

# Newsletter



1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the Spring Term and what a unique term it has proved to be with a combination of online and face to face learning. We are so pleased that we are ending the term with all of the children here in school where they belong.

At CPS we celebrate our individuality and uniqueness at every opportunity and how all of us as individuals make us the strong community we are; reflected in our motto, 'Together We Grow'.

Our March Value is Respectful and links to our British Value of the Month - Tolerance. Last week we marked the anniversary of the start of the Lockdown, looking forward with positivity and celebrating our bravery and courage; we are conquerors! The choice of daffodils was carefully considered. Yellow was chosen to light up the UK as a reminder of a hopeful future and daffs are a vibrant yellow... reminding us of spring sunshine and positivity as well as that Spring is the season of growth. Every child drew, painted, used pastels and felt tips to create their own stunning daffodil. Individually, each and every one moved me as I collated them! The quality of artwork has raised dramatically; well done Miss Spalton-Woods for ensuring we make good progress in Art and Design at CPS!

This also fitted so perfectly with our values and our focus on individuality.

World Syndrome Day last week focussed on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) which many countries agree to. Many year groups began by watching these videos in assembly

[World Down Syndrome Day](#)

[50 Mums | 50 Kids | 1 Extra Chromosome](#)

[THE HIRING CHAIN performed by STING | World Down Syndrome Day 2021 - YouTube](#)

I loved the fact that this illustrated that each and every one of us can make a difference and each and every one of us adds value to our communities. Autism Month began this week and assemblies continued with this theme with an added focus that not all disabilities are so easily seen (and maybe could be viewed as opportunities).

Families wishing to follow up on the messages from school at home might want to use this video about Autism: [Amazing Things Happen](#)

The SLT and English Leads have been busy monitoring this key area of learning, one of our key priorities this year. We saw consistency across year groups with great progress during writing lessons and across a series of lessons. The children now are used to writing on alternate lines to make it easier for staff (through feedback) and children (through editing) to improve their work; we see editing as a valuable part of the writing process, which can be overlooked or not given the time and merit it deserves. We have been on a journey developing how we teach phonics. We have moved from Read, Write Inc to Letters and Sounds which was developed by the government as the vehicle for our teaching of Phonics. We were delighted to share some super lessons this week in Reception and KS1, moving the children forward in their phonics. Next, the maths team and SLT will move onto monitoring maths!

As the vaccination programme continues, we are delighted that many of us have received our first dose and quite a few of our staff were vaccinated locally last Friday after school. We would like to offer huge thanks to all the volunteers and staff at our vaccination centres. We are so grateful to them and to all of the NHS staff and key workers who have kept the country running

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Thank you for joining us at our second Parent Consultations last week and for taking the time to send so many positive messages about reports, meetings and how well children have settled thanks to our amazing staff team! We value these events so much and learn lots from them. We hope you had a valuable experience and an opportunity to talk about what matters most to us all: the children's experiences, progress and their transition back to a full school.

The wellbeing of our children (and parents) continues to be at the forefront of our minds. Whilst we keep hearing about 'catch-up' rather than our chosen focus on 'recovery', it could be tempting to set home learning tasks for the Easter holidays. We do not plan to do this as we believe the children need a break and would rather you share books (Don't forget MyOn), chat and enjoy the sunshine etc! I am sure you are excited to see family and friends (obviously following Government guidelines), I know we are! Try not to eat too much chocolate (I know I will!).

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break!

Sandra Cunningham and Team CPS

INSET Reminder: our next INSET is April 19th so children will return Tuesday 20th April.

## The Big Ask

There is a new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza. Her role is to speak up for children and young people across England. As the government starts to plan how to rebuild after the pandemic, she wants children to be at the heart of it. She needs our help to gather children's views and priorities for the future, so that she can make sure the government takes them into account.

The Childhood Commission, has been launched to gain a once-in-a-generation review of the future of childhood. This review will identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their full potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. The first stage of this work is gathering the views, opinions and experiences of all children. Soon there will be the largest ever consultation with children in England, called The Big Ask, to find out what children's concerns and aspirations about the future are. We will contact you when it goes live and we would like all pupils to do this short online questionnaire at home. If the Commissioner's Office gets enough responses from CPS, they would be able to feed survey results back to us – meaning we could receive a bespoke report summarising what our pupils have said about their aspirations, concerns and challenges for the future.

## Easter Holiday Ideas

Here are a few ideas of things that you could do with your children over Easter: • Surrey Live has 42 suggestions! [42 free things to do in and around Surrey](#)

- Surrey Arts have launched their own YouTube channel, including performances and simple lessons - [here](#).
- The English Heritage have lots of fun online activities, with a history/Easter theme. There is also interesting information about how Easter was celebrated in the past - [here](#)

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## Children playing in the Rec after school

Many of you naturally enjoy utilising the Rec and we are very lucky to have such an amazing facility on our doorstep. Unfortunately, I have been made aware of several incidents, which have happened recently. Whilst I appreciate this is beyond our school grounds, I am saddened to hear that unruly behaviour, name calling and even fighting between children wearing CPS uniforms has been observed. One reported example was deeply disturbing and involved name calling and several older children kicking a younger child. Please ensure all children are supervised.

## Elmbridge Eagles Rugby Club



Please see the attached flyer about Elmbridge Eagles Rugby Club who play Rugby League. The season usually runs from March to August.

Primaries training takes place every Thursday from 6-7pm at the Old Cranleigh Sports Club on Portsmouth Road. Matches take place on Saturday mornings. Both boys and girls are welcome to join!

## Doodle Maths

This week's winner's on Doodle Maths are:

KS1 : Emily (Chestnut)



KS2 : Edward (Rowan)



Class : Chestnut



**Congratulations to all of you!**

## Stationery

Can you please restock your child's pencil case over the Easter holidays – making sure they are fully stocked with pens, pencils, sharpeners, coloured pencils and in particular glue sticks.

On another note, can you please make sure your child doesn't bring any fidget toys into school. They can be very distracting as well as a great place to harbour germs! Thank you for your help with this.

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## **Easter Competition Winners**

As you can see, we had lots of lovely entries for the Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet competitions today.

It was so hard to judge but in the end prizes were awarded to:

### **Easter Egg Competition**

Winner : Lottie (Chestnut)  
Runner Up : Angus (Hazel)



### **Easter Bonnet Competition**

Winner : James (Hawthorn)  
Runner Up : Adam (Chestnut)

