

## Clore Columns

**Attendance: 97.3%**

**Punctuality: 99.6%**

**Our Target Attendance: 97%**

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We've had a fantastic week in school focusing on friendships. Each class has completed special friendship based challenges and we have thought a lot about what makes a good friend, and how to make sure everyone feels included.

We've all been admiring our beautiful new murals which were painted over the holidays in the Year 5 and 6 area. The aim was to make the upstairs area more attractive for the children, and give them a real sense of being the leaders and example-setters of the school. We are also absolutely delighted this week to complete work on new audio-visual equipment for the hall, generously funded by the PTA. This will update our equipment for performances and assemblies and also allow us to offer a more aesthetically pleasing and safe environment.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Ariella, Harrison, Hanna, Savannah, Maxi, Camden, Mia, Ella R, Savannah P, Cassidy, Maddy, Thea, Jayden, Lucas

If you would like to see what we've been discussing in assembly, please click [here](#): [here](#).

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 21st January: Year 5 assembly – 8.45 in the hall, two adults per family

Week of 26th January: book fair in the library

Friday 30th January: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Wednesday 4th February: Young Voices

Friday 13th February: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Week of 16th February: Half Term

Wednesday 25th February: Year 4 Assembly: 8.45 in the hall, two adults per family

Tuesday 3rd March: Purim Celebrations

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (no dress up necessary)

Friday 6th March: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Wednesday 18th March: Parents Evening

Friday 20th March: Friday Night Dinner – Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 24th March-Wednesday 25th March: Pesach Sedarim

Monday 30th March: end of term – school ends at 1.30/1.45

### Food Safety:

If you are sending in grapes, blueberries or small cherry tomatoes, please ensure they are cut up for children in Reception – Year 2.

Could I also remind parents that snacks sent in for break should be fruit, vegetables or simple carbs such as plain ricecakes, breadsticks or plain pretzels. Packets of crisps are not allowed. Please check fruit/oat snack bars to ensure they do not contain nuts.

### Online wellbeing guide for parents

The Children's Commissioner for England has produced this very useful guide for parents about online wellbeing. You can find it [here](#)

### Maccabi GB Intraschools dad's football league

If you are interested in representing Clore Shalom please contact Max Sobell on 07455 747717 or [maxasobell@gmail.com](mailto:maxasobell@gmail.com).

### Hall Hire for Parties

We are now in a position to hire out our hall and other facilities to families for parties. Please note that we will be accepting bookings for both Saturdays and Sundays (in a change to previous policy). Clore families are able to hire our facilities for £80 for four hours, and non-Clore families for £140. Please spread the word, and contact admin for bookings.

### Disabled Bays

Please can parents and grandparents be aware that the disabled bays in the school car park are for Blue Badge Holders only and must not be used by other drivers. I have had a few incidents recently where those with disabilities have been unable to use the bays.

**Free School Meals Year 3 and above** If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. To find out if you are eligible, please visit the Hertfordshire online checker at: <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/RUTJG1/>

If you need any help with this, please let admin or Mrs Blaker know in strictest confidence



Time to get reading!  
Here are our book club choices for this half term – let's do this!

Spring 1

## Mrs Blaker's Book Club

### Reception - Year 1

**My Hair Is As Long As a River**  
by Charlie Castle and Emma Farrarons

Join a boy on a creative and imaginative journey as he explores all the things his hair could be and takes pride in his brilliant individuality.



### Year 2-4

**Disaster Diaries The Worst Show Ever**  
by Joanna Nadin

What can you do if you desperately want to buy a saxophone, but you don't have the money? Find out how a group of friends are determined to win a prize and make their dreams of fame come true.



### Year 5 & 6

**My Soul A Shining Tree** by Jamila Gavin

This is a powerful and hard-hitting story about a group of children who survive the horrors of World War 1 told through the eyes of the tree that keeps the children safe.



### BOOK REVIEW

Maddison - Maddie's Very Own Fairy Tale- by Maian Haag  
Phoebe - Odder  
Jazzy - The day the crayons quit

## celebration TEA

Congratulations to:

Dexter  
Savannah S  
Gabby F  
Mia S  
Felicity  
Jayden

Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? Call us for support or advice or email [senco@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk) in complete confidence.