

Juniors -



**CLAIRE'S COURT
JUNIORS**

Weekly Bulletin

18 October 2024 (Autumn Term Week 7)



Happy Half Term everyone!

What a busy, jam-packed 6 weeks we have had. Thank you to you all for your continued support.

Today we said farewell (for a short time) to Mrs Ring who starts her maternity leave today. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her new arrival soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you with what we have in place for the half-term break to update a few areas of the school. Firstly, the MUGA is progressing well and we should see more noticeable developments when we recommence the term on 4 November.

The (very muddy) car park is still recovering from our fireworks event and the rain which has fallen. It needs constant management by our grounds team who will be joined by another member of staff after half term. We have solved the drainage problem in this area, which should hopefully help matters going forward.

Our priority is to complete the upgrade of sporting facilities so that come what may, our Junior children can enjoy their sport during the day whilst at school, whatever the conditions. We will continue with further parking improvements as planning allows.

We also have some decorating taking place on the top floor of the main house to improve the classrooms.

With regards to communication from after half-term, all letters and information will be put on the Class Bulletin each week and not sent to you separately. We are aware that, as parents, you receive many emails from us and we would like to reduce this for you. You will still receive any urgent emails or corporate emails separately, but

anything linked to your child's class (e.g trips, upcoming events etc.) will all be going on the Class Bulletin.

Please note the school office will be managed intermittently during the week of 21 October and the week of 28 October. If you need assistance during this time, please call our main office number at 01628 327 700. Alternatively, please email juniors@clairescourt.net, we will aim to respond as soon as possible. The office will be fully staffed again on Monday 4 November, when school resumes.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break.

Leanne Kirby

Principal's Blog

[Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: Academic Principal's Half-Term Report October 2024 – Part 1](#)

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**.

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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Slough, SL1 5LG
Tel: 01628 666034



Dates for the diary

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.clarescourt.com/holiday-club



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 Christmas Market - Thursday 21 November

See details below!



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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Order an award winning turkey from Copas and raise funds for Claires Court School

Simply enter the code CCM24PTA at checkout and Copas Turkeys will donate 5% of your order value to the school PTA.

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Raise funds and enjoy an award winning turkey!

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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