



CLAIRES COURT
JUNIORS

Weekly Bulletin

11 October 2024 (Autumn Term Week 6)

Principal's Blog

[Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog](#): Why developing a sense of Agency in children and young people is one of the main purposes of Education.

Harvest Festival

We are still collecting donations for the Harvest Festival and would greatly appreciate any contributions of non-perishable food items. Items such as tinned goods, biscuits, coffee, and more will be donated to the Salvation Army to support those in need. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Drop off

For Junior drop-offs, please note that staff supervision begins at 8:15 AM. You must not leave your child unsupervised before this time; please wait until staff are on duty.

Update to Bus Arrangements

If you need to make any changes to your child's bus schedule, please contact the office directly. We kindly ask that you call us rather than passing the message through your child, to ensure everything is handled smoothly.

Flu Vaccination E-Consent and Information

Please complete the flu vaccination e-consent form by **9am, one full school day before** the session on **12 November 2024**. Even if you choose not to vaccinate your child, completing the form is necessary. You can access the consent form for the [nasal spray](#) or the [injectable vaccine](#). For more information, refer to the attached leaflet or contact the Berkshire Immunisation Team at **0300 365 0077**.



Chess Updates

Claire's Court hosted yet another successful chess tournament on Saturday 5 October with 56 competitors taking part. One player made the long journey from Blackpool, whilst another had only just arrived in the country after moving from Poland.

Well done to all those Claires Court pupils who took part, and special congratulations to Tom A for earning a second place trophy.

Whilst always on the move as a tournament arbiter, I was still able to catch parts of individual games, and I was impressed with one close endgame that Tom successfully converted whilst under time pressure.

[The Lucena Endgame](#) that featured is well worth practising!

Our next tournament will be our **Claires Court PTA Chess Festival** on **Saturday 9 November** at **11am**. This will be a qualification event for the Nationals to be held in London. Last year's tournament saw one player fly in from Morocco, so I expect competition to be fierce. Thank you to the PTA for all their planning.

Castle Meats Discount for Claires Court Family and Friends

One of our meat suppliers, Castle Meats, has kindly extended a 10% discount on Christmas meat orders to all staff and parents at Claires Court. Castle Meats has been a Claires Court supplier for eight years. Just identify yourself as a Claires Court parent or staff member to get the discount.

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11 Harrison Way
Cippenham
Slough, SL1 5LG
Tel: 01628 666034

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 Sophie B (6L) for being so kind and caring towards her friends and the younger pupils in our school, and throwing herself into every activity on PGL. Additionally, to George MK (2S), for showing such kindness to a little girl during our Open Morning last week.



Dates for the diary

Junior Informal Concert

Thursday 17 October

Reception - Open Morning

Friday 18 October



Burger or hotdog
included with
your ticket.
(Vegetarian options
available.)

PTA Fireworks

The weather is looking good for tomorrow and if you have not

bought tickets it's not too late! The gate opens at 5pm and tickets will be available to purchase via card or cash priced £10 adult, £6 child and £30 for family and includes* a burger/hot dog/vegetarian equivalent, which can be collected after the fireworks. So please come along to Claires Court Juniors (SL6 4QQ) and join the fun.....pumpkin competition, stalls, music & bar, low noise fireworks 7.15pm (*food not guaranteed for gate sales).

We regret that dogs are not permitted at the event.

All those who purchased tickets in advance should now have received their wristbands, which would have been brought home by your eldest child yesterday or today, fingers crossed! If they were not in school Thursday or Friday, then your named envelope will be available for you to pick up at the gate on the night. Please wear your wristbands on the night, as these will need to be shown as you walk in (no need to stand in the queue, just walk through!) and also to collect your food. We recommend you collect your food before the fireworks to ensure availability.

Holiday Club Bookings Open for Half-Term

Claires Court Holiday Club is open for half-term bookings. Limited places available so book your child's place today at <http://bit.ly/3HIOj1B>



Autumn!



Half-term Holiday Club

Our fun-filled holiday camps are run by fully trained and experienced staff at our Juniors site.

Prices from £38 per day
9am - 4pm

Extended sessions available at an additional cost

Both weeks will include:
Mid Sessions — Years 1 and 2 (All schools)
Kool Sessions — Years 3 to 6 (All schools),
Mini Mids — Reception Year (Claires Court)

These sessions are every day and offer a day of age appropriate structured activities, both active and creative

Week 2 Our additional Kool Xtra sessions:
29 Oct Art and Craft Xtra — Years 3 to 7
29/30/31 Oct Adventure Xtra — Years 4 to 8
30/31 Oct Cookery Xtra — Years 4 to 7
28 - 31 Oct Swimming — Years 1-6

Daily hot lunch available to book in advance



To book go to www.clairescourt.com/holiday-club

Maidenhead Town Show - Sunday 13 October



Craft Coop, 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.

Juniors Parents Evening - Monday 14 & Wednesday 16 October

As you will be aware the Junior Parents Evenings are approaching. They will be held in the Sports Hall at Juniors from 4pm on Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 October. If you do not require an appointment, please email the office on juniors@clairescourt.net.

Senior Boys Open Morning

Friday 8 November

During your time with us, you will meet our Head of Seniors, Mr Richards, and tour the facilities, meet our dedicated staff, and experience firsthand the school in session - so important to see how our boys relate to our teaching staff and pupils in a normal school day.

Please note that we have two sites:

Senior Boys is on Ray Mill Road East (SL6 8TE) - event to be held here

Senior Girls are at our College Avenue site (SL6 6AW)



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.

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FROM THE OFFICE

Sickness Absence

Please report all absences to the school office daily before 9.30am by calling 01628 327400, emailing juniors@clairescourt.net, or via the Report Portal on the Parents page of our website.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours in advance (when possible) via email to juniors@clairescourt.net.

Reminder about Parking at our Nursery, Senior Girls & Sixth Form site

Please may we ask that parents do not obstruct our neighbours' driveways, wait outside on the yellow zig zags either side of the school gates or on the double yellow lines (beware that parking wardens often patrol the area and will issue tickets).

When dropping off your child please may we ask that parents avoid using designated staff parking bays, as staff need these spaces to get to form time, assemblies and lessons. If you find an available bay please park within the white lines to avoid blocking another car. Thank you for your assistance.

Drop off

For Junior drop-offs, please note that staff supervision begins at 8:15 AM. You must not leave your child unsupervised before this time; please wait until staff are on duty.

Changes to Drop-Off/Pick-Up Arrangements

For changes to your child's drop-off or pick-up schedule, please email the office. For last-minute changes after 12pm, contact the office directly at 01628 327400, as emails to class teachers or the office after this time may be missed.

Term Time Absence

Refer to our Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy. Holidays during term time are discouraged and will not normally be authorised during the first or last week of term. If you would like the headteacher to review a request, please complete the Online Holiday Request Form.

School Calendar

Please don't forget to check our [online school calendar](#) to see what is happening throughout the term.

Term Dates 2024 - 2026

Please see the [Claire's Court Term Dates 2024 - 2026](#), this can also be accessed via our website.

Sports Fixtures / Sports News

All details of fixtures can be found on our [website](#).

Locker Rooms

Please can we kindly remind parents to not enter the locker rooms with their children.

Juniors Drive

We have a process for when the coach is coming onto or off of the drive to the school. If you are entering the school drive off the mini roundabout by the Thicket Car Park and the coach is exiting the school site, please drive into the National Trust car park to allow the coach to leave.

The 'Bus Lane' which is identified on the main drive is for coaches to use when they are entering or exiting the school only. Please move across to the other side if you are using this lane at the time of a coach using it. It can be used as a normal road lane for all other times.

We will have members of staff out helping cars with this from now on.

A reminder that the speed limit is 10 mph on the driveway and 5mph in the school car park so please do not exceed this.

Bus Service

All children who use the bus service MUST have their place booked for safeguarding and so we can monitor the capacity of each route and register all users of the service.

For regular or ad hoc bookings please visit [Vectare](#) where you will find information on routes, costs and how to book.

If you need any further assistance or have any questions we can help with, please contact clairescourt@vectare.co.uk in the first instance.

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