**Clore Shalom School**
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# Clore Columns

**Attendance: 96.8%** **Our Target Attendance: 97%**
**Punctuality: 98.9%** **Our Target Punctuality: 99%**

Thank you to much to Mrs Abram for organising an amazing Mitzvah day programme where every child in the school got an opportunity to show the kindness for which we are so well known. Thank you to all parents who so generously gave up your time to facilicate our activities.

We had the last of this year's prospective parents events this week and they were so impressed with the fantastic work in classrooms, the excellent behaviour of our children and our warm and welcoming environment. If you know any family who is looking for a school place for September 2027 we are always happy to show more parents around.

Shabbat Shalom, have a great weekend.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Jessie, Savannah, Maddie, Freddie: excellent sketching; Rudy: accurate sentences; Nathan C, Frankie, Ari, Amelie: beautifully written character descriptions; Zac and Daisy: well written letters to Farmer Duck; Ella B and Jackson LA: fluent and precise handwriting.

If you would like to see what we've been discussing in assembly, please click here: here

**Change to Parent Kabbalat Shabbat**
**Please note that birthday Kabbalat Shabbat due to take place on December 11th , will now be held on Friday 18th instead.**

**Dates for your diary:**
Tuesday 24th - First aid workshops
Friday 27th - Parent kabbalat shabbat
Monday 7th - Channukah Mishpacha
Monday 7th - Parents evening
Tuesday 8th - Channukah Mishpacha
Wednesday 9th - Channukah Mishpacha
Wednesday 9th - Parents evening
Thursday 10th- Channukah Mishpacha
Friday 11th - Chanukah candle lighting 1.30pm
Monday 14th - Chanukah school disco
Friday 18th- Parent Kabbalat shabbat
Friday 18th - Last day of term




**Smartphone-Free Childhood**
Just a reminder that Clore Shalom proudly supports the Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign, a brilliant movement of families standing together to delay smartphones and social media – turning isolation into collective strength. There are lots of brilliant resources on their website to show the benefits of staying off Smartphones, social media (including messaging groups) and not giving into peer pressure.
**Many Clore families have already signed the SFC parent pact showing their support – have you?**
Sign up here and let's give our kids more time to be kids. Because childhood should be shaped by families and communities, not algorithms!

**Immuno-compromised children**
As we enter the winter season, please can parents be aware that we have several immuno-compromised children in school. If your child vomits, has diarrhea, or has a temperature in the morning please **do not** 'dose them up' and send them into school, to protect the health of everyone.

**Parent Awareness around Grooming**
There has been a lot of media attention around this serious issue. Please see attached a useful and informative article and how grooming works:
https://theconversation.com/how-groomers-operate-and-why-victims-become-trapped-296535?utm_campaign=the-daily-40318&utm_content=the-daily-40318_uk%7C2%7C40318%7C79a68774&utm_medium=email&utm_source=braze&utm_term=How+groomers+operate+%E2%80%93+and+why+victims+become+trapped

**Dogs in the playground**
Please be aware that dogs are not allowed in the school playground. If you are waiting outside with your dog for your child please wait for the class teacher to see you before they release your child. If a lot of children are crowding around wanting to stroke your dog, please move away from the school exit gate as this is causing congestion and it makes it hard for our security guard to maintain clear sightlines.

**More Clore phone**
If you have come to collect your child from More Clore and the staff are not answering the phone it will be because the internet connection is not great in school. Please just ask Mettodi and he will radio down to More Clore and they will bring your child to the front.

**Parent-Friendly levels**
As we begin to prepare for Parents Evening at the beginning of December, please do have a look at our parent friendly guides to what our academic levelling means. You will find them under the parents section of our website. For each year group you should find a detailed breakdown of what skills and knowledge children need to achieve the academic level that teachers will award.

**Wet Weather Clothing**
A reminder to parents that all children should have their named wellies and waterproof clothing in school next week.

**Contact Details updates:**
If you have moved house recently or changed your number please ensure that we have your correct details. If parents live apart, please ensure that we have both parent's addresses.

**Allergy Reminder**
A reminder that we have several children and staff in school with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that all snacks and packed lunches are nut-free.

**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 Mrs Wollaston (School Business Manager) 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!

Autumn 1

# Mrs Blaker's Book Club

## Reception - Year 1

**Waffles and Julius: No Hugs Please! By Ed Vere**

Waffles is a dog who loves to give hugs, but his best friend Julius is definitely not interested! Read about the different ways to show a friend you love them, and find out whether Julius finally decides to give his friend a hug.

Think about...
- How do you show someone you love them?
- How can you show someone you love them if they don't like hugs?
- Before reading: do you think Julius might finally let Waffles hug him?




## Year 2-3

**Koroba and The Case of the Missing Kolo by Alaba Onajin**

Koroba and her friends can't wait for Kolo Breaking Day, where they count the money they've carefully saved all year to spend at their villages annual Harvest Festival. But when her best friend Saidat has her Kolo box stolen, Koroba and her friends turn detective to solve the mystery of who's taken it. Enter the world of Koroba's fishing village to help her solve her first detective case - and get ready for many more!

Think about...
- What do you think it is like to live in Makoko?
- Who are the main suspects in the case of the missing Kolo? Why do you think they may have stolen it?
- What do you think of Saidat's cousin Risi? Why is she so unhappy?
- How is each suspect ruled out of the investigation?
- How does Koroba finally crack the case?
- What does this story tell you about friendship?
- Do you agree with the friends' actions at the end? Would you act the same?




## Year 4-6

**Strike by Mitch Johnson**

Owen is a footballer with a dream of turning professional one day and it looks as if his dreams are about to come true when he gets a place at the training academy of his beloved Harrowfield football club. Not only can he learn to play better, but he has a chance of running into his football hero, Budi. Owen's dad buys him a new pair of football boots to celebrate entering the academy, but a note stuck in one of the boots makes Owen re-think everything he thought he knew about the good that football can do, and our responsibilities to people that we've never
met. Join Owen as he seeks to become a professional footballer, comes to terms with his own past, and change the world for the better through sport.

Think about...
- Owen has a complicated relationship with football. What role does it play in his life?
- How has the game of football changed his parents' lives?
- Describe Owen's friendship with Teddy.
- How does Owen change when he discovers the note in his football boot?
- Why is Budi such an inspirational figure to Owen?
- Do you agree with Owen's actions to support Budi and his cause?
- What do Budi and Owen have in common?
- What does Budi teach Owen?
- This book is about a boy's journey to become a professional footballer but also so much more. What do you think are the themes of the book?
- Has the book changed your views about football? How?
- What do you feel about Owen's future at the end of the book?









# Book Reviews

Ziggy - Minibeasts

Aidan - Minecraft - survival mode

Annabelle - Ballet Shoes

Isaac - Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens.

Madison- Madie's very own Fairy tale.

Sophia -Becoming an Olympic gymnast

Spencer Rachel - Alex Rider

Freddie - The Danger Gang by Tom Fletcher

Paige - Daisy & the Trouble with Shopping – written by Kes Gray and illustrated by Garry Parsons.



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| Drop-off dates | 9th-27th November |
| Hospital wards visited | 120 |
| Toys needed | 10,000+ |
| School partners | 48 |
| Shuls collecting | 56 |
| Community groups involved | 12 |

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