

Newsletter



11th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your help and support throughout our partial closure, we acknowledge that this has been a very difficult time for everyone, so much so that words can't come anywhere near being able to express what we have all been through! Lockdown does however continue and we must remain vigilant and follow the government's rules and road map.

We were absolutely thrilled to throw open our doors to welcome all children back on Monday and to see their smiles in person! We have missed them all. Naturally everyone is tired and we felt that you as the parents deserved a break too, so no home learning has been set this week. Please be aware that your children will be tired, reacclimatising to school is both mentally and physically demanding, so please do encourage a slower pace this weekend so they can be ready for the rest of this half term.

Thank you so much for the lovely messages of thanks and support and heartfelt wishes throughout lockdown, continuing this week; very much appreciated.

Our parent questionnaires were also overwhelmingly positive and show our strength is our sense of community, working together for all of our children!

CPS is aware of this study, which we thought we would share:

Kids read more when we Turn On The Subtitles. Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double the chances of them becoming good at reading. We wanted to let you know how this brilliantly simple, free, small change to children's existing TV viewing habits can drastically improve their reading skills. Here is Stephen Fry to explain the benefits of turning on the [turning on the subtitles](#) in more detail **#TurnOnTheSubtitles**

† Based on an academic study of 2,350 children, 34% became good readers with schooling alone. But when exposed to 30 minutes a week of subtitled film songs, that proportion more than doubled to 70%.

Thank you for your continued support. The staff team and I would like to thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of support, through cards, emails and treats (even jammie dodgers!), recognising the hard work throughout the lockdowns and for the children's smooth return - it is very heart warming and appreciated!

Pick Up Times

3.05pm - Reception & Year 2

3.10pm - Year 1 & Year 3

3.15pm - Year 4 & Year 5

Year 6 times remain the same with an 8.45am start and 3.15pm finish via the Rec Gate.

Thank you for understanding that times are approximate, and cards will be held up to notify you which year group/s are exiting. If a class is slightly early we will begin to release the children, but please do not worry, we will keep them with us until you arrive! Equally if a class is late for whatever reason, we will release the children slightly out of order if another class is ready to go! Thank you for your patience!

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Doodle Maths

This week's top Doodler (whole school) is:

Amos (Chestnut)



In addition, this week we have decided to recognise the children who have got the top 'streaks'.

*'When a student completes an exercise and collects their **DoodleStars**, their streak will update for that day. If a student misses a day or doesn't get the chance to complete an exercise on DoodleMaths, they will have the option to restore their streak by completing yesterday's and today's work.'*



Emily (Rowan) – 284
Jack (Chestnut) – 285

Here they are holding their Doodle pencils!

Well done to all of you!

Watch out for the 'super streak' lists coming soon!

Sisters n Sport Netball Classes

Sisters n Sport Netball Classes will be returning after Easter and are also running a Netball Workshop over the Easter break.

Easter Netball Workshop - £30

Friday 16th April - Three Rivers Academy- 9:30am-12noon
Yrs 1-3 and Yrs 4-6

Weekly Weekend Netball Classes (New Yr1 Class)

Saturday mornings - Three Rivers Academy
10-11am - Yrs 1-3
11:15-12:15 - Yrs 4-6
Classes run termly in 10 week blocks

See the flyer attached to this newsletter for more info and how to book

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New Nursery



The governing body at CPS is in the final consultation phase of opening a school nursery in September.

We would like to gather information from parents who would be interested in their child/children attending Claygate Nursery from September 2021.

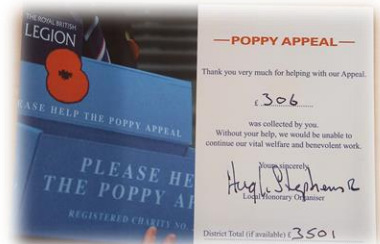
We are keen to assess demand for 2, 3 and 4 year olds as part of this process.

Please register your interest directly to nursery@claygate.surrey.sch.uk with your contact details and information about your child.

Poppy Appeal

We received a lovely 'thank you' card from the Royal British Legion to thank everyone for the money donated to their Poppy Appeal last year.

Thank you to everyone who donated.



Bug Busting



There have recently been a couple of cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

There are many different treatments available from the pharmacist but we appreciate this can prove costly, especially if you have multiple children. In our experience, a thorough going over with a nit comb and lashings of conditioner work a treat!

Whatever way you decide to tackle them; you must repeat the process until the eggs/bugs are gone. For more information Visit www.nits.net.

Jammie & Dodger

If you would like to look after our lovely guinea pigs, Jammie & Dodger, over the Easter holidays or May half term please do get in touch with the office - gill.kosbab@claygate.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you!



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