

Newsletter



11th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you so much for your outpouring of support to our school. It is very much appreciated! I would like to again recognise and thank Team CPS who have been amazing! They have, as always put our children first and risen to the challenge of teaching vulnerable children at school whilst also supporting remote learning. Although we are all disappointed that the children will not return after half term, we are hopeful that we will return on 8th March, however I know no more than you! Once we hear the announcement on 22nd February we will of course share subsequent plans with you.

In the meantime, we have updated risk assessments, are getting classrooms and resources ready, as well as learning opportunities planned. We will of course have a heavy emphasis on physical and mental well-being on our return as we settle the children back into the routines of school learning.

If a return date of 8th March is confirmed, to ensure a smooth return, 1:1 check-ins the week of the 1st March will be provided for you and your child to chat, raise any concerns and ask any questions. Our tutor time that week will also focus on reassuring the children and answering questions etc prior to everyone's return.

During our parent pop-ins, we had a very clear message that children (and parents) are tired as we head towards half term. This is normal and we find the week before any holiday, children's motivation and resilience drop. We are all ready for a holiday and we recommend that you all have a well deserved break. One parent did discuss the possibility of setting work in advance of our return, however after reflecting on this we feel that this will put you all under pressure to complete it.

If you do wish to read and enjoy some books, please do. There is also the opportunity to complete Doodle maths and to access all of the other online learning tools we have previously shared including Oak Academy. There has been a recent revamp to the CBBC YouTube Channel and they have a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas and comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. Simply subscribe to [CBBC YouTube](#) - it's free to subscribe. I equally know many parents are looking forward to no screen time so if you are out and about do remember The Big Bird Watch!

I can't believe it - more snow! Thank you for all of your messages and photos regarding the option for a snow day and I am delighted you had so much fun. I think this also demonstrates how much in need we are for a break!

Yesterday, I attended Surrey Alliance for Excellence Summit and it was incredibly powerful to hear positive messages for the future. The focus was that quality first teaching, starting with each and every child remains at the heart of good teaching and learning.

Reports, dates and consultations

Reports will go live via Google Classroom on 22nd March at 7pm, so hopefully they will be for your eyes, rather than your child's! They have been adapted slightly due to the school closure.

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Year 2 parents will receive their phonics results too. Parent/teacher consultations will also take place via Google Meet that week, from 23rd March. The booking system will open to parents on the evening of Tuesday 16th March.

As this is so close to the children's return, I feel the main focus of these sessions will be to check in and see how they have settled back etc. We are planning for these to be via Google Meet again as we anticipate that when children return, our current risk assessments and limited access to school will continue.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely, restful and safe half term!

Doodle Maths

This week's winners on Doodle maths are:



KS2 : George (Pine)

KS1 : Emily (Chestnut)



Class : Holly



Congratulations to all of you!

Competition Time!

Do you love building with Lego?
Do you like using your imagination?
Could you design your own mythical creature out of Lego?



If you have answered yes to the above questions, you may wish to enter the '[Lego Mythica Create a Creature Competition](#)'! Please take a look at the link for full details of how to enter and what amazing prizes you could win:

The closing date for entries is 1st March, so this would be a great activity to complete over the half term break. Remember to ask a grown up to submit your entry.

We would love to know if you have entered and would like to seize this opportunity to capture your creativity even further, by asking you write a short character description or story related to the mythical creature you have created. Please submit your writing along with a photograph of your creation to your Google Classroom. Good Luck!!

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Parent Governor Election

Don't forget to vote in the parent governor election. Click [here](#) to go to the electronic ballot paper with the names of the candidates and their personal statements. You may vote for one of the candidates only. Please complete the form indicating your choice of candidate.

The deadline for submission is 22 February 2021.

Each parent can submit one ballot paper, regardless of the number of children you have attending the school. If you wish to vote by a paper ballot please contact the school office.

Meet the Governors

Information about all our governors can be found on the school website. However, by way of introduction here's some info about our Co-Chairs.

Brian Howells (Co-Chair)



I have lived in Claygate for the past 35 years and have been keen to give something back to the community.

I am interested in education and helping shaping children's futures is important to the community.

I have been a governor at Claygate Primary for the past twelve years and am keen to see the best possible outcomes for all the children at the school. I was involved in the recruitment of the current Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher.

Both my daughter and three grandchildren have attended Claygate Primary School. I'm also a Trustee for the Claygate Village Hall Association and Holy Trinity Church.

Rachael de Vizio (Co-Chair)



I have lived either in Claygate or Hinchley Wood for the past 11 years - we moved here to escape the London rush and never looked back! Our 3 children were all born here.

I have been in secondary and higher education for over 20 years and I am committed to helping each child achieve their potential by supporting the school with their planning and decisions.

I work with Mrs Ali regarding safeguarding and online safety and I liaise with the subject leads in Art, Drama, Music and French.

My two eldest children attend CPS and they love it! We all enjoy a good walk around the woods, the village and the coffee shop! I am a parishioner at the Church of the Holy Name in Esher.