

Newsletter

12th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was Friendship Week at CPS, one of our school values. We are continuing the very important theme of Friendship throughout November. Odd Socks Day is Monday 16th November, so we would like to invite everyone to wear odd socks for the day to begin National Anti-Bullying Week. Wearing odd socks is to symbolise that we are all different and that children should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrating difference. Our focus this week will be to celebrate our uniqueness.



Remembrance Day

CPS was treated to a poignant rendition of The Last Post by George. The whole school community had a virtual Remembrance Assembly with me, timed perfectly so the whole school could then pause and listen to the Last Post. As the notes played in synchronicity across the school I felt we had a rare moment of feeling like a true community again, sharing that moment together!

The day therefore coincided perfectly with the news that George had passed his trumpet Grade 3 exam. Wow, and very well done indeed!

We have had a couple of local residents raising concern over large gatherings of CPS pupils on the Rec from almost 8am. The staff have also noted that several children are coming into school reporting various incidents, friendship issues etc, which have arisen whilst playing on the Rec / waiting to come into school. It can be difficult for a large number of children to keep themselves safely occupied for such a long time with no support or supervision. Please ensure that your child arrives at school for their 8.45am slot at a sensible time.

The PA would like to thank John-Kai who has fixed some much needed shelving in the PA shed. CPS continues to 'tidy up' and improve despite the pressures of Covid. We have now had turf laid in the new Mini Woodies area creating a safe place; this used to be an uneven area with broken concrete blocks, possibly a base for a long gone shed! We also have new cupboards in Clubland's kitchen and have filled our second skip of old, broken and damaged furniture. The school certainly seems to get better every day and yet we still have so many plans!



Very well done to Chestnut Class!

Based on the last seven days, they are Claygate Primary School's top Doodling class, with lots of students working regularly on Doodle and in the green zone, reaching their personal targets.

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School lunches:

We have noticed that more and more children cannot use a knife and fork and need support to cut their food, or simply favour a spoon or their fingers. Obviously we are happy to help and do not expect all children to be proficient but this seems to be an issue across the school! Please support your child in learning these important life skills.

Head Lice:

We had hoped that the lockdown would have helped reduce the prevalence of Head Lice at CPS, sadly not. Please ensure all children have their hair fully tied back if it is long enough to do so.

Virtual Parent Consultations:

Thank you for your patience and support in setting up our first online consultations. After a couple of glitches, we were delighted that the vast majority of meetings took place even if by telephone so we are guesstimating that we are not far from 100%. A couple of parents did not attend and we do not know why (forgot, family emergency, technical issues?). Thank you to all of Team CPS's positivity and resilience, tackling yet another new challenge. Thank you to all of the parents who have taken the time to share how easy this was, sharing the many benefits: both parents could attend more easily without needing childcare (or having to entertain children throughout the time that would have been spent at school), appointment times were on time (no-one could over-run) and how the family's evening could go ahead with minimal disruption to meals, bedtimes etc. more parents booked consultations than normal which we also see as a positive as we value these opportunities to talk to you!

Remembrance Day

For Remembrance Day, CPS has been thinking about what 11/11 means to them. We have paused for the two minutes silence, written poems and even designed our own medals! One student has also played the Last Post!



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Pobble

This weeks' published authors on Pobble are:

Chestnut	-	Dougie & Amos
Hazel	-	Isabelle
Rowan	-	Nia, Jasmine & Charlotte



Jammie & Dodger



Please do get in touch with Gill in the office (gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk) if you would like to look after Jammie & Dodger during the Christmas holidays.

Thank you.

CPSPA Virtual Christmas Fun Run

Don't miss the first CPSPA Virtual Christmas fun run on 5th & 6th December. More details can be found in the flyer attached to this newsletter.

Registration goes live tomorrow and you can pay and register through parentmail.

Doodle Maths

Carys (Beech) achieved a 100 day streak on Doodle maths last Sunday!



Well done Carys – keep up the good work!

Guitar Lessons – Surrey Arts

Your child can learn guitar school on Wednesdays and Fridays with lessons delivered by Surrey Arts. Experienced teachers Mr Luklinski & Miss Whitehead provide 20-30 minute one on one lessons. Grade tutorage is available. Students are taken from Year 2 upwards, younger students can be wait listed for future lessons. Remissions are available for those in receipt of free school meals and for Surrey Young Carers. Guitar hire is available from Surrey Arts.

To apply for lessons and to find out more information please visit the Surrey Arts website and submit an application form to: www.surreycc.gov.uk/music

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For more updates on the children's learning in school, don't forget to follow our School Twitter Page @ClaygatePrimary where we are posting daily updates and photographs of their magnificent work!

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