

# Newsletter



**24<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know I have said it before...but we really have had a very busy week! The children seem to be more in tune with themselves and expectations, but are tired never the less! I am so impressed with our children's resilience and their willingness to engage with so many new routines and systems.

Thank you for your responses regarding the possibility of a nursery here at Claygate. We are aware that we have some excellent feeder nurseries and our plan would be to continue to have a good working relationship with them. Having a full teacher-led Early Years Key Stage (Nursery and Reception), offering 30 hours and possibly wrap around care would benefit us in so many ways. This would allow our children to transition even more smoothly into Reception and would positively impact on resources and opportunities for the children as well as staff development. This week at Governors I shared the overwhelming response to our initial parent survey and we will continue to look at this possible addition to our CPS offer.

## **Covid Update:**

I am sure you are all aware of the increase in restrictions in place so we continue to recommend adults wear masks at the start / end of the day. Together our aim is to keep CPS as safe as possible. Please refer to the guide we have circulated regarding what to do if your child is ill or if they are showing symptoms of Covid. This is also available on our website for your reference.

Please find CPS Home Learning offer explained at greater depth in the document 'CPS Home Learning Strategy Autumn 2020' attached.

## **Harvest Festival**

We appreciate that everything has changed however we have been asked if we are able to organise a Harvest collection for our foodbank. They rely heavily on donations of food at Harvest time and this year is no different

The items they have requested are:

Fruit juice and juice boxes  
Lunch box items  
Tinned fish  
Fray Bentos pies / tinned hot dogs  
Tinned peas, carrots, potatoes  
Instant noodles, microwave rice, etc  
Tinned fruit  
Rice pudding and custard  
Biscuits



At CPS we are learning Harvest songs in our Bubbles. We plan to celebrate this w/c 12 October. If you would like to donate, we will place collection boxes at the school gates from Mon 12 - Wed 14 October and the East Elmbridge Foodbank team will then collect any donations.

**Thank you for your continued support; it really does mean a lot!**

## Surrey's Little Help Shop Digital Project

As a result of some focused work earlier this year, the council identified the need to make it easier for parents/carers to find helpful information, advice and support for themselves, their children or their family. The 'Surrey's Little Help Shop' project, (the name was chosen by young people), has been set up in response to this need, to try and develop a digital solution that helps navigate the complexity and scale of information that parents are faced with when looking for help.

Schools are a vital and valued link in our work with children and families so we would love to talk to you about your experiences supporting families and get your feedback on some of our ideas.

Don't worry, you will not be required to prepare anything and we will be conducting remote discussions at times that work for you.

So if you are a Head teacher, Teacher, Teaching Assistant, Designated Safeguarding Lead, SENCO, Home School Link Worker or School Nurse and would like to get involved please email [surreyslittle.helpshop@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surreyslittle.helpshop@surreycc.gov.uk)

We're also looking for parents to get involved, so another way to help would be sharing the information below in your weekly bulletin / shout out to families:-

## Surrey's Little Help Shop Digital Project – what it is and how to get involved!

Parents and carers, Surrey County Council would like to make it easier for you to find helpful information and advice, so you can be confident in meeting your family's needs and knowing where to go if you ever need extra support. We would like your help in finding out how we do this!

Please answer these simple questions [ctrl + click here](#) and if we think you'll be able to help us, we will get in touch to arrange a virtual interview - don't worry, you won't need to prepare anything, we will be asking about your experiences searching for information and advice and for your thoughts on various websites.

If you are asked to take part we will give you a £10 Amazon Voucher as a small thank you!

## Rugby Taster session for girls



Reed's Weybridge RFC are holding a Girls rugby taster session on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

All girls from age 4-10 years old are welcome. To find out more visit. [www.reedsweybridgerfc.co.uk](http://www.reedsweybridgerfc.co.uk)

## Extra Curricular Clubs

Unfortunately, following the recent changes to advice from the Government and after much consideration we have decided that External Clubs will not run this term. We will keep the situation under review and hope to restart them in the Spring Term.

We are however hoping that the following school run clubs will be able to restart after half term:

Year 5 - Football & Netball  
Year 6 – Football & Netball

They will run before school and on different days so that each club is in it's own year group bubble.

## Letter for parents about COVID-19 symptoms

Public Health England have produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents which explains when a person requires a coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are.

The intention of the letter is to help prevent children being taken out of school unnecessarily and answer some of the questions parents may have around testing.

We have included a copy of the letter as an attachment to this newsletter.


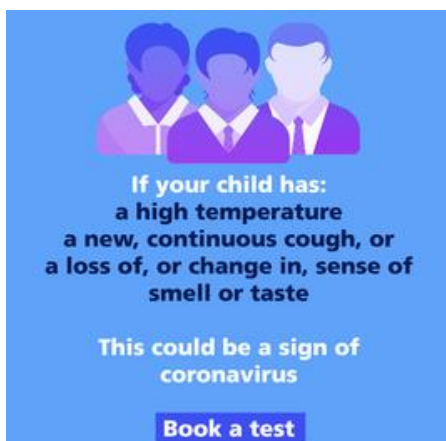


If your child has:  
**a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell**

But they don't have:  
**a high temperature**  
**a new, continuous cough, or**  
**a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste**

These are  
**not normally symptoms of coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP



If your child has:  
**a high temperature**  
**a new, continuous cough, or**  
**a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste**

This could be a sign of coronavirus

**Book a test**

## CPS Day of Languages

CPS Celebrated Day of Languages last year to the delight of staff and children. Due to Covid we would like to ask if any of you are able and willing to record yourself reading a story in your mother tongue. This is however flexible - you could share a poem or nursery rhyme or if you prefer, simply teach us a few phrases!

If you do a video on your phone this can then be uploaded onto a memory stick to send in or send directly to Mrs Dobson, [cassie.dobson@claygate.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cassie.dobson@claygate.surrey.sch.uk) who is also available for any queries!

Thank you so much!

## Bike to School Week

Next week is 'bike to school' week. Further information can be found here: <https://bikeability.org.uk/bikeability-club/bike-to-school-week/>

