# Newsletter /



5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

It is great to see the children back, eager and ready for the second half of our Autumn term.

During the break, we received the excellent news that Claygate Primary School has been awarded a total of £2,609.79 thanks to Co-op members. Thank you firstly to Julia for submitting the bid and to everyone who has supported us as their community cause this year! This money is for the development of our Woodland Learning Zones and our outdoor learning provision. As you know, this is a significant part of our Claygate Charter and one of the children's enrichment activities. Many of you consider this as one of our unique selling points and I have to agree that we are blessed to have such amazing facilities on site and a trained team to deliver high quality and progressive skills to our children.

This week has been Friendship Week, so our Tweak of the Week was 'to be a good friend'. I have to say that the children have shone and so many of the staff team have commented on how the children have reflected on these qualities; what makes a good friend, both in assemblies and in their PSHE lessons. Years 4-6 also engaged well with our Anti-Bullying Workshops. (Although we prefer the focus to be on friendship, it is incredibly important that the children know what to do if they are unhappy in any way).

Thank you to all parents who are walking down to the Pedestrian Gate via the path and to those walking down to the Carpark Gate to collect their children. The people-flow system is working incredibly well with the younger pupils and less so by the time we get to Year 5. Please walk down to collect and then exit to facilitate flow and support social distancing.

Our Inclusion Officer (formerly known as EWO) has informed us that we must resume marking children as 'Late' in registers from next week. Please ensure you are aware of when your child starts school. From next week, we will also resume logging those children who are collected late. Please ensure you are aware of your child's dismissal time.

Thank you for your support with this.

We have also been sent a polite request to remind all parents not to park on Fitzalan Road or to use it as a cut through. They had a residents meeting this week and they have all noticed a significant increase of CPS parents parking on Fitzalan. The residents agreed that no access signage will be erected and there will no longer be any entry from Beaconsfield Rd. Thank you for parking appropriately and with consideration for our neighbours.

#### **Pobble**

This weeks' published authors on Pobble are:

Rowan - Emily & Jasmine Hawthorn - Dillon & Emily



## Thank you!

A while ago we asked if anyone had any old, spare tyres we could use in our reception Mini Woodies area. Thanks for all your donations – we now have enough tyres!

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### **Bug Busting:**

There have recently been a couple of cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

There are many different treatments available from the pharmacist but we appreciate this can prove costly, especially if you have multiple children. In our experience, a thorough going over with a nit comb and lashings of conditioner work a treat!



Whatever way you decide to tackle them; you must repeat the process until the eggs/bugs are gone.

For more information Visit www.nits.net.

#### Year 2

Year 2 children have had an adventure, identifying living things, things that have once lived and things that have never lived. A very interesting discussion took place with Mrs Cunningham and some children in Elm class about water!





### Twelve15

Our school caterers have asked for feedback regarding their current menu offer.

If your child has school meals it would be appreciated if you would complete their survey by clicking on the link below. They require all responses in by Friday, 20th November.



Thanks very much.

**Twelve15 School Lunch Survey** 

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## Anti-Bullying Workshop - Years 4, 5 and 6

Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in Anti-Bullying Workshops today. They have been exploring the concept of bullying and practising using their Courage Toolkit!











### **Free School Meals**

If your circumstances have changed during the pandemic and you think you might now be entitled to free school meals please do apply. The form is available to download from the website or you can contact Ann-Marie Hampshire in the office for more information. All information is dealt with in strictest confidence.

The school benefits from free school meal eligibility so we would encourage you to apply, even if your child brings a packed lunch to school and will continue to do so.