



**CLAIRE'S COURT
JUNIORS**

Weekly Bulletin

8 November 2024 (Autumn Term Week 8)

Principal's Blog

[Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog](#): "We've been cursed with the ability to imagine the future without being able to see it" – Ian Leslie

PARKING

We now have a much better surface for our overflow car park; thank you so much for your patience. From now on, priority is given to parents to park in the main car park; staff will fill the new matting area first thing in the morning. Please feel free to park on this surface at any time. It can house approximately 40 extra cars.

VISITING THE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY

If you are visiting the school outside of drop-off and collection times, please enter the School, via the School Office in the main house rather than the sports hall/playground. We are required to know who is onsite at all times.

CLICK AND COLLECT

This will continue to operate on a Friday afternoon. Whilst nothing has changed for Reception and Year 1 families, we have seen an impact on learning time for Years 2 and above on a Friday afternoon due to classes finishing early to avoid traffic queue build-ups. Therefore, unless you are a parent or guardian of a child in Reception or Year 1, we will not be allowing cars into the car park until **3:45pm** when the children will be ready to be collected. This will limit the build-up of cars in a queue, not able to move and avoid the School causing traffic issues on Cannon Lane. If you are collecting children from Years 2 - 6 or siblings, please DO NOT arrive on site until 3:45pm.

HAIR & EARRINGS

As per our Rules and Expectations, hair of any pupil that is touching the shoulder must be tied back. All hair should be out of all pupils' faces. For sports or Science Experiments, it might be appropriate for children with shorter hair to still tie or push it back.

Only pupils in Years 5 & 6 should wear stud earrings. Pupils are not permitted to wear earrings for sport.

Vectare Bus Bookings and Amendments

Please can we remind you that ALL bookings for buses including link buses

between sites need to be made via [Vectare](#) or by downloading the Vectare app (please search for "VecTive Passenger App" on Android and Apple). Please note it is your responsibility to make sure your child's booking is up to date. We print the Vectare daily registers at 3pm, therefore if your child is not on this list, we will assume they are not travelling on the bus and vice versa, if they are on the register we will put them on the bus.

We understand that there are last minute changes to school pick ups so please call the school office on 01628 327400 if this applies to you. If you need to amend your booking please follow these [manage my booking instructions](#) and if you need to make a bulk change please contact Vectare at contact@vectare.co.uk.

PTA Christmas Presents

Due to the great success of the Christmas Present project last year, the Junior PTA would like to offer the pupils the chance to once again purchase a 'surprise' present for their family.

We will have a new selection of gifts available for the pupils to choose from and we will send them home already gift wrapped, so they can pop them straight under the tree ready for the big day.

The shopping experience will happen during the school day on **Thursday 5 December**.

The cost of each gift will remain the same as last year at £6. To enable us to purchase and wrap all the gifts in advance of this fun event, we would ask that you complete the [Google Form here](#) by no later than **Friday 15 November** and make payment via the [CC PTA Payment Portal](#).

We do hope that you will want your children to be involved in the event, they love choosing the gifts and the excitement of putting the ready-wrapped gift under the tree to surprise their loved ones on Christmas morning.

DECK THE HALLS with our Christmas Trees!



Get your Christmas tree and support the Claires Court Boat Club this festive season!

- **How to Order:** Visit our [PTA website](#) and order by Tuesday 26 November
- **Pick-up:** Saturday 7 December 10am-12pm from Senior Boys school

More details to follow

Flu Vaccination E-Consent and Information

Please complete the flu vaccination e-consent form by **9am on Monday 11 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, 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.

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

COPAS PTA FUNDRAISER

Order an award-winning [turkey from Copas](#) and raise funds for Claires Court School. Simply enter the code **CCM24PTA** at the checkout and Copas Turkeys will donate 5% of your order value to the school PTA.



The advertisement features a central image of a roasted turkey on a wooden platter, garnished with orange slices and herbs. Above the turkey, the text reads 'BERKSHIRE ESTD 1957 ENGLAND' and 'COPAS VERY VERY SPECIAL TURKEYS'. A QR code is visible on the right side of the image. Below the image, the text says 'Christmas PTA Fundraiser!' in a cursive font. Further down, it states 'Order an award winning turkey from Copas and raise funds for Claires Court School'. Below that, it says 'Simply enter the code CCM24PTA at checkout and Copas Turkeys will donate 5% of your order value to the school PTA.' At the bottom, it provides the website 'WWW.COPASFARMSHOP.CO.UK' and the phone number 'CALL: 01628 499 980'. The entire advertisement is set against a dark background with a light yellow text area.

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 **Millie.T** for being helpful, kind, enthusiastic, and a wonderful friend. Keep up the great work, Millie!



Dates for the diary

POPPY APPEAL 2024



We will still have poppies and other goodies available to purchase on Monday 11 November. The Poppy Appeal this year focuses on the mental health of military service personnel and their families. We will be holding a two minute silence at 11am on Monday.

Non-Fiction November Competition

See details below!



Why don't you?

Non-Fiction November Competition

Create an advert to advertise your hobby or interest. It could be a poster, leaflet or letter and the focus must be on 'why don't you?' in other words encouraging others to give it a try

All entries must include

- Why your hobby is so enjoyable
- What equipment (if any) is needed
- Why someone else might enjoy trying it themselves

Your entry must be with Miss Murphy by Monday 25th November

Winners will receive a bundle of books from Magic Cat publishing

PTA Christmas Market - Thursday 21 November

Join us at our annual Christmas Market for festive shopping, complete with choir performances! All ages are welcome.



SOLD OUT

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

Virtual Scholarship Q&A - 28 November 7-8pm

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 at juniors@clairescourt.net. 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.

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