

# Newsletter



21<sup>st</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!

Thank you to all of the parents who managed to join us for our parents check-in sessions this week! Apologies again for the short notice but they were well attended and offered a great networking opportunity. Consequently, we propose further Check-Ins for parents who have children at home and who are remote learning. Bring a cuppa!

Monday 8 February	1.00 -1.30pm Year 1 1.40 - 2.10pm Year 2 2.20 - 2.50pm EYFS
Tuesday 9 February	1.00 -1.30pm Year 3 1.40 - 2.10pm Year 4
Thursday 11 February	1.00 -1.30pm Year 5 1.40 - 2.10pm Year 6

I would like to reiterate to you the importance of engaging with daily remote learning. Although the government's expectation is 3 hours for KS1 and 4 hours KS2, you are the parent and aware of your child's needs and capabilities. The most important message I feel I can give is that your family's health and well-being comes first. If there are some gaps in learning, we are ready and able to support our children on their return. We have employed an additional teacher, Mrs Reeves specifically to release class teachers so they can work with individuals and groups to facilitate this when we return. Currently she is engaging with targeted pupils remotely.

A quick reminder that there are many groups offering a wide range of support. We have a collated list on our website, currently sitting under the 'Parents' and then 'Information and Support for Parents & Children' tab.

Amid the Covid 19 pandemic, supporting the wellbeing of children has never been so important. I'd like to signpost you to 10 Top Tips Parent Resource which is designed to offer advice on how you can safeguard your child/ren's mental health and promote wellbeing. It is available as a document and short video presentation. [Click here](#) for both resources.

I hope you find this useful.

We are delighted that from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January, all staff will regularly self-administer Lateral Flow Device Tests. We received notification of upcoming staff testing on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January and guidance will be available at the end of this week. However, we have already begun to assess risk and reflect changes in our policies and procedures in anticipation of this.

It will be reassuring to you and to all of Team CPS to know that asymptomatic staff are likely to be picked up by these tests. Although tests are only sensitive to 83% accuracy, they will be a valuable tool in supporting our 'Covid safe' school environment. As far as we are aware to date, we have had one KS2 child and a teacher who both tested positive during the Christmas break. I am sure that you would agree that we have been very lucky at CPS regarding positive cases!

From Monday, all staff will self-administer tests early in the morning, every Monday and Thursday. If they have a positive test, even without symptoms, they will be required to self-isolate (and book a further PCR test). At this point, they will inform school and we will close the relevant bubble (and inform PHE).

This means that the children within that bubble would then be required to isolate. The member of staff would undertake a PCR test. Once the results of the PCR tests are known, we would of course advise you to isolate for the full ten days if positive, or to return to school if the test result was negative.

As you know, we would notify you of a bubble closure by parentmail so it would be sensible for you to check for any parentmails every morning moving forward, and on Monday and Thursday mornings in particular.

Equally, if staff or a child within a bubble developed symptoms, irrelevant of the new tests, both the member of staff and their bubble would still be required to isolate. This could happen at any time and we would again notify you via parentmail.

CPS continues its journey of improvement and again we have seized the opportunity of managing school improvement work in term time (when you can get great deals) as we have more flexibility with rooms as less children are on site. We have beautiful new carpet in the year 3 classrooms (it was so old the underlay was simply dust!) as well as the KS1 corridor. We are also installing a new fire alarm system.

As you know we are part of the Ember Learning Trust which is a cooperative partnership. Networking with other schools is a powerful source of supporting CPD and benefits all involved.

We have recently extended our networking and joined ACS International Schools Partnership Hub. We were both surprised and excited to have been offered some additional chrome books to support remote learning and are already making good use of these! If you have more than one child at home remote learning and feel the loan of an additional device would be beneficial, please contact Mrs Ali ([Hilary.ali@claygate.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:Hilary.ali@claygate.surrey.sch.uk)).



We know lockdown will be for another 3 weeks (half a term) and we will do our very best to support you throughout.

The DfE has indicated we will be informed before half term what their plans are for schools beyond half term. At present we anticipate CPS to be closed during the half term holidays.

Reminder: **INSET** 12<sup>th</sup> February has been moved to **7<sup>th</sup> June**.

Many thanks for your continued support and warm wishes.

## Remote Learning

Thank you for all the wonderful work you are doing at home to support your children with their learning. It is wonderful to see so many of you joining in with the live lessons of Japanese, music and Kuk Sool Won. We would love for you to share any photographs you have or could take of your child at home joining in with these lessons or any other areas of their learning, over the next few weeks.

If you would be happy for your photographs to be shared on our social media Twitter platform, or in the newsletter, please e-mail them over to: [nicola.hoy@claygate.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:nicola.hoy@claygate.surrey.sch.uk).

It is a fantastic chance for us to showcase all the amazing home learning both you and your children are doing.

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## Celebrating Success!

Congratulations to Evie (Sycamore) for passing her Grade 1 ballet exam, with high merit, at the Royal Academy of Dance in London!



## Ember Learning Trust AGM

CPS is part of the Ember Learning Trust, a cooperative with other local schools. The next AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm. You are warmly invited to join the meeting and the zoom details are:

**Topic:** ELT AGM Meeting

**Time:** Jan 26, 2021 06:00 PM London

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89090949616?pwd=Z3kycUthdW5pczBBWxFwMm9zM1VvQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 890 9094 9616

**Passcode:** 88nAV2

## Doodle Maths

This weeks top Doodler's are:

Individual : Kai (Willow)



Class : Willow

*Congratulations to all of you!*

## CGP Books & Chromebooks

Many of our parents have indicated that remote learning provision can be difficult when technology fails us. We wanted to remind you that CGP workbooks are an excellent resource. They can be purchased through Amazon and titles are available for all year groups. If you would like to explore this additional resource but would struggle to meet the cost do please contact Mrs Ali to discuss. A reminder also that we are able to loan Chromebooks to families for the duration of this lockdown - we recognise that many of you need multiple devices to help juggle both remote learning and your own work. Again do contact the school office if you would like to make use of this service.

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