



# CLARENDON JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



## September 2023

### WELCOME

Welcome back to all our families and to the new families that have joined us. We have been very impressed with the way all the children have begun the new school year and we have had a great start to the term.

Obviously the happiness and safety of the children is our main priority and if you have any queries or concerns regarding any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Just a reminder that school hours are **8.45am - 3.15pm** - gates open at **8.40am** and at **3.10pm** for the end of the day. We will be closing the gates promptly to ensure the site is secure.

Please contact the office if there is any change to the end of day routines.

### CURRICULUM INFORMATION

We have already sent out this term's curriculum information which sets out what the children will be learning up until October half term. This term's theme is Take One World and the children will be learning about respecting our planet and looking at ways we can improve the environment we live in.

### ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school would you please inform us by telephone [01980 607007] or through the website before 10am. Thank you. Please see this useful information regarding mild illnesses to help you <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### ATTENDANCE

If your child's attendance at school falls below 90% (which is classed as persistent absence), we may well get in touch to discuss how we can support you to ensure your child attends school. Attendance of 90% or below means that your child is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half day every week. Over five years this is the equivalent of about one half of a school year.

### HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Holidays during term time are discouraged and it is unlikely that holidays taken during term time will be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that if holidays are taken during term time, parents may well be fined by the Local Authority. For further information please see: [School attendance and absence: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-and-absence-overview).

### HEALTHY SNACKS

We are proud to be a Gold Award Healthy School and remind everyone that snacks for break can only be fruit or vegetables. Children may not have chocolate or crisps for snacks. Please also ensure that no nuts are brought into school, or foods that have nuts as an ingredient such as nutella, to protect those who have allergies.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased to be offering after school clubs on Tuesdays until 4pm. These will run from 26 September until 28 November. The form to complete has been sent via email today. Clubs will run in classes and offer a range of different activities each week. We are very grateful to the staff for volunteering to run the clubs. Please let the office know if your child no longer wishes to attend or if there is any change to collection details.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder that current Year 6 pupils need to apply for their Year 7 secondary school place for next September 2023 by the end of October. To apply, please go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) where you can access information regarding the online application process.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

All the children are looking very smart in their uniforms. Please ensure your child's name is in their clothing so that if an item is lost we can return it to its rightful owner!

Just a reminder that your child's PE kit needs to be brought into school on a Monday and should stay in school all week. Our PE kit is T-Shirt, shorts and trainers / plimsolls. Earrings should be removed for PE, but if this is not possible please provide your child with a roll of surgical tape so they can cover their earrings during the PE session.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please take a moment to look at our school website – [www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk](http://www.clarendonjuniors.co.uk) – here you will find all the information about what your child is learning in school as well as who is who. We hope you find it helpful and informative!

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** – school closes for the half term holiday. **Children return on Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2023 -24


Clarendon Federation (Infant and Junior Schools)

September 2023						October 2023						November 2023						
M		4	11	18	25	M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28
W		6	13	20	27	W		4	11	18	25	W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28	Th		5	12	19	26	Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F		6	13	20	27	F	3	10	17	24		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28	Sa	4	11	18	25		
Su	3	10	17	24		Su	1	8	15	22	29	Su	5	12	19	26		




December 2023						January 2024						February 2024					
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23		
Sa	2	9	16	23	30	Sa	6	13	20	27	Sa	3	10	17	24		
Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25		

March 2024						April 2024						May 2024					
M		4	11	18	25	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27
Tu		5	12	19	26	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28
W		6	13	20	27	W	3	10	17	24	W	1	8	15	22	29	
Th		7	14	21	28	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	2	9	16	23	30	
F	1	8	15	22	29	F	5	12	19	26	F	3	10	17	24	31	
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Su	3	10	17	24	31	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	5	12	19	26		

June 2024						July 2024						August 2024					
M		3	10	17	24	M	1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26
Tu		4	11	18	25	Tu	2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27
W		5	12	19	26	W	3	10	17	24	31	W		7	14	21	28
Th		6	13	20	27	Th	4	11	18	25	Th	1	8	15	22	29	
F		7	14	21	28	F	5	12	19	26	F	2	9	16	23	30	
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Su	2	9	16	23	30	Su	7	14	21	28	Su	4	11	18	25		

 Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Pupils

key:

	School Holiday
	Bank holiday
	Term Time

Term dates summary:

<b>Term 1</b>	01 September to 18 October 2023	34 days
<b>Term 2</b>	30 October to 20 December 2023	38 days
<b>Term 3</b>	04 January to 09 February 2024	27 days
<b>Term 4</b>	19 February to 28 March 2024	29 days
<b>Term 5</b>	15 April to 24 May 2024	29 days
<b>Term 6</b>	03 June to 24 July 2024	38 days
<b>TOTAL</b>		195 Days