



Newsletter

This Week

Today, our local MP Giles Watling visited and took an assembly for the children. He spoke about the role of an MP and highlighted the importance of us living in a democracy.

Thank you to everybody who attending our Parents' Evening sessions this week. I would also like to extend my thanks to everybody who completed our Parent Questionnaire. The initial feedback is very positive and constructive. Results of the questionnaire will be issued shortly.

Next Week

Next week is Half Term. All children will be expected back in school on Monday 30th October.

Tuesday 31st October

A reminder that on the 31st October the children are invited to come to school dressed up for Halloween. We would ask for a donation of £1 to take part and all money raised will be used to purchase resources for the children. Tickets for the Halloween Raffle are on sale for £1 per strip.



New Menu

A reminder that the new menu is available after half term. A paper copy of it has been sent home. It is also available to view on our website.

I hope you have a wonderful Half Term and look forward to seeing all children when they return on the 30th October.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan: Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
October	
30th	Return to school
31st	Halloween Dress Up Day
November	
6th-10th	Remembrance Week
9th	Y2 Wild Science
10th	Remembrance Assembly
Menu	WC October 30th Week 1 New Menu

Attendance



Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	91.5%	89.1%
Year 1	93.2%	91.7%
Year 2	90.8%	88.1%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.



Reminders

Please ensure the following:

- **Your child has a warm coat in school.** 
- **Your child has a labelled water bottle containing water only.** 
- **All clothes and items are clearly labelled.**
- **All earrings must be studs and not hoop. Please make sure earrings are removed on PE days.**

Community Hub

A reminder that our Community Hub will be reopening after half term. In order to ensure there is enough for everyone, we ask that each family visit just once per week. Thank you for your understanding.

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If anybody wishes to have a paper copy of the Newsletter, please note there will be a plastic sleeve containing copies beside each classroom on a Friday and Monday. Please just take one. You can also pick up a copy from the school office. Thank you.

Family Warm Hub

FREE Family Half Term Warm Hub - St Claires School, Cloes Lane, Clacton. Wednesday 25th October between 10am - 2pm

This free event will include activities as well as warm food, including breakfast and lunch. The event will support families with holiday hunger and offers free activities to occupy the children. This is a chance for families to receive a winter warmer pack and they will also be offering free hair cuts too.

Families can also find out about other support services and activities that are available to them. The first 40 families to arrive will receive a free 'Meal in a bag' food parcel to take home too. This event is open to all families living in Tendring and there's no need to book - Just turn up!

Missed Flu Vaccinations

If your child missed their flu vaccination, there are catch up clinics running in Clacton on the 23rd October and 18th November. For more information and to book, please call 0300 790 0597

**Last Day of Term Friday 20th October. Half Term 23rd-27th October.
Back to School Monday 30th October.**

Poppy Appeal

After half term we will be selling poppies for £1 each. Ambassadors will be visiting each class to sell them and they can also be purchased from the school office.



All money raised will be given directly to the Royal British Legion.

School Governors

We currently have a School Governor vacancy. If you are interested in finding out more about this rewarding role, please call the school office and make an appointment to see me.

Extra Information

Your Child's Learning Journey

Thank you to those parents who attended this meeting. I hope you found it as valuable as I did.

Essex Highways: Be Bright Be Seen this winter

Essex Highways have produced some posters on how to be bright and be seen whilst the winter dark nights are here. Please find information on pages 3 & 4 of this Newsletter.

Late Arrivals

Sadly, the number of children arriving late has increased this half term. On most days, we have had at least 30 children arrive late! Continuous lateness leads to your child losing valuable learning time and can have a negative impact on the children's learning. It also results in other children having their learning disrupted too.

If your child is half an hour late, it could be marked as an unauthorised absence which could lead to a penalty notice fine of £60 per parent, per child.

Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school for 8.30am when we return after half term. The gates are open at 8.20am to ensure that your children are learning by 8.30am. Thank you for your co-operation.

BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

this winter



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer
- so check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' helps drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

**Be Bright,
Be Seen**

THINK

OCT HALF TERM FAMILY WARM HUB

All families are welcome to our FREE warm hub

COME AND JOIN US!

WEDNESDAY
25TH OCTOBER
10AM - 2PM

ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
CLOES LANE, CLACTON
JUST TURN UP

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

We will have **snacks and warm refreshments, winter warmer bags, School uniform Bank, activities** for the children, and **other services** on hand that may be able to offer you some help and support you, your family or your home.

Organisations coming will be able to help with:

- Fire safety advice
- Support for families
- Money & Debt
- Cost of living support
- Info on local services



CVST

BRINGING UNITY TO OUR COMMUNITY

OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES IN CLACTON.
YOU DON'T NEED TO GO TO THE SCHOOL
TO ATTEND THIS WARM HUB