## Newsletter



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday 29th November the government, very belatedly, made a decision to update guidance with regard to the Christmas period. This included the possibility of audiences attending school events such as nativities in tier 2 areas, subject to appropriate safeguards. This is in contrast to their 'rule of 6'.

As the need to socially distance would still be compulsory, it would be impossible for us to achieve fair and equitable access for parents, without the need to repeat the performance numerous times. This is simply neither fair nor practical given the other restrictions and procedures we are also having to adhere to currently.

Inviting any audience members onto our site would be incompatible with our COVID-Secure risk assessment. As such, we will be proceeding with the plans which we had agreed before this very late change to DfE guidance.

We look forward to sending out the Christmas videos and know that they will bring you joy. They are being recorded next week so please take note so the children can bring their Christmas jumpers and hats.

#### **Christmas Recordings**

Miss Knuckey will be recording the Christmas concert pieces next week during music lessons and would like the children to wear their Christmas Jumpers / accessories. The music timetable is below so please do send your children in with their jumpers/accessories in a bag on their day so they can change into them for their music lesson.

MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER Year 3 Hazel Year 3 Sycamore Year 1 Oak Year 5 Beech Year 5 Rowan Year 6 Cedar

TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER Year R Holly Year 1 Alder Year 2 Chestnut Year 2 Elm

WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> December Year R Willow Year 4 Aspen Year 4 Pine Year 6 Hawthorn



#### Twitter

Don't forget to follow our Twitter page **@ClaygatePrimary** where we post daily updates and photographs of the children's magnificent work and activities in school.



# Newsletter & CLAYGATE



#### **Drop Off and Collection**

Drop Off and Collection: please can you avoid speaking to us while we are holding cards up at these times. Over the last week or so this has happened more frequently and it distracts us from being in the right place with the right card at the right time, ensuring the children arrive safely into school. Of course we are more than happy to chat after this is completed.

Also may I remind you to park considerately, avoid bringing dogs down and to have only one adult collect per child to ease congestion.

Many thanks

#### **Christmas Shopping**

Please remember when you are buying Christmas presents or even doing your Christmas food shopping you can generate a free cash donation the the school by using the websites below.

#### The Giving Machine

At The Giving Machine.co.uk. you'll find over 2,200 of the most popular stores, so it's easy for you to make a difference without it costing you a penny more than the normal purchase price of your item.

Head to Claygate Primary School Parents Association on the Giving Machine at thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/claygate-primaryschool-parents-association to sign up.

#### Amazon Smile

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.co.uk and select Claygate County Schools Parents Association as your chosen charity.

AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases





#### **Pobble**

This weeks' published authors on Pobble are:

Chestnut	-	Arya & Charlie
Sycamore	-	Edward & Zoe
Rowan	-	Arthur & Harris



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#### **Doodle Maths**

This weeks' winners on Doodle Maths are:



Class - Willow

DoodleMaths

Individual – Chloe (Holly)

### Congratulations to all of you!

### COVID-19

On Wednesday, 2 December 2020, England moved into local restriction tiers. Elmbridge is currently in Tier 2 (High Risk). Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for details of the restrictions within Tier 2.

#### **Christmas Jumper Days**

Just a reminder that your children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper on the day they have their school Christmas lunch. A £1 mufti donation is requested on these days.



KS2 – Thursday, 10 December YR & KS1 – Friday, 11 December

#### **Help with School Costs**

Please do check if your family might be eligible for 'help with school costs' – details can be found at the following link: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/school-education/help-with-school-costs/

If you are eligible for free school meals, even if your child doesn't take them, the school receives increased funding that can be directed towards your child's education. Please do contact Ann-Marie Hampshire in the school office if you think you may be eligible - it makes a big difference to our school funding which, in turn, enables us to offer more to your children. Thank you