHOLE TABLE

Each table requires a designated Table Leader. The Table Leader needs to coordinate the payment for all the other guests on the table. Table Leaders must reserve a table for either 8, 10 or 12 (or can be an odd number). Send an email to pta.ccgs@gmail.com including leader name, table size and a contact number.

OPTION 2 - MIXER TABLE FOR COUPLES/ SINGLES

A perfect way to meet new parents!

For those parents who do not have enough people to make up a table, we can create a MIXER table with other guests. Reserve your place by sending an email to pta.ccgs@gmail.com with the number of guests, year group and contact number. We aim to put year groups together.

PTA AGM

Please save the date for our PTA AGM - Friday 1 March - more details to follow next week and it will be held at Juniors.

World Book Day - Wednesday 13 March

Claires Court Juniors will be celebrating World Book Day 2024 on Wednesday 13 March. The school supports the World Book Day charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading.

Please see further information here.

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 Noah G and Harriet S.

Reminders

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 juniors@clairescourt.net or via the Report Portal (accessible via the Parents page of our website www.clairescourt.com/parents).

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

The next nearly new uniform sale will take place on Friday 1 March 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.

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 half term holiday!