

# Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reopened our school successfully and again appreciate the support we have received from governors, parents and of course Team CPS!

I know it is so hard to return to lockdown and it is still very early days for our children to have come to terms with this last minute Government announcement. I am so proud of our resilient children (both at home and at school) who have adapted so well with support from parents and staff. It is very important that all children at home continue their learning throughout lockdown; the government expects this as well as daily 'remote attendance'. Staff too are adapting and we thank you for your positivity regarding new offers for remote provision, including daily morning greetings to set the day's learning. Opportunities for live sessions for music, Kuk Sool, Japanese etc are new too and I know that the children have enjoyed seeing each other and their teachers.

We recognise the importance of timely feedback; why complete a piece of learning if it has no purpose and no-one is even going to look at it? Last Lockdown, staff looked at and responded to the children's work and this will continue! As I have said previously, we are 'growing' our provision. Although the teachers will continue to offer written feedback, we will also begin to provide verbal recorded messages on some pieces of work too, which we feel will benefit the children.

This lockdown we have thought carefully about our pastoral provision and all children will have a weekly live 'check-in' session. Our ELSA continues to support our vulnerable pupils and will provide activities and guidance to all children, after her successful and welcomed sessions in Lockdown 1. Please also remember to tune into our first round of live Celebration Assemblies this Friday (please check details of timings on Google Classroom).

The government's advice is clear, particularly with the new strain/s of Covid - that if you can keep your child safely at home, you should:

*'Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.'* [For full guidance follow this link.](#)

We have over 100 children on site, almost 1/3 of the school, so bubbles are very busy! Children should only be at school if they are at risk, vulnerable or children of critical workers. I would like to draw your attention to Surrey's letter, shared last week:

*'We reiterate the national direction to us all, You must stay at home. The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. You should follow this guidance immediately.'*

*This is the law.*

*In the spirit of this guidance we wish to remind you that your child should stay at home and access remote learning if it is safe to do so. This will lower the number of households mixing and reduce transmission of the virus.'* Surrey

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Many thanks for your continued support and warm wishes.

I am aware that many parents have responded to the increased risk of the new strain of the virus and are wearing masks and maintaining distance, thank you. The poster attached to this newsletter may be of value. A nurse noted that we should handle our mask as if it is covered in Covid. A good way of thinking! Please bear this in mind and avoid hugging / kissing your children when wearing one if this brings their face in contact with your mask.

Please click [here](#) for up to date advice from the Government regarding current lockdown rules.

## INSET Day

We know lockdown will be for another 4 weeks (half a term) and we will do our very best to support you throughout. We have a planned INSET on 12th February, which we recognise will pose problems for some of our most critical workers and vulnerable pupils. In the light of this, the Governors and I have decided to move this INSET date to June 7th, extending our Summer Half Term (maybe holidays will be an option by then!).

At present we anticipate CPS to be closed during the half term holidays.

## EYFS & KS1 Books

We will be making banded phonic readers available to parents of pupils in EYFS and KS1 from next week. Books will be available to select on Tuesday & Thursday each week between 9.30am-2.00pm on a table in the area directly outside the office. Any returned books should be quarantined in the box labelled 'returns'. As always, please sanitize your hands on arrival and ensure you practice social distancing whilst selecting books.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Celebrating Success!

Layla (Beech) class has passed her Grade 1 in Drums and her Grade 3 in Ballet!

Lots of the learning was done over Zoom as well, so well done Layla!



During lockdown, Jess (Rowan) and her mum have written a book, which has been published.

What an amazing achievement!

We understand it is available to purchase if you would like to.

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## Christmas Hamper Auction

As you are aware we moved the Christmas hamper auction online this year. Each class managed to put together a fabulous hamper full of treats and goodies during these recognisably difficult times.



**Thank you** to the class reps for making this happen and to all of you who contributed to the hampers and put in bids. We raised an amazing **£1,404.72** for the CPSPA which will go a long way to helping our children!

### Claygate Primary School Hamper Auction 2020

jumblebee offers a service to communities and charities, allowing communication, advertising, trading and fundraising, free silent auction  
[www.jumblebee.co.uk](http://www.jumblebee.co.uk)

## Community Pool Project

Experienced general contractors are invited to register their interest in the forthcoming tender for the CPS Community Pool Project. Further information can be found in the letter attached to this newsletter and [on the school website](#). Please do share with anyone you feel may be interested.

## Doodle Maths

This week the winners on Doodle Maths are:

Top Individual : Amos (Chestnut)



Special Mention also goes to Larry (Rowan) who has done really well this week.



Top Class : Willow

***Congratulations to all of you!***

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