

Newsletter



3rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodness, I can hardly believe January is well and truly gone and February is already upon us! What a busy time it is too!

Staff have now begun to self-administer Lateral Flow Device Tests, a valuable tool in supporting our 'Covid safe' school environment. As the tests did not arrive until last Monday, we decided that tests will be done on Tuesdays and Fridays. Although LFD tests are only 83% accurate, we had a member of the Year 4 team test positive, followed by a positive PCR test. The Year 4 Bubble has therefore closed and the children are isolating for 10 days. As a result, we have reviewed our test dates and will, moving forward, test on Mondays and Thursdays.

As you know, we will notify you of a bubble closure by parentmail so it would be sensible for you to check for any parentmails every morning and moving forward, on Monday and Thursday mornings in particular (rather than Tuesdays and Fridays as we previously indicated).

We are all very aware of Covid and the new, more virulent strains. Please wear a mask if you are still doing the 'school run' to protect yourselves and our community.

Please note: If you are remote learning and feel the loan of a device would be beneficial, please contact Mrs Ali via Hilary.ali@claygate.surrey.sch.uk.



This week is [Children's Mental Health Week](#) with the theme 'Express Yourself'. On Wednesday we wore an item of clothing inside out to mark **Inside Out Day**: it was lovely that so many children (and parents) joined in at home! Our focus was to emphasise that how someone looks on the outside doesn't necessarily reflect how they are truly feeling on the inside, and how it is important to always be kind and think of others. No one should be embarrassed about how they feel. This is more important than ever with the current issues we are all facing around coronavirus.

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.'

Children should only be at school if they are at risk, vulnerable or children of critical workers. I would like to draw your attention again to Surrey's letter:

'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.

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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

I believe this is even more important with the new strains of Covid in SE England and as time passes I completely appreciate the toll lockdown is having on us all. I know some of you attended the 'How to Support Anxious Online Learners' webinar on the 26th of January with Tom and Pooky. If you didn't manage to attend this webinar, you can sign up for the [recording](#).

Mrs Evans says: 'One way to support children's (and adults') mental wellbeing is to use the 5 Ways to Wellbeing.' Please [click here](#) to go to our website and view the presentation, which can be found at the bottom of the page.

Many thanks for your continued support and warm wishes.

Doodle Maths

This week's winners on Doodle Maths are:

KS1 : Alfie (Elm)



KS2 – William (Hawthorn)

Class : Aspen



Congratulations to all of you!

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet day is on Tuesday, 9th February 2021. It takes place across the world and will be celebrated in the UK with the theme:



"An internet we trust : exploring reliability in the online world".

For more information please visit the [Safer Internet](#) website.

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African Animal Art Attack

Year 2 children loved their 'African Animal Art Attack' challenge. We think they have been really resourceful and have clearly thought carefully about the colours and parts of each animal. Their large-scale artwork looks so effective. Just take a look at Emily's, Isabella's, Millie's, Savannah's, Tilly's and Zachary's fabulous designs!



Valentine Virtual Balloon Race

Don't forget to take part in the virtual balloon race to raise funds for our community pool. More details can be found in the poster attached to this newsletter or at [The Claygate Community Pool - fundraising at Ecoracing](#)



CPS Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

15.2.2021	HALF TERM
1.4.2021	Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2021

19.4.2021	INSET Day
20.4.2021	First Day back for pupils
3.5.2021	May Day Bank Holiday
31.5.2021	HALF TERM
7.6.2021	INSET Day
21.7.2021	Last Day of Term

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