

Newsletter

17th December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is not easy in a few words to summarise the appreciation our whole community shares for all Mrs Davies has brought to Claygate Primary School and to education.

No one ever wants to say goodbye to a teacher like Mrs Davies. She is a well-respected and much-loved teacher in our School and in our community. She has touched so many children's lives in the very many years she has taught here and throughout her career.



Equally, she has supported her colleagues over the years with her positivity and kindness. Mrs Ali and I have welcomed her knowledge of CPS and her contributions during our amazing journey to date and in all she has done in supporting the improvements we have made and we too will miss her.

Mrs Davies demonstrates our values in everything she does and she will forever be in our hearts. She deserves her well-earned retirement and whilst we will all miss her, we also wish her every happiness for the future. She will leave us at the end of this term.

Mrs Davies has ensured that there will be a smooth transition to Miss Rainbow, an experienced KS1 teacher who will join our school in January.

We return on Tuesday 5 January at our current staggered timings.

Kit List for January

Please ensure your child has their own stationery set replenished for Spring Term. They need a named pencil case with an HB writing pencil, if they have a pen licence they will also need a dark blue berol handwriting pen (or similar), coloured pencils, 30cm clear ruler, glue stick and scissors. A pencil sharpener which collects sharpenings is ideal. They do not need an eraser.

We want the children to have the equipment they need for their personal use however we would also ask that you do not send in expensive 'smencils' which are often a distraction to learning.

Due to the size of our changing rooms, children will wear continue to wear their PE kits to school on PE timetabled days / trainers when they are timetabled for outside activities etc

No watches / fitbits etc as children wash hands and wrists regularly.

All children with hair longer than shoulder length should have it fully tied back. Please do a check for head lice over the holidays. More information about headlice and how to treat them can be found here: [here](#).

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I would like to repeat previous correspondence to further stress the importance of continued vigilance regarding your child's health. As I am sure you are aware, there are three main symptoms of COVID-19:

- A high temperature
- A new and persistent cough
- A loss of taste or sense of smell

If your child displays any of these symptoms, it is really important that you;

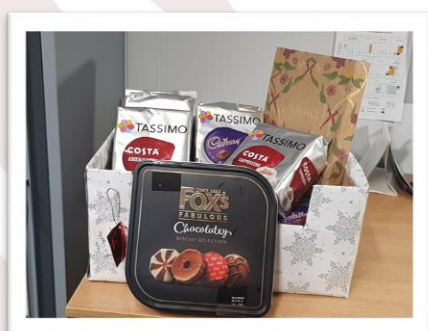
- Keep your child and any siblings at home
- Book a test
- Notify school using office@claygate.surrey.sch.uk

Reminder: the end of term is Friday 18th December at the following times:

1.15pm Reception followed by Year 1
1.20pm Year 2 followed by Year 4
1.25pm Year 3 followed by Year 5
Y6 will leave at 1.30pm via the Rec gate

It is not Mufti on Friday as we have already had our Christmas jumper days.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the thoughtful gifts, cards and messages. Thank you all for your continued support. Have a wonderful Christmas break and a happy and healthy New Year!



Hamper

The staff were delighted to be given a selection of teas, coffees and treats from the CPSPA.

Thank you everyone!

Kuk Sool Won

Tyler in Hazel Class has passed his Kuk Sool grading and has been awarded his yellow belt.

Well done Tyler!



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Doodle

This week on Doodle the winners are:



Top Doodler: Emily (Chestnut)



Top in the Hall of Fame: Amos (Chestnut)

Special mention also goes to Jasmine, Jade, Emily, Charlotte, Jack & Ayden (Rowan Class).

Well done to all of you for being brilliant Doodlers!

Kuk Sool Won

Carys (Beech) and Edward (Sycamore) were both awarded their Kuk Sool blue belts last night.

Fantastic! Well done to both of you.

Christingle



In Beech Class this week, we were learning about the symbolism of light in Christianity, and focused on the celebration of advent and Christingles. We then made our own Christingle, discussing what each part represents.

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Christmas Lunch



Pobble

This weeks' published authors on Pobble are:

Rowan - Adam & Arthur



Volunteering for Oxfam

We have been contacted by the Oxfam shop in Esher to put out a plea for volunteers. They say:

"Volunteering works brilliantly for both the individual and the shop. From personal experience I know how rewarding volunteering can be, even on top of a busy & demanding work life! It's an opportunity to meet & share skills with a diverse group of people. In these times of working from home, it is great to have a reason to get out for a change of season while doing something meaningful. For Oxfam, the gain is huge. Our shops are vital for our programme work. A 4-hour volunteer shift in one of our Central London shops on average raises enough money to provide handwashing facilities for over 150 people."

If you would like to volunteer please contact the shop directly:

www.claygate.surrey.sch.uk