

Newsletter



25 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, Red Nose Day was a fun day and a welcome motivator at the end of a busy week for the children; CPS focussed on the Giving aspect of our 5 Ways to Well Being and all of the things we should be grateful for.

We are delighted to give £228 to the charity and to have raised enough money for our hexagonal stool for the Link Corridor



The PA are forever proactive and are launching a fun competition for all at the end of term; this will include a Mufti Day, a 'decorate an egg' competition and an Easter Bonnet Competition! Please see their flyer, which is attached. We are hoping that funds generated will help us to complete our plans for the Link Corridor!

There will be a Second hand uniform sale at 1pm on 1st April. Please put any donations into the red bin from next Monday. Please wear a mask, socially distance and only touch items you want to buy. No change will be given but most items are £1, so do come armed with some coins!



It was great to have such an amazing turn out to Saturday night's quiz; 25 teams, with a total of 165 people! The quiz raised a fabulous £2060 with ticket sales and an additional £300 from donations during the night. This has gone directly into the Go Fund Me account for the pool. It was a fun event and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves; Team CPS rose to the occasion...there was quite a bit of rivalry between the two Governor Teams, but in the end it was a super event, enjoyed by so many. Congratulations to 'Quaranteam' who triumphed!

Thanks for your support, it was a great night!

Well done and thank you to Hilary! A further well done and thank you to both Dominic and Lee for being amazing quiz facilitators and of course thank you to Len and Newton Huxley for their support and for donating the prize!

STOP PRESS: We would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to team 'Quaranteam' who have very generously donated their prize money to the pool project. What an amazing gesture!

On Tuesday 23rd March, I led a whole school assembly to reflect on the anniversary of our first lockdown due to coronavirus, looking forward with positivity about the future. All children created a daffodil as a symbol, recognising their courage and resilience, contemplating the many things we are grateful for (including you, their parents and carers who did a great job during lockdown). This was also another opportunity to bring us together as a community. Many children wrote our motto Together we Grow up the stem; very apt! These will form our own yellow tribute and reminder down the Link Corridor!



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Year 2 were very excited to arrive on Monday morning to find that they had a new set of dividing doors, separating Elm from Chestnut when they are teaching!



Both Mrs Minter and Miss Hoy enthusiastically reported to me that there was an instant impact and the children were calmer and more focussed, which is great to hear.

These will be painted to match the newly redecorated room as soon as the plaster is sufficiently dry!

We are determined to be the best we can be!

As you may be aware, it is Autism Awareness Week from Monday and we will use our PSHE time to focus on, and celebrate, each and everyone's uniqueness and the value our diversity brings to our community.

Claygate Acorns Nursery

As you may have read, we are now finalising paperwork for our new onsite nursery, Acorns Nursery, which opens in September. Acorns Nursery will take children from 2 years and the demand has surprised us as we have not yet advertised! This will help us build an even stronger EYFS department with additional experienced, qualified staff who will share and add their expertise to our already amazing team! This is timely, as the new 'EYFS framework & statutory instrument' will come into force at this time. Miss Dias is already looking ahead as to what these changes will mean for our current provision which will now cover the whole EYFS Key Stage.

Thank you so much for your congratulatory wishes and emails! We have already been offered donations of some good condition toys, puzzles and dressing up clothes suitable for 2-4 year olds. We welcome donations if you are currently Spring cleaning! Please drop donations to the Office just after the children have entered, give directly to one of the staff at the gate or arrange a convenient time with the Office to drive down.

Many thanks!

Phonics!

As you know, our approach to Phonics has been completely overhauled! We began this journey in 2018 when we started here at CPS. We purchased phonic decodable books and changed how we teach phonics. We use Letters and Sounds and all children have access to high quality learning opportunities from Reception; through discrete lessons. Precise terminology is used, focus phonics are referred to and revisited throughout the week and all additional learning opportunities are seized. There are high expectations for all; children needing additional support are 'scooped up' with high quality and time bonded interventions. Of course, we are aware that every cohort is different and many children's experiences and progress may have been impacted this year due to the pandemic. We are delighted however that this year, we are now able to share that all our Year 2 children passed the Phonics Screening Test; that's 100%!

Very well done Team CPS and to the children!

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Doodle Maths

This weeks winners on Doodle Maths are:

KS1 : Emily (Chestnut)



KS2 : Saini (Rowan)

Class : Chestnut



Congratulations to all of you!

Dogs at pick up

Can we please remind you not to bring dogs to pick-up. It can get very busy and some of the children find them quite intimidating.

COVID Testing Kits

Anyone who is in the same household, childcare bubble or support bubble as a school or nursery pupil or someone who works in a school, nursery or college, is eligible for twice weekly symptom-free testing.

Please note, children and young people will continue to be tested via their school or college testing scheme. School and college staff can access home testing kits via their workplace.



Please read 'How to get a test in Surrey' and full details; [COVID-19 Testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and of staff](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/symptomfreecovidtesting)

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Year 1 Book Event

Year 1 held an online book buying event in the Autumn and raised enough money for over £120 worth of free new books for both year 1 classes.

Thank you to Usbourne Books and to Ellie, Jo and Hannah (year 1 reps) who organised the event.



Pepper & Patch

It's been a year since Pepper and Patch were adopted by the Evison family. To mark the anniversary the family have sent us some photos to show how happy the rabbits are in their new home. Patch loves carrot tops whilst Pepper has recently revealed a passion for bananas!

Thank you so much to the whole family for looking them so well – it's lovely to see them again!



New Chatterbox French Clubs

We have a few places remaining at our after school French Clubs, starting w/c 26th April. Years 1 and 2 will run from 3.20-4.15 on Wednesdays and Years 3 and 4 from 3.20-4.15 on Mondays. We offer a fun and supportive environment, where children learn French words and phrases through games, songs and stories. Please contact chatterboxfrench@outlook.com for further information or to book your child a place.

If your child has not done French before, or is unsure, we would be happy to offer a trial session with no commitment.

Celebrating Success!

During home schooling, Eliza (and her little sister Imogen) went on regular litter picks around Claygate. Eliza also designed some posters to encourage people to stop littering and to save the planet.

She wrote to Blue Peter telling them about everything she had been up to and is really excited to let us know that as a result she has been awarded a Green Blue Peter Badge!

Amazing job – well done Eliza!



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