

Our Clockhouse Association in



partnership with **KEYSTONES** PROPERTY

To begin, I would like to welcome everyone back to school, it has been so lovely seeing all the excited young faces very eager to learn and play! On behalf of myself and the rest of the OCA team I would like to reassure you all that we remain as committed as ever to provide worthwhile events for you all. Whilst respecting the nature of the current situation, we will do all we can to remain relevant and with your help continue to support our school! On that note a huge thank you to Scott Jay and the rest of Keystones property who continue to support OCA! Please keep an eye out for the events our team have planned between now and the end of 2020!

Best wishes

Mr Koten (Chair of Our Clockhouse Association)

The OCA team and all the teaching staff would like to thank all the parents that bought items from the Amazon Gift List. We really appreciate the generosity from you all.

OCA continue to be supportive of the OPAL initiative, and again ask for your help! As mentioned last autumn term, we would like to launch an exciting new project to make our play times even better, in conjunction with OPAL. (<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>) At Clockhouse, we strongly believe that: "Play is freely chosen, personally directed, intrinsically motivated behaviour that actively engages the child. Play can be fun or serious. Through play, children explore social, material and imaginary worlds and their relationship with them.. By playing, children learn and develop as individuals, and as a member of the community" (Play Council 2001).

We hope that this project will change the way we think and improve how we play at Clockhouse (in line with the government guidelines regarding Covid). To facilitate this project, we will need to buy in some resources, move some things in the playground and we require some loose parts. Loose parts are any materials that can be easily moved, combined, and incorporated safely into children's free play. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime (see below for some examples):

- Suitcases, buggies, prams or pushchairs of any size and type.
- Briefcases, especially hard-cased ones.
- Anything on wheels/castors.
- Plastic milk crates.
- Road signs and cones.
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards (for our mud kitchen)
- Tools like spades, trowels and brooms.
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials.
- Buckets.
- Nets and ropes.
- Keyboards
- Fabric (large sheets/ brightly coloured fabric)
- Foam sheets/Body boards
- Guttering
- Pegs (to help set up dens)

Please do not bring items directly onto school site; we will send out information on drop off days shortly.



Left to right: Miss Jones, Scott Jay, Claire Roberts, Mrs Reinecke, Kay Creamer, Mrs Savidge, Mrs Lowe, Gemma Taylor, Mr Koten.

Dates for your Diary

Pumpkin Carving Competition -

Week of 26th - 30th October

Star Prize Raffle

(Prize to be confirmed. But a prize not to be missed)

- November / December

Hamper Selection Raffle

- November/ December

A Letter from Santa

- November / December

We need you!!!

Our team is always happy to welcome new recruits, so with this in mind if anyone would like to become a member of OCA please feel free to contact the school on 017087 45972 and speak to Mr Koten.