

# Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

This seems to have been a quiet week! Of course we started with a splash of colour with Oddsocks Day, launching Anti-bullying Week. This week's tweak was to celebrate our uniqueness! Well done to everyone who wore odd socks, I opted for odd shoes (of course)!

This year CPS continues its exciting journey, to become a Trauma Informed Compassionate School. Currently the school has chosen to focus on the theme:

*'A shared language of wellbeing is embedded across the school community'*

This involves regular sessions between the leading educational psychologist and SLT plus whole staff training, which will result in a review of policies and procedures as well as teaching, and learning with an intentional shift to embed this shared language and understanding across our school. We are already proud to have a strong culture of Emotional Literacy Support, which includes a well-being team with qualified ELSAs as well as our Enrichment Programme, which focusses on physical and mental wellbeing. We are delighted to be running a virtual mindfulness programme, run by Mindful Tree.

Elmbridge have shared a Competition they are running if you are interested, please follow the link: <https://www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk/copy-of-the-2020-elmbridge-literary>

## Odd Socks Day

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. The girls and boys at school joined in with Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November. Odd Socks Day gives everyone an opportunity to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



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## Pobble

This weeks' published authors on Pobble are:

Chestnut	-	Will & Henry
Hazel	-	Archie & Leo
Sycamore	-	Giana



## Reception 2021

If you have friends with children who are interested in joining Reception next year please remind them to keep an eye on the Admissions page on the website. We are expecting to post a link to our virtual open morning next week and in addition Mrs Cunningham is taking bookings for zoom meetings with prospective parents.

## Christmas Lunch

It's nearly that time of year again when the children can enjoy a Christmas lunch together at school.

Like most things, we're having to do it a little bit differently this year so we can create more space in the Hall.

Reception & KS1 will have their lunch on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 will have their lunch on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December



Please note that, as in previous years, this is an **opt out** lunch and all children will be provided with a lunch (even if they normally have packed lunch) unless you have opted out.

If you do wish to opt out please let Ann-Marie in the office know  
([ann-marie.hampshire@claygate.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ann-marie.hampshire@claygate.surrey.sch.uk)).

The last day to opt out will be Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December as the kitchen need to order the food.

Anyone who hasn't opted out by then will be charged for a meal via parentmail.

## COVID Symptom Study App

We have some exciting news to share.

Claygate Primary School has partnered with the COVID Symptom Study to help make sure our students are as safe as possible, whilst doing our part in creating the world's largest scientific dataset of COVID-19 in children.

We are asking all parents to join the COVID Symptom Study now, by downloading the free app and taking less than 1min a day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. With all parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our students safe. Importantly, the information you report will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - the Study will be sure to share any findings from their research with you.

So we are asking all parents to download this app as soon as possible. The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code (see below) > select the Bubble that your child belongs to.

Our Unique School Network Code is **AT717K5**. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school.

For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

### What is the COVID Symptom Study app and why should you use it?

The [COVID Symptom Study](#) app is a not-for-profit initiative that was launched at the end of March 2020 to support vital COVID-19 research. The app was launched by health science company ZOE with scientific analysis provided by King's College London. Now, with over 4 million contributors globally, the Study is the world's largest ongoing study of COVID-19.

The app also provides unique insight on asymptomatic and symptomatic information across the UK which builds into a larger picture for the government and captures information not covered by other means. The Government has been so impressed with the data and research being produced it is now funding ZOE to continue the great work.

All data collected in the app is used anonymously for informing other parents in your child's school and your child's school, and anonymously for research and for public health purposes only. ZOE takes data security and privacy very seriously and enforces [best practices](#) to ensure all data is protected. ZOE is required to protect all data by law. As the work that ZOE does takes place in the UK, the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation applies.

For our school's Covid updates, please see:

<https://www.claygate.surrey.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=3&storyid=7>