



Clore Columns

Attendance: 96.55% **Our Target Attendance: 97%**
Punctuality: 98.4% **Our Target Punctuality: 99%**
Class Punctuality Prize: Year 3



Dear Parents

We've had a wonderful week with everything from animals to diggers in school, and it was great to see all our parents back in for Kabbalat Shabbat. Well done to the football team who made it to the semi-finals of the Borehamwood Schools Tournament last week. I think they deserve a prize just for showing up in the freezing cold!

Thank you so much to the Joseph family who donated the beautiful new set of candlesticks you would have seen at Kabbalat Shabbat this morning.

Punctuality Prize: Year 3 again! Very impressive!

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

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Wednesday 22nd January: **Year 4 Assembly: 8.45**

Monday 27th January: **Book Fair all week**

Friday 31st January: **Parents Kabbalat Shabbat**

Wednesday 5th February: **Year 6 SATs information morning 8.45 (for parents and children)**

Monday 10th February: **Young Voices concert**

Thursday 13th February: **Tu B'shvat Sedarim**

Class parties

Can I please remind parents that wherever possible, all children should be invited to class parties (or all girls/boys). If the majority of girls or boys in a class are invited to a party but some are left out, it is deeply distressing for the left-out child and their family, and these things never stay secret. This causes behaviour issues and arguments in school which takes valuable time away from learning and can have a devastating impact on class morale and social relationships. If a child would like 2-3 close friends to a party, that is understandable, but to leave out a very few children from a party is not the behaviour that we encourage as a school and is the antithesis of our school values.

Spelling at Clore Shalom

When I met with class parent reps last term the issue of spelling was raised. I want to reassure parents that even though we do not test spellings weekly or send spellings home, the teaching of spelling is at the forefront of our literacy teaching. Children receive at least three discrete spelling lessons per week, and spelling is constantly checked in their writing. A large part of early morning work is spelling practise. I am sending home the spelling curriculum for each year group with this newsletter to give parents more details about what is covered in each year. Please remember that in Reception and Year 1, spelling is part of daily phonics teaching.

OPAL

Thank you to all parents who have already donated unwanted textiles, toys and furniture for our playground re-development. We are still looking out for:

- Lego (not duplo)
- Small world toys – plastic figures, dolls house furniture, cars etc
- Old dress up items in good condition
- Sheets/blankets in good condition
- Teddies/dolls in good condition
- Suitcases/buggies/wheeled items
- Any sort of outdoor seating

School Whatsapp group

Please remember to join our school Whatsapp group and your class whatsapp group for school announcements. You can do this using the link here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LALmEyBJ7e2Lw9axpT9UYn>

Lost Property

The mountain of unnamed jumpers, coats and cardigans continues to mount! Please ensure your children's clothes are labelled so that we can return them promptly.

Football club Yeas 1-3

There are still spaces on this fantastic after school club, if more children do not join we have been told that club will end in the next few weeks. If you would like to sign your child up, please click here: <https://bookings.watfordfccsetrust.com/project/57933>

Mrs Blaker's BOOK CLUB



Reception and Year 1

Bothered by Bugs by Emily Gravett

Pete the Badger is trying to get on with his cooking, but there are bugs everywhere! Join Pete and his friends as they try to get rid of them. But with the bugs gone, the forest seems very different...



Year 2-Year 4

Huxley and Flapjack: Race to the Rescue
by Alan MacDonald and Francesca Gambatesa

Huxley and his best friend Flapjack battle to unmask the robber who is targeting the poshest store in town. But what happens when the two best friends get suspected of stealing themselves? Will they be able to prove their innocence?

(This is an easier read - confident Year 4s should read the Year 5/6 book)



Year 5 & Year 6

The Swifts by Beth Lincoln

Meet the Swift family - a magical, chaotic family united by their love of words and also their desire to find the ancient treasure buried by their ancestor that might just get their family out of financial danger. But as the family gather to solve the mystery of the treasure, someone is willing to do anything - even murder - to get their hands on the gold!

Book Reviews

Theo - Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Mara Alperin

Bella G - Little People, big dreams Coco Chanel

Maisie - Little Chick. Suzanne Fossey (Author), Gina Maldonado (Illustrator)

Ella R - The Dot Author and illustrator - Peter H. Reynolds (one of Mrs Blaker's favourites!)

Jonny - Bunny vs Monkey and the Human Invasion - Jamie Smart

Maya - The World's Worst Teachers - David Walliams

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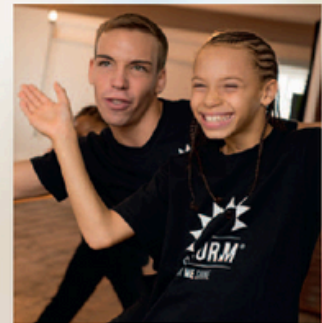
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Sleep Workshop

PARENTING SUPPORT

Struggling with your child's sleep and bedtime routine? Join our brand-new workshop designed to support parents of neurodiverse children in tackling sleep and bedtime challenges.

Led by Dr. Ella Rachamim, an experienced paediatrician and parenting author, and Dr. Hugh Selsick, a Consultant Psychiatrist and leading expert in adult insomnia and sleep medicine, this workshop offers expert knowledge and practical tools to help your family improve sleep routines and create a calmer bedtime environment.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain insights from leading experts and connect with other parents navigating similar challenges. Spaces are limited – sign up now to start your journey towards better sleep!

This is the first in a series of brand new monthly workshops designed to support parents of neurodiverse children, focusing on common areas of difficulty such communication, nutrition, ADHD, and toileting.

When

Monday 10 Feb 2025

Time

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Where

The Kennedy Leigh Family Centre

Cost

Free, but booking essential via the details below

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